

BAA President Blog – 4th April 2022

The video to support our bid for the World Congress of Audiology in 2028, which we are proposing to hold in Edinburgh, was shown to ISA members this week – let's hope we are successful.

The next Paediatric training day in England on the 5th May is now fully booked with a waiting list in case anyone drops out. The Northern Ireland paediatric day on the 17th May is now booking and I am looking forward to meeting our Irish colleagues.

We are still holding webinars; the recent paediatric ones have been excellent. I missed the APD one with Angela Alexander but will be catching up with the recording on the member's site. Angela is a great speaker and from what I hear of today's recording it is well worth accessing it as she also raised a few laughs.

Since my last blog, I contracted Covid and it wasn't a great time – very flu like and I stayed positive for over 16 days on the LFTs but was back in work after the 10 day isolation. I was grateful that I had the vaccinations and booster as I wondered what it would have been like if I hadn't. Several my team also went down with around the same time, so it is still having an impact.

Two clear face masks have been approved but not fully ratified, but you can order them from the manufacturers. More information to follow on these.

I am looking forward to our Board meeting on Monday when we will be looking at the feedback from the strategy workshops that were held last week set up by Heather Dowber, our policy director– we still have one more workshop to hold. BAA will be working hard on our strategy and working with many of you on it too. Thank you to everyone who has been involved so far, we need to do this with you.

Until next time, stay safe and stay well.

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