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# 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 **2nd October 2019**.

## BAA Board & Committee News:

**Board Nominations close today please consider volunteering.** "As a BAA member you are eligible to stand for BAA Board and nominations are now open. BAA is a by members for members organisation and needs professionals to commit their time in a voluntary capacity to help support and guide the organisation. You can find out more detail and how to apply on the BAA website here: [Board nominations](#). Applications close TODAY (Monday 23rd September). If you have any questions and would like to contact me directly please email [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org) and I will get in touch with you." Sue, BAA President

**President's blog. Sue Falkingham BAA President continues her blog on the BAA website. You can follow Sue [here](#).**

**The BAA is happy to endorse and support a new study that has been commissioned by the NDACS.** Please support the NDACS and researchers in Manchester and Edinburgh as they start an important new research project in the 15-18 year old age group. Read more about the research and the BAA endorsement [here](#) and please get involved if you can as they need departments to promote the research and help enlist up some participants.

**BAA Regional Meeting – Thames Valley** A BAA Regional Meeting has been arranged by our Thames Valley Reps 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 – Read more and book your tickets [here](#).

**We need a Sub-Editor for the BAA magazine.** Sara Coulson, our magazine editor, needs some help. 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!

**Reminder! An examiner's update session** is being planned for the afternoon of Wednesday 13th November 2019 in Liverpool, the day prior to the BAA conference. We are hoping as many examiners as possible will be able to make it as it is some time since the last update session. We are hoping to recruit some new examiners prior to November and hope they will also be able to come along. It would be beneficial to have a number of experienced examiners at the session to share their expertise and experience. It is hoped that there will also be opportunity to brainstorm possible future changes to the exam process at this session. I would be grateful if you could let the BAA know via [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org) if you are able to attend by 11 October 2019 to enable an appropriate sized room to be booked.

## Other News:

**WHO: Hearing loss is a risk factor in cognitive decline and dementia.** The World Health Organisation (WHO) has published guidelines to reduce the risk of cognitive decline and dementia. In the guidelines, hearing loss is one of the risk factors. Read more about the guidelines [here](#).

**BIHIMA Q2 data shows decline in the NHS market.** The British Irish Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association has released sales data for the April, May and June 2019 which shows that UK hearing aid unit sales dropped following Brexit safety stock purchases. Read more analysis and get the full data charts [here](#).

**Hearing aids lower the chance of dementia, depression, and falling.** Another study finds that hearing devices benefit older adults in multiple ways, from physical safety to brain health. Read more and download the research pdf [here](#).

## Upcoming Courses / Events:



### **BAA Annual Conference 2019 – REMINDER Early bird discount ends TODAY**

To book your place please visit: [www.baaudiology.org/conference](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference)

Party Night – Join us on the evening of Thursday 14th November 2019 as we travel to the party capital of South America – Havana, for a fiesta night. Whilst the event may have changed from previous years we definitely haven't taken a change of pace. We will begin with a cocktail hour offering Hemingway's and our President's favourite a daiquiri to start our evening of dinner, drinks, music and entertainment all with a Latin American flavour. As Castro finally embraced some of Liverpool's most famous music and allowed The Beatles music to be played from 2000, BAA shall help Liverpool embrace the spirit of Cuba in return.

Dress for the fiesta (or perhaps the revolution?), we shall be sticking to the dress code of the bars of Havana – no shorts, no vests and no flip flops. One ticket is included with full conference registration options, all other attendees must purchase their ticket at a cost of £20

For more information visit: <https://www.baaudiology.org/conference/gala-dinner>

### **Paediatric Assessment Masterclass**

**Dates: Fridays over 5 weeks from 17 Jan - 14 Feb 2020**

**Course Organiser: Carolina Leal**

This 5 day course aims to establish skills in behavioural and objective methods of hearing assessment in infants and children as the basis for appropriate audiological management.

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 the course details in full please [click here](#)

### **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)

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### **Hearing Health Research Showcase Event**

The Hearing Health Theme of the NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre (BRC) is holding its 2nd Showcase on Wed 9th October at the Whitworth Art Gallery, Oxford Road, Manchester. We will be 'showcasing' research around hearing health that we have been involved in since the BRC started in 2017. We would really like North West audiologists to be part of this event. As well as hearing about the research we have been doing there are sessions from our collaborators in industry, charities, other Hearing Health BRCs and patient/parent contributors. We are also delighted to have Brent Edwards from the National Acoustics Lab (NAL), Australia giving the endnote speech (draft programme attached). There will also be an opportunity to identify research questions that are important for clinical practice.

As we are also celebrating 100 years of Deaf Education at Manchester Centre for Audiology and Deafness (ManCAD) there will be centenary gifts and we will end the event with a drinks reception, to which you are also invited.

There is no charge to attend this event, including the drinks reception but we need you to register at the link below as soon as possible:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/brc-hearing-health-showcase-tickets-64726446544>

[Click here](#) to view the programme.

Please forward this invite to any colleagues who may be interested.

If you would like more information please contact Hearing Health Programme Manager Cath Wright [cath.wright@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:cath.wright@manchester.ac.uk) or [wendy.lamb@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:wendy.lamb@manchester.ac.uk)

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## Job Adverts

- **Bedford Hospital NHS Trust**  
We are looking for an enthusiastic Audiologist to join our busy and friendly department. You will be working at a senior predominantly in the adult rehab service in a modern, well-equipped department (newly built in 2004). You will have a BSc in Audiology or equivalent qualifications, and be registered, with the RCCP, ACHS, or HCPC, and have some post-qualification experience working in the NHS or other Healthcare Organisation.

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

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- [For more information on the above job descriptions please visit https://www.baaudiology.org/careers](https://www.baaudiology.org/careers)

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