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Dr. John Bench works in private practice, both as an Audiologist and Psychologist, in locations in greater Melbourne. He is also an Adjunct Staff Member of the Faculty of Education, Monash University at the Krongold Centre.

From 1978 to 1988, John was Head of the School of Communication Disorders (Speech Pathology) at the former Lincoln Institute of Health Sciences, now part of La Trobe University. He left La Trobe University in 2000 for private practice.

John's earlier work was with hearing impaired children. More recently, his main interests are in working with children (and some adults) who have normal hearing but difficulties with auditory processing, and /or trouble with attention and concentration, and related areas.

Effective auditory processing is widely considered to be extremely important for educational achievement, in particular reading and spelling. However within Australia, as well as internationally, health disciplines have failed to agree on exactly what auditory processing actually is, and is not. Recent advances though in the field of psychology, in particular the Cattell-Horn-Carroll (CHC) theory of Cognitive Abilities, offer a way forward in better conceptualising, assessing, and diagnosing Auditory Processing Disorder, as well as distinguishing it from attention difficulties.

He is the sole or joint author/editor of several books and tracts, and over seventy published papers, on hearing, listening, and related areas.

John is a Fellow of the Audiological Society of Australia, an Honorary Life Member of the British Society of Audiology, a Member of the Australian Psychological Society, a Chartered Psychologist (UK), and a Fellow of the British Psychological Society.