

## *Introduction*

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The Vth IAPO's Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology Manual is based on transcriptions made by the occasion of the IV IAPO International Symposium on Pediatric Otorhinolaryngology that was held in São Paulo, Brazil, April 2005. We had over 2,000 attendees, more than 50 international guest speakers and around 80 Brazilians. The high level of the presentations gave us the idea to transcribe the Symposium and transform it into our IAPO Vth Manual. We were lucky to count with worldwide top researchers in different fields, from 20 countries. It was a considerable task! We decided to let some of the oral presentations exactly as they were presented, in a very informal and practical way! Other presentations were transformed into regular chapters, as are usually formatted for books.

It is a fun, updated book, with an incredible amount of information covering many Pediatric Ear Nose and Throat areas and also related disorders.

We dedicated so much effort to publish it in 3 languages: Portuguese, Spanish and English. Every IAPO's member should receive one.

This Manual is the real proof of IAPO's commitment: diffusion of knowledge at no cost!

Enjoy the reading.

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