

BAA President Blog – 24th January 2022

Our first Board meeting of 2022 covered the huge amount of work in progress across our different portfolios. There is a lot of great work going on across with all the Directors that never ceases to amaze me. We then spent the late afternoon reviewing our strategy to make sure it was SMART and current. We have a good, exciting, programme to work towards.

We submitted a bid for the World Congress of Audiology for 2028 – akin to bidding for the (Audiology) Olympics! There will be more on this if our bid progresses – we wait now to see if it is successful. I must thank Claire Benton, Sue Falkingham and Victoria Adshead for all the very hard work that has gone into it.

The other conference we have been asked to get involved in is the BACO conference, and we are organising an Audiology section on one of the days. The conference team will be very busy!

We are going ahead with a paediatric training day in spring, and a face-to-face Heads of Service day in June – just waiting for confirmation from the two conference centres for the date. And we do already have two days in Scotland booked in March, which we hope will be well-attended.

The webinar programme is beginning to build again with a careers week confirmed in late February/early March and at least three paediatric sessions planned the same month. It looks like we might have a partner in these sessions, so look out for a couple more being added to the schedule once they are confirmed.

I am looking forward to progressing the work this year; it all feels positive. Some of our focus will be on standards in Audiology, scope of practice and CPD.

Take care

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