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Monika Lehnhardt was born in Vienna and graduated from the University Alma Mater Rudolphina. She obtained her PhD in philology, psychology and philosophy.

During her professional career she has held various positions in companies such as Schering (Berlin), Monsanto (Düsseldorf and Brussels) and Pharmacia (Freiburg). She established Cochlear Europe in Basel in 1987. While being Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from 1987 until 1999, Cochlear Europe grew from two to seventy employees and additional offices were opened in London and Hannover. In 1999 she stepped aside and continued to work in a Management position for business development and customer relations which was connected with extensive travel across Europe and the US. Between 2004 and 2008 she concentrated her efforts on 18 countries in Central and Eastern Europe, from the Baltic, to Russia, Ukraine and Kazakhstan.

Since 2002 she has been Chairwoman of the Professor Ernst Lehnhardt-Foundation. She has also served as a member of the Board of Auditory Verbal International, Inc. (AVI, Inc.). 2007 she established her own company under the name Monsana AG in Basel, Switzerland. In July 2007 she was awarded the title of Honorary Doctor by the International Academy of Otorhinolaryngology -Head and Neck Surgery, St. Petersburg. The ceremony took place at the Hofburg in Vienna.

Monika Lehnhardt lectures at scientific conferences and organizes congresses for professionals and parents of children with cochlear implants (CI). She is a published author on various topics related to CI on a technical, audiological and rehabilitation level. She has also contributed to the development of education and training material: The QESWHIC Project (Qualification of Educational Staff Working with Hearing Impaired Children), a three years programme (2002 to 2005) developing training material online under the sponsorship of the European Community as one of the Comenius actions. In 2006 the Lehnhardt-Academy initiated a similar project – HICEN (Hearing Impaired Children – Elementary Needs in Preschool Care and Education). It provides access to training material for therapists, who are working with CI pre-schoolers. The HICEN material is available in four languages at [www.HICEN.eu](http://www.HICEN.eu).

In 2009 Monika Lehnhardt created PORA! Within this project the HICEN material will be translated into Russian and made accessible online. The cutting edge of PORA! is a blog combined with a live learning environment. Participants from all over the world can watch presentations and discuss with lecturers in real-time. And they can share their experiences online. Parents are invited to actively participate in the teaching and learning process (push-pull-effect). Details can be found at [www.lehnhardt-akademie.net/poraseminar09](http://www.lehnhardt-akademie.net/poraseminar09)