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THE 6TH DEAF HISTORY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE took place in Berlin from July 31 to August 4, 2006. It focused on how the European tragedy impacted Deaf People during the Second World War and particularly on the overarching theme of "Overcoming the past, determining its consequences and finding solutions for the present." The event was organized by the staff of the 6th Deaf History International (DHI), consisting mostly of members of the Interessensgemeinschaft Gehörloser jüdischer Abstammung in

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This publication is intended for all those interested in this long-neglected subject, and especially Deaf historians, Holocaust researchers, sociologists, geneticists, as well as educators and sign language researchers, in Germany and elsewhere. It offers a diverse range of interdisciplinary and interrelated insights.

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