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**Dr. Henning von Gierke-my mentor, everyone's mentor**

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Dr. Henning von Gierke was a leading force in acoustics for a majority of the 20th century. He led in human response to noise AND vibration and its assessment. He was a leading force in the US government and in the National Academy of Science (NAS) Committee on Hearing and Bioacoustics (CHABA). He was a leader in hearing assessment and conservation, and in Standards. And to many working in these various areas, he was a mentor, a confidant, and a friend. Mentoring did not stop at the doors of his laboratory, but rather, his mentoring extended to the world. He was a mentor to me in my first years after graduation when we developed the C-weighted procedure for the assessment of large-amplitude impulse noise, and in the development of related Standards and NAS studies. He thrust me into ISO work and CHABA studies, and, later, he chose me to succeed him as ISO delegation chair in acoustics and noise. Not enough can be said about Henning's impact on noise and vibration research and policy in the USA and in the world, and on the expanded reach of Henning's influence through the many like me that he mentored.