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Keynote Talk title: *40 years of history in vocal-fold physiology conferences*

Many past and current voice conferences are sustainable with a combination of basic science and clinical applications. When a committee of four voice researchers (Stevens, Fujimura, Hirano, and Titze) proposed a series of conferences with a strong focus on basic science, long sustainability was not anticipated. There were less than 50 known basic voice scientists world-wide in 1980, when Hirano hosted the first Vocal Fold Physiology Conference in Kurume, Japan. The advantage of a small group was lengthy post-presentation discussions, much of which were published in a series of nine books. The books ended when pressures increased to publish in ranked and peer-reviewed journals, but much enthusiasm continued for the conferences, which have never been greater than today. Engineers in biomechanics and fluid mechanics joined the group, and the name of the conference was re-coined Internal Conference on Voice Physiology and Biomechanics (ICVPB). While this set of five letters needs one more vowel and one less consonant to be an acronym, it describes the basic science topics well. This talk will highlight some of the memorable moments in these conferences by one person who attended all of them.