

Final Words

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Tinnitus research and care continue to evolve within an increasingly global and distributed funding landscape, in which different regions contribute complementary strengths. Europe remains particularly well suited to large-scale collaboration, shared data infrastructure, and cross-border research, especially in areas linked to mental health, digital health, and health system resilience (Tolonen, 2025). North America continues to offer strong opportunities for translational research, industry partnerships, and innovation, notably for work related to auditory injury, digital therapeutics, and high-burden populations, where awareness of evolving funding priorities can support effective positioning (Greer et al., 2025; The White House, 2025). Across Asia, expanding clinical research capacity, access to large patient populations, and growing investment in health research support large-scale trials and real-world studies, with longer-term potential increasing as strategic alignment between research priorities and population health continues to strengthen (Owens, 2025; Kumar et al., 2024).

Looking ahead, progress may depend less on the leadership of individual regions than on the strength of connections between them. Integrating European collaborative infrastructures, North American translational capacity, and Asian scale offers a powerful framework for addressing the biological, psychological, and clinical complexity of tinnitus. This remains a central ambition of the World Tinnitus Congress (London, 2027).

Finally, in a Platonic and Socratic sense, the future of tinnitus research lies not in definitive answers, but in asking better questions, sustaining dialogue, and pursuing shared understanding across borders and disciplines.

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A professional portrait of Hashir Aazh, a man with dark hair and glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a colorful patterned bow tie. He is smiling and looking directly at the camera. The background is a bright, modern interior space.

HASHIR AAZH ON GLOBAL TINNITUS

Tinnitus research is best advanced through a globally connected approach that draws on European collaboration, American translational capacity, and Asian scale, guided by careful attention to context and a Socratic commitment to asking better questions rather than seeking premature certainty.