

Dear All,

The World Flight for Hearing team departed Sweden successfully on March 15th and it has now almost passed a month since the departure. The first month has been really hectic and unfortunately we have not had time to publish the news letter for March. I hope everyone have visited our frequently updated website where you can read all latest news on "Expedition update" and "Expedition blog". If not - go and visit it!



*Departure Barkaby, Sweden on March 15th*

We have reached Kolkata (former Calcutta) on the north east side of India and it really feels like we are far off from home now. There have been several long lasting and cumbersome flights over ocean and desert.

The events we have performed so far are:

- Extensive media coverage in Sweden upon departure
- Famous TV program in Denmark did an interview and TV team was flying in World Flyer
- Lectures and extensive media coverage in Greece
- Media coverage in Cyprus
- Lectures and media coverage in Israel
- Media coverage in Egypt
- Media coverage in Daily Gulf in Bahrain
- Lecture and media coverage in Oman
- Lectures and extensive media coverage in India



*Media attention on Crete*



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The lectures have mainly been held for press and hard of hearing people. We believe there has been many many thousands of hearing impaired people, in every country that we have visited, who have been encouraged to achieve their goals. We believe we have decreased the stigma about hearing impairment significantly in many places! The WFH message has reached about 200 million people so far and we are breaking the goals by far already! If you want to read about the details on each activity, please visit the expedition blog at [www.worldflightforhearing.com](http://www.worldflightforhearing.com).



*Lecture for hard of hearing people in Oman*

The flying itself works very well. The Diamond Twin Star (DA42), World Flyer, is wonderful to fly! It has really got the equipment we need and the glass cockpit (see picture below) is really a good help when you are flying into new areas. The NavAero system that makes our cockpit paperless (all charts are digital) makes our flying even better. Instead of loading bunches of paper charts in the aircraft we are now only carrying a slimmed computer that has all the charts in the world stored in it. The Bose head sets are absolutely fantastic. They give a crystal clear sound that makes the communication so much easier.



*Inbound Croatia*

FSI, Flight Service International, does a great job providing us with all landing permits and over flight permits. They facilitate the project very much! We encountered difficult weather conditions over Europe as we had much icing conditions over Albania, Greece and Macedonia. As we had to fly back to Austria to fix some smaller problems with the aircraft we had to be exposed in these weathers more. Diamond has done a great job providing us with good service and we really appreciate this kind of aircraft to anyone interested. We have already found two seriously interested buyers of the aircraft along our way!



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World Flight for Hearing continues eastbound. We plan to be back in Europe again in the end of August and we hope that we can do much for the hearing impaired people in the world. Please help us arrange activities along our way! The project has really proved to give much effect and attracts media to a high extent. Don't forget to join the mile owner program and be part of the project that takes the world several steps forward for all hearing impaired people in the world. You can buy miles for 3 EUR per mile and we really appreciate your support as it is needed to finance the project - also your donation will go partly to a project that is establishing hearing healthcare in the poor parts of the world.



*Henrik, Johan and Martin*

Take care all.

Best regards,

World Flight for Hearing Team

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### **About World Flight for Hearing**

World Flight for Hearing, sponsored by GN ReSound, is a world recognized expedition that intends to raise publicity about hearing impairment and hearing impaired people and their possibilities. Founder of the project is hearing impaired Johan Hammarström, 28, that, despite his hearing impairment has managed to become an experienced pilot. Johan is a living proof that with the right attitude and the right technical aids anything is possible. Johan and his team consisting of Henrik Ejderholm and Martin Håkansson will accomplish the expedition in collaboration with hard of hearing organizations, professional's organizations and the industry.

### **About this newsletter**

The World Flight for Hearing News Letter is distributed on a frequent basis to everyone who is interested to get news about the project. If you do not wish to get this email - please make a reply to this email to cancel your news mail.