

BAA President Blog 19th April 2021

How are we all? The horizon is starting to be a more positive place to head towards as we have both vaccinations and can start to meet again. Don't forget how far we have all come in making sure we can provide services for all our patients and clients and the teamwork which has kept us all going through the difficult times.

On that positive theme, BAA regional meetings are rolling out across the UK and booking up fast. It is heartening to see so many of you signing up for these online meets. Our meeting in Wales was well attended and the recording is now available on-demand for members to watch again. Scotland, Yorkshire are coming up soon and I know London, Anglia and one or two others are ready to announce their dates soon. In addition, we have a Higher Training Scheme webinar coming up on 7th May and a BAA members webinar on the 9th June, which I am really looking forward to. If there is anything you would like to share from your service, please get in touch.

The plans for the BAA Annual Conference are well underway. All the keynote speakers have now been confirmed and many other of the speaking sections have already been filled. The team are gearing up for a launch on 7th June. Get your bookings in early to benefit from an early bird discount, on top of the special member price. We have also been approached about bidding for the World Congress of Audiology (WCA) for a few years' time. A small exploratory team is working with Excel, London and other partners to see if we can bring this global event to the UK. It has been nearly 60 years since the WCA was here.

BAA has responded to the recent consultation proposals for the NHS Selection Provider Regime. Please look at the proposals and our response on the website. The Hearing Alliance and other Audiology, Hearing care and third sector groups have also responded. We will keep you up to date on any developments as they progress.

I hope you can make it to one of the regional meetings over the next few weeks, or the member webinar. I would like to thank Laura Finegold and your Regional Reps for putting these together with some great talks and topics. The great thing is that we can all take part, you are not restricted to your own region. Look on the website and sign up now!

And finally, don't forget we are interested to hear from you about the potential College. [Respond here to the 'Next step' survey](#). This next step is just about forming a strategy group as mentioned in a previous blog.

Don't forget we are here for you.

Stay safe and stay well.

Kath Lewis