

BAA President Blog – 21st March 2022

Last Thursday and Friday, we were delighted to spend time with our Scottish Audiology colleagues in Edinburgh at the Queen Margaret University on the paediatric training days.

I was delighted to talk to many of them individually, and seven of the group joined us at the end of the first day to give us feedback on what they believe are the main issues we need to focus and campaign for.

We also managed to film a short video to support our bid for the World Congress of Audiology in 2028, which we are proposing to host in Edinburgh. Thank you to the Scottish Audiologists for showing the enthusiastic welcome we know global audiologists will receive if we win our bid.

We are looking forward to the next Paediatric training days in England on the 5th May and Northern Ireland on the 17th May. Registration for the England day is open, and the Northern Ireland day will be available to book as soon as the venue is confirmed.

We have also launched registration for a proposed Heads of Service Day in Sutton Coldfield in June. We hope many of you can join us, as we have some important topics that we all need to focus on. Have a look at your Horizon email for registration details.

Science Week has seen many social media posts promoting healthcare science. Every year (apart from the COVID-19 years), I go into primary schools to talk about balance and hearing with some fun interactive components. I love talking to 9 to 11 years, as they are still enthusiastic and ask great questions. I also promote healthcare science and tell them about the different jobs in the NHS that are not Doctors and Nurses – catch them young I say.

One of the good questions from a pupil was ‘what has balance got to do with healthcare Science?’ I then launched into what healthcare scientists do....

Until next time, stay safe and stay well.

Kath Lewis