A Tribute to John

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One of the most captivating lectures I attended while at the University of Victoria was the day Dr. Esling walked into our Physiology of Speech Perception course wearing a headband, on which he had affixed meticulously cut out pictures of the Sensory and Motor Homunculus. He continued to wear the headband while maintaining a deadpan delivery of his talk about brain anatomy. This example (among countless others) illustrates how his superior knowledge was never overshadowed by his sense of humour or his eagerness to share his passion about speech with his students. I feel incredibly lucky to have crossed paths with not only a brilliant mind, but also a thoughtful teacher. Congratulations on your retirement!