

Session 3	Listening in the real world: soundscapes
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Title	Making sense of pleasurable and annoying sound
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Abstract	Not all sounds are equal. Some sounds, especially quiet natural and relaxed social sounds, are consistently rated as more pleasurable than others. This talk will address reasons why these sounds are pleasurable and how other sounds can progressively become more and more annoying. I propose that pleasurable sounds allow us to concentrate on self-selected thoughts and activities, while progressively more annoying sounds force us to be more alert with as consequence that we become more easily distracted. This has consequences for both auditory modeling as well as for soundscape design and the creation of healthy environments. Both will be addressed.