



# BAA Horizon

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In this week's edition we bring you updates, opportunities, news, and information from across the field of audiology.

If you have any information that you would like to be included in a future edition of Horizon, please contact [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org). The next deadline for submissions is the **16th October 2019**.

## BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog. Sue Falkingham BAA President continues her blog on the BAA website. You can follow Sue [here](#):**
- **New examiners wanted for BAA Higher Training Scheme.** Additional examiners are required for the revised and updated BAA HTS. Do you have the experience, skills and a little time to share your expertise? The criteria regarding who can become an examiner has been widened, and all members who meet the criteria are encouraged to express their interest in becoming an examiner. Please find the criteria and expression of interest form [here](#).
- **South West Regional Representative needed.** Our Regional Group need a new colleague in the South West of England. The BAA Regional Group networks are run by a team of enthusiastic volunteers. Their aim is to provide support to BAA members locally and to arrange regular meetings offering easily accessible CPD. These meetings that are free of charge to all and provide an opportunity to network and learn without either taking too much time out of the department or making too much of a dent in the budget. Our Regional Reps are close to their regional members and what know what is topical and relevant for their audience. If you would like to get involved with the BAA at a regional level and help support your local peers and you are based in the South West of England, please get in touch: [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org)
- **Tinnitus assessment and management.** The NICE [draft guidance](#) consultation for Tinnitus assessment and management is now open for all stakeholders to comment. The consultation for review and comment closes on **Friday 1 November 2019** at 5pm. If you haven't already registered as a stakeholder, you can also do this on the NICE website, where you can register as an organisation or individual. BAA board will be responding as a stakeholder. Read more [here](#).
- **BAA Regional Meeting – in Thames Valley:** A BAA Regional Meeting has been arranged by our Thames Valley Reps - Lauren and Sarah - for 22nd October at Townlands Memorial Hospital, Henley on Thames. With the venue confirmed, the agenda in place, free places are now available to book through Eventbrite – See the agenda and book your tickets [here](#).

- **We need a Sub-Editor for the BAA magazine.** Sara Coulson, our magazine editor, needs some support. Could you spare some time to help her with a couple of issues a year? If you are interested, please click [here](#) for a brief outline of the role and information on how to apply. This is a voluntary position and you will be paid in eternal thanks from the Pubs & Comms team!
- **Wanted: members like you. Reward: £15 voucher!** We would like more members like you and to help achieve this, the BAA referral scheme has been launched. Between now and December 31st, for every audiologist you recommend who signs up as a full member with the BAA, you will receive a £15 Amazon voucher. The member will also benefit with an additional three months' membership for their money, gaining 15 months for the price of 12. Everyone wins! So, if you work with someone who shares your passion for audiology, recommend they join you as a member of the BAA and let's grow our professional voice. Further information can be found [online](#).



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BAA helps our members grow professionally,  
now you can help grow your association

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Offer ends on **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> December**

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## Other News:

- **To all UK HEADS OF SERVICE** - Professor David Baguley, Professor Kevin Munro and Professor Anne Schilder would appreciate 15 minutes of your time. The three Hearing Themes of the NIHR Biomedical Research Centres are seeking information regarding current practice in hearing aid monitoring and follow-up. It would be immensely helpful to have access to the extensive experience and knowledge of the Heads of Service. We would be very glad if you would complete this survey which will take no longer than 15 minutes. Please complete by 11th October [here](#).
- **Award for Audiology team at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire.** BAA would like to congratulate to the Audiology team at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire (UHCW), who were winners of the "Innovation and Service Development" award in the 12th annual Outstanding Service and Care Awards (OSCA). This year saw more than 1,100 nominations in 13 categories, with those shortlisted convening at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel in Coventry to celebrate their amazing stories and achievements.
- **New President for the BTA**  
Aintree's Head of Audiology, Tony, Kay, has been named as the new President of the British Tinnitus Association. David Stockdale, BTA Chief Executive said: "We are delighted to have someone as passionate about supporting people with tinnitus as Tony is as our President. Tony not only leads an excellent service within Aintree, he gives generously of his time and expertise out of working hours, having set up the Aintree Tinnitus Support Group, and served as on both the BTA's Professional Advisers' Committee and the British Society of Audiology's Tinnitus & Hyperacusis Special Interest Group." Tony, said: "I am both humbled and honoured to have been appointed to the prestigious role of President of the British

Tinnitus Association and I am looking forward to fulfilling my duties.”

