Jan Gauffin passed away in January this year. He was a great person and an ingenious experimenter, researcher, and technician with wide horizons that embraced language learning, acoustics, and analysis and synthesis of speech and voice, art and music. At the same time, he was completely uninterested in blowing his own horn and making PR for his methods and results.

We who had the privilege of working with him have therefore decided to arrange the Jan Gauffin Memorial Symposium as a way of honoring his memory. This symposium will focus on research related to Jan’s main areas of interest, voice source analysis, laryngeal function, language learning, speech training, to name a few.

The symposium will take place in FANTUM, at the Department of Speech Music Hearing, KTH on Thursday, October 16, 2008, 08.30 – 17.00. It is a satellite meeting of the conference Advances in Quantitative Laryngology (http://www.jowi.nu/aql/start.htm) that will be held at the Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge on the following two days.

We warmly invite you to honor Jan’s memory by attending this symposium. The program is attached below. You are also cordially invited to the conference dinner at KTH after the conference which will cost about 300 SEK (number of seats limited).

Please let us know, at your earliest convenience, by an email to pjohan@speech.kth.se, if you are able to come.
The Jan Gauffin Memorial Symposium
October 16, 2008, 08.30 – 17.00

PROGRAMME

08.30 Registration and coffee
09.00 Opening: Björn Lindblom, Chair
09.15 Osamu Fujimura, Hideki Kawahara and Catita Williams, Kanagawa, Japan The Japanese Noh voice quality.
09.45 Bob Hillman, Boston, USA Novel approaches for improving electrolarynx speech
10.15 Martin Rothenberg, Syracuse, New York, USA The Rise and Fall of Voice Onset Time
10.45 COFFEE
11.15 Roger Chan, Dallas, Texas USA Constitutive models of the vocal fold lamina propria - Implications for fundamental frequency regulation
11.45 Satoshi Imaizumi, Japan, Voice as a tool communicating intentions: for the memories of Jan
12.15 LUNCH
13.15 Paavo Alku, Helsinki Improving inverse filtering analysis of the voice source with mathematical constraints in modeling of the vocal tract.
13.45 Erik Borg, Örebro On the problem of listening while talking
14.15 Maria Södersten, Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge Effects of vocal loading and voice rest in five patients with vocal nodules, acoustic data and self-ratings of strain.
14.30 Stellan Hertegård, Hans Larsson Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge Methods to study vocal fold elasticity
14.45 Johan Sundberg, Laura Enflo, KTH Phonation and collision threshold pressures before and after vocal warmup
15.00 COFFEE
15.30 Björn Lindblom, Stockholm University Aryepiglottic sphincter – Some phonetic evidence
15.45 Sten Ternström, Svante Granqvist, KTH Voice analysis on computers - from the early days to the future
16.00 Britta Hammarberg, Karolinska University Hospital Huddinge Jan – A source of bright ideas and smart solutions in voice research
16.15 Video Greeting from Wayne Slawson, Davis, CA
18.00 CONFERENCE DINNER