

## Etymotic Research wins prestigious Safe-In-Sound Innovation Award

**ELK GROVE VILLAGE, Ill., February 24, 2010** — Etymotic Research, a leader in products that measure, improve and protect hearing, has won a 2010 Safe-in-Sound Excellence in Hearing Loss Prevention Award from the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), in partnership with the National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA).

The Safe-in-Sound awards will be presented at the Annual Conference of the NHCA, to be held February 25 to 27, 2010, in Orlando, Florida. These awards honor individuals and companies that have shown dedication to the prevention of noise-induced hearing loss through innovative or excellent hearing loss prevention practices in the work environment. Etymotic's award is for Innovation in Hearing Loss Prevention in the manufacturing sector.

"The effect of workplace noise on hearing is an important and challenging issue to address," said Mead Killion, Ph.D., president and founder of Etymotic Research. "This award acknowledges Etymotic Research's more than a quarter century of dedication to developing innovative, practical and high-fidelity solutions for preventing hearing loss."

Etymotic Research's innovations have had a direct impact on the quality, delivery and effectiveness of hearing loss and tinnitus prevention programs, according to officials at NIOSH and NHCA.

Etymotic Research is being recognized for its pioneering technical expertise, remarkable influence, ardent support and essential sponsorship of hearing loss prevention research, services, products and public outreach. Specific Etymotic accomplishments highlighted by the awards selection committee were the development of insert earphones, flat attenuation hearing protectors (including the ER-15 Musicians Earplugs™), isolator earphones and the ER-200 personal noise dosimeter.

**About the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)** The National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) is part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIOSH is the federal agency responsible for conducting research and making recommendations for the prevention of work-related injury and illness to improve safety and health in the workplace.

**About the National Hearing Conservation Association** The National Hearing Conservation Association (NHCA) was founded in 1976 by audiologists and otolaryngologists concerned with the serious problem of noise-induced hearing impairment resulting from occupational noise exposure. Membership now comprises audiologists, engineers, industrial safety professionals, physicians and nurses. NHCA's mission is to prevent hearing loss due to noise and other environmental factors in all sectors of society.

**About Etymotic Research** Etymotic Research designs and manufactures products that measure, improve and protect hearing. For more than 25 years, Etymotic has remained the world leader in high-fidelity, noise-isolating, in-ear technology. Chicago-based Etymotic Research creates products used by musicians and others who insist on superior sound quality. For more information about Etymotic Research and its products, please visit [www.etymotic.com](http://www.etymotic.com).

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