- **Share Your Views: What outcomes are important to measure for SSD interventions?**  
The [CROSSSD Study](#) group at the Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Centre, UK are conducting an international consensus survey aiming to find agreement on what outcomes are critical and important to measure when evaluating interventions for SSD. They are interested in opinions from patients diagnosed with SSD as well as expert professionals in the field.

If you would like to take part, please visit: <https://delphimanager.liv.ac.uk/CROSSSD/Delphi>. Once you register you will be asked to score a total of 44 outcomes on a 1-9 importance scale. This should take approximately 30 minutes. A similar questionnaire will be re-distributed for completion in a few weeks.

Forming a 'core set' of outcomes that are important to both patients and professionals will have applications in guiding the use of outcome measures in clinical trials. Ultimately this will reduce research waste and will improve decision making for hearing aids or auditory implants recommendations for SSD.

If you need more information, please contact [Roulla.Katiri@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:Roulla.Katiri@nottingham.ac.uk). The study will be open until the **10th of November 2019**.

## Upcoming Courses / Events:



- **BAA Annual Conference 2019 – Paediatric IDA Workshop – Spaces are limited!**  
**Friday 15th November 2019**  
**11:00 – 12:50**  
**Supporting Children and Young People with Hearing Loss: Ida Institute Paediatric Tools:**  
Dr Ena Nielsen, Associate Director, Ida Institute  
This talk will cover how paediatric hearing care professionals can work with the principles of self-determination and theory of mind to support the child's development of coping skills and strategies.  
  
It will demonstrate how the Ida Institute paediatric tools can be applied to help the child or teenager describe how well they are communicating, explore alternative strategies and behaviours and develop self-efficacy and self-management skills.  
  
Participants will use ethnographic videos and cases to discuss the challenges faced by children and teenagers with hearing loss and discuss how to best support them. They will also be introduced to three Ida Institute paediatric tools: My World, Growing up with Hearing Loss and Telecare for Teens.  
  
**Spaces open Monday 14th October**  
**Spaces are limited so please email [events@baaudiology.org](mailto:events@baaudiology.org) for your place. Please**

note, you must already be registered for conference to receive a place in this workshop. To register for conference please visit [www.baaudiology.org/conference](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference)

- **Tinnitus and Hyperacusis in Adults and Children Masterclass**

**Dates: 21 January - 23 January 2020**

**Course Organisers: Dr Roland Schaette and Dr Lucy Handscomb**

This three-day CPD-accredited Masterclass provides a comprehensive overview of tinnitus and hyperacusis and strategies for assessing managing these conditions in adults and children.

Further information and booking is available at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses)

To view course details in full click [here](#)

- **Counselling for Hearing Healthcare Professionals Masterclass**

**Dates: This course runs in UCL [Term 2](#), Monday afternoons 2 - 5pm over 10 weeks. Commencing Monday 13th January 2020.**

**Course Director: Lucy Handscomb**

This 10 week, highly interactive course aims to enable practitioners at all levels to improve the quality of their day-to-day interaction with patients/ clients and their families through the use of good counselling skills.

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- **Benign Paroxysmal Positional Vertigo (BPPV) Training Day**

**Dates: Wednesday 11th March 2020**

**Course Director: Paul Radomskij**

This 1 day course will allow you to gain the specific knowledge and clinical skills to assess and treat one of the most common causes of dizziness.

Further information and booking is available at: [www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses](http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses)

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- **Auditdata Ltd** is looking for an enthusiastic person capable of training specialist NHS & private clinics in using the full potential of our Auditbase and Primus solutions. The Training Specialist will be part of Auditdata's Professional Service team, who provide training to customers at new installations and update them on new functions and features in Auditbase and Primus. The ideal candidate has a theoretical foundation in Audiology and solid insight into the systems that are typically used in audiology clinics.

**Application procedure:**

To apply, please send application and CV to Brian Harris ([Brian@auditdata.com](mailto:Brian@auditdata.com)), Any questions may be directed to Emma Thomson ([emma@auditdata.com](mailto:emma@auditdata.com)) on phone: +447568128916.

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- **Sonova**

Position: Cochlear Implant Customer Engagement Specialist (Advanced Bionics)  
Company: Advanced Bionics Limited UK  
Location: UK  
Salary: Competitive Salary & Benefits

**To apply**

If have the relevant competencies required and want to join an exciting and engaging organization then please apply for this job opportunity with your CV and covering letter outlining your current salary and location to [janet.homan@sonova.com](mailto:janet.homan@sonova.com)

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