WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An apparatus for delivering ~~a stimulus~~stimuli to the vestibulocochlear nerve of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

~~at least one~~a first vibratory element capable of delivering a first auditory stimulus to a first vestibulocochlear nerve between about 0.1Hz and about 40Hz~~,~~;

a second vibratory ~~stimulus~~ element capable of delivering a second auditory stimulus to a second vestibulocochlear nerve between about ~~0.3~~0.1Hz and about ~~15~~40Hz~~, or both~~, wherein the first and second auditory stimuli are provided at different frequencies; and

a microprocessor, operatively coupled to the vibratory elements for controlling the delivery of said stimuli ~~via the at least one vibratory element~~.

~~2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second vibratory element capable of delivering auditory stimulus between 0.1Hz and about 40Hz, vibratory stimulus between about 0.3Hz and about 15Hz, or both, wherein the at least one vibratory element and the second vibratory element are independently controllable by the microprocessor.~~

~~3~~2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising user controls for selective control of the stimuli.

~~4~~3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~first and second vibratory elements ~~is~~ are adapted for placement externally behind the ear of ~~a~~ the patient.

~~5~~4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~first and second vibratory elements ~~is~~ are adapted for placement within the ear canal of ~~a~~ the patient.

~~6~~5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the ~~at least one~~first and second vibratory elements ~~is~~ are adapted for implantation at or near the vestibulocochlear nerve.

6. An apparatus for delivering stimuli to the vestibulocochlear nerves of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a first vibratory element capable of delivering an auditory stimulus to a vestibulocochlear nerve between about 0.1 Hz and about 40 Hz;

a second vibratory element capable of delivering a vibratory stimulus to said vestibulocochlear nerve between about 0.3 Hz and about 15 Hz; and

a microprocessor, operatively coupled to the vibratory elements for independently controlling the delivery of said stimuli.

7. The apparatus of claim 6, further comprising user controls for selective control of the stimuli.

8. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first and second vibratory elements are adapted for placement externally behind the ears of the patient.

9. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first and second vibratory elements are adapted for placement within the ear canals of the patient.

10. The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the first and second vibratory elements are adapted for implantation at or near the vestibulocochlear nerves.

11. An apparatus for delivering stimuli to the vestibulocochlear nerves of a patient, the apparatus comprising:

a first vibratory element capable of delivering a first vibratory stimulus to a vestibulocochlear nerve between about 0.3 Hz and about 15 Hz;

a second vibratory element capable of delivering a second vibratory stimulus to said vestibulocochlear nerve between about 0.3 Hz and about 15 Hz; and

a microprocessor, operatively coupled to the vibratory elements for independently controlling the delivery of said stimuli.

12. The apparatus of claim 11, further comprising user controls for selective control of the stimuli.

13. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the first and second vibratory elements are adapted for placement externally behind the ears of the patient.

14. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the first and second vibratory elements are adapted for placement within the ear canals of the patient.

15. The apparatus of claim 11, wherein the first and second vibratory elements are adapted for implantation at or near the vestibulocochlear nerves.