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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 **1st April 2020**.

## BAA Board & Committee News:

**Covid Update from the BAA President.** Read an update from Karen Shepherd [here](#).

**British Academy of Audiology Response to Covid-19:** BAA strongly believes that maintaining access to good hearing for our patients/customers at this difficult time, particularly for those in self-isolation, self-distancing or key workers, is important. Guidance will depend on local regulations from employers and local guidance regarding PPE must be adhered to. Overall, no new activity is recommended unless falling into one of the **urgent** categories. Find the detailed guidance [here](#).

**Heads of Service online:** Thank you to everyone who logged on and participated in our first online Heads of Service meeting. The level of engagement and sharing of experiences was fantastic. The webinar is now available to view on our website [here](#).

**2019 Conference presentations:** We have released a valuable treasure trove of presentations to help with member CPD during this challenging time. Log in to the [CPD](#) area (CPD/Links) and you will find most of the presentations from Conference2019 to watch and learn from. We are working on pulling more CPD resources together to support you [here](#).

**C2Hear videos:** Please be reminded that there are online support tools available which could be helpful to sign post people to, such as the C2Hear interactive multimedia videos which have been shown to improve the lives of new hearing-aid users. Access them [here](#).

**Newborn Hearing Screening:** Last week a letter was sent, from 14 UK hospital trusts and the British Academy of Audiology, expressing an urgent concern about the current guidance and advice being offered to them by the Newborn hearing screening programme team. Although we understand the nature of these difficult times, we asked that this matter be considered urgently as part of PHE response to Covid-19. Read the letter [here](#); Since this letter was sent, a team has been working with

Public Health England to create a guidance document. We are hoping to publish a document soon.

**Regional events postponed.** Due to the current Covid-19 situation, BAA have postponed all planned regional meetings for the foreseeable future. Agendas have been agreed and venues have been chosen for Manchester, London, Sheffield, Henley, Wales and Stockport, so as soon as it is safe to do so, new dates will be chosen and communicated. Updated information [here](#).

**Help needed with PhD project:** Lizanne Steenkamp, postgraduate student in the School of Health Sciences at Queen Margaret University in Edinburgh and BAA board member is undertaking a critical exploration of the lived experience of audiology professionals in the United Kingdom. The purpose of this mixed methods study, as part of her PhD research, is to explore the lived experience of audiology professionals in the United Kingdom. Read more information [here](#) or go direct to the survey [here](#).

## Other News:

**NICE guideline on Tinnitus:** The final Tinnitus guideline has now been published on the NICE website. You can also find the supporting evidence, tools and resources as well as all the stakeholder comments that were received during consultation and the responses to these comments. NICE say the comments were invaluable in helping to develop and refine the guideline. The recommendations from this guideline have been included in the NICE pathway on tinnitus, which brings together everything on Tinnitus: assessment and management in an interactive flowchart. Find out more [here](#).

**CSO Strategy launched during Healthcare Science Week:** *Science in healthcare: Delivering the NHS Long Term Plan* – The Chief Scientific Officer's strategy has been published. Download the strategy [here](#).

## Upcoming Courses / Events:



The image is a promotional poster for the British Academy of Audiology's 17th Annual Conference. On the left, the BAA logo (a blue spiral) is positioned above the text: "BRITISH ACADEMY OF AUDIOLOGY", "17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference", "26-27 November 2020", and "Manchester Central Convention Complex". Below this text are four social media icons: a globe for the website "baaudiology.org", Facebook for "British Academy of Audiology", Twitter for "@BAAudiology", and Instagram for "baaudiology". On the right, a large, colorful graphic features a central globe surrounded by vibrant, multi-colored leaves and petals in shades of blue, orange, yellow, and pink. The text "Save the date" is written in a stylized font at the top right of the graphic.

Save the Date: BAA Annual Conference 2020 is taking place on 26th-27th November 2020 at the Manchester Central Convention Complex.

Registration opens in May at [www.baaudiology.org](http://www.baaudiology.org)



### **BSA Annual Conference 2020**

#### **Recommended Procedures: reviewing and implementing the evidence**

Wednesday 24th June 2020

Mercure Sheffield St Paul's Hotel

This event is FREE for BSA members and only £45 for non-members.

This year's annual conference will review the evidence and explore the implementation of some of the most recent guidance documents.

**Abstract deadline is Wednesday 15th April 2020.**

**For more information and to register visit <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/bsa-annual-conference-2020/>**

#### The Ultimate ABR and Paediatric Fittings Course 1st-3rd June 2020 at Greenwich, London (UK)

This highly popular and successful paediatric course will cover infant ABR training (3-hour pre-course webinar and then face-to-face training on 1st June) and paediatric hearing habilitation (2nd and 3rd June) with well-renowned national and international experts delivering the content. Apart from NHSP ABR training, we will cover the content on diagnostic OAE, VRA (including peer review), verification and validation of fittings of children with compromised hearing functions. Main speakers include Dr Marlene Bagatto, Dr Josephine Marriage, Jason Smalley, and Dr Jay Jindal. There is a provision for ongoing mentorship. Individual day/s are bookable. For more information, contact Ms Nicki Thompson at E: [info@audiologyplanet.com](mailto:info@audiologyplanet.com); P: 0330 2233 453, 07543664692; or visit [www.audiologyplanet.com/education](http://www.audiologyplanet.com/education) for the full range of hearing and earwax removal related courses.

To view in full on the BAA website please click [here](#).

#### **Deaf Awareness: Online Training for Audiologists**

This BAA accredited UCL short course is designed for Audiologists to improve deaf awareness and approaches for communicating effectively with Deaf and hearing-impaired patients. It provides practical workplace strategies to help meet the Accessible Information Standard. Videos of patients' and Audiologists' real-life experiences convey information and enrich the learning experience. The 2-hour course is self-directed and online, so study at your own pace. **Special rate for BAA members: £29** <http://bit.ly/DCALDAA> (To access this special rate please enter voucher code DAAUD10 at checkout)

To view in full on the BAA Website click [here](#).

#### **Tinnitus & Hyperacusis Therapy Master Class**

**Dates:** 13-15 July 2020

**Venue:** Birkbeck, University of London, London, United Kingdom

**Website:** <https://tinnitustherapy.org.uk/>

This course is designed for those who wish to provide specialised care for children and adults experiencing tinnitus and hyperacusis. This course will outline psychometric and audiological assessments, appropriate referrals to ENT and mental health, evidence-based practice, application of audiologist-delivered specialist cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) in tinnitus and hyperacusis rehabilitation, and service development.

For more info watch this video <https://youtu.be/Ila41tJxgrs>

Participants of the masterclass will be entitled to “free” registration for the 5th International Conference on Hyperacusis (16-17 July 2020 at Birkbeck College, University of London).

For more info watch <https://youtu.be/lbz9oDaN8Kk>

**To view in full on the BAA Website click [here](#).**

### **5th International Conference on Hyperacusis and the 2nd International Misophonia Symposium**

**Dates:** 16-17 July 2020

**Venue:** Birkbeck, University of London, London, United Kingdom

**Website:** <https://hyperacusisresearch.co.uk/>

**Confirmed speakers:** <https://hyperacusisresearch.co.uk/confirmed-speakers/>

**Scientific programme:** <https://hyperacusisresearch.co.uk/provisional-programme/>

**Social events:** <https://hyperacusisresearch.co.uk/social-events/>

**Online learning:** <https://hyperacusisresearch.co.uk/online-learning/>

**For more info watch:** <https://youtu.be/dU8SV05YYcc>

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