

Here is this week's edition of Horizon, the BAA Newsletter, where we are trying to keep you up to date with information as it happens. Things will remain fairly quiet now on the DH front, after the flurry of activity with the publication of the action plan, until possibly July when the new government is in place; however, we will keep you informed of any developments. For anyone who missed the link to the action plan here it is again:  
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/act-plan-hearing-loss-upd.pdf>.

Please send any information you would like included in this newsletter to [admin@baaudiology.org](mailto:admin@baaudiology.org)

## News:

- **Improvement FUNDamentals** - a Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) - will take its first full cohort of participants in April 2015. The course offers participants the opportunity to learn the fundamentals of quality improvement principles and practice.  
[http://www.baaudiology.org/files/6514/2821/4821/ImprovementFundamentals\\_A5Flyer\\_Digital1.pdf](http://www.baaudiology.org/files/6514/2821/4821/ImprovementFundamentals_A5Flyer_Digital1.pdf)
- **University of South Wales** is calling for speakers to attend the 13th Audiology Cymru Conference on 11th June 2015. The University is looking for contributions towards: New developments in Adult and Paediatric Audiology, Audiological innovations and current research and developments. For more information please visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/files/1914/2831/1153/AudCymru.pdf>
- **National Institute of hearing research** (NIHR), Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit, have budgeted £20k per year (years 4-5) to support UK clinical research through secondments to the Biomedical Research Unit (BRU). The purpose of the secondment scheme is twofold: i) to enhance research links between the BRU and NHS departments, and ii) to develop UK research capacity in hearing. If you are interested in applying please visit: [http://www.baaudiology.org/files/2414/2821/5158/Advert\\_-\\_Clinical\\_Research\\_Secondment1.pdf](http://www.baaudiology.org/files/2414/2821/5158/Advert_-_Clinical_Research_Secondment1.pdf)
- **Chief Executive Resignation** - Science Council. Diana Garnham, Chief Executive of the Science Council has given notice of her immediate resignation.  
[http://www.baaudiology.org/files/5114/2821/3863/Chief\\_Executive\\_Resignation\\_Science\\_Council.pdf](http://www.baaudiology.org/files/5114/2821/3863/Chief_Executive_Resignation_Science_Council.pdf)
- **Health Education West Midlands** is pleased to confirm the successful bidder for the HSST doctoral level award. Further information can be found at:  
[http://www.baaudiology.org/files/9714/2821/4526/HSST\\_Doctoral\\_Level\\_Award\\_Announcement.pdf](http://www.baaudiology.org/files/9714/2821/4526/HSST_Doctoral_Level_Award_Announcement.pdf)

## BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Service Quality Committee:** Plenty of work has been going on behind the scenes on documentation: the draft Guidance on Shared Care document will be sent out to BAA members for consultation soon, and the final version of the Guidance on Non-Routine Cases of Hearing Loss in Adults will be available on the SQC webpages shortly. In addition, we have been working on an evidence resource to help members fight decommissioning of hearing services where this is threatened - this will be made available as soon as possible. Unfortunately, one of the members of our committee, Pankaj Jindal, has recently stepped down. We'd like to thank Pankaj for all his hard work on the committee over the past few years. If anyone is interested in joining the Service Quality Committee then please email us at [sqc@baaudiology.org](mailto:sqc@baaudiology.org).
- **Education and Training:** The Education and Training committee is currently working on updates to the BAA Education and Training webpages to ensure BAA members have access to up-to-date information. We are also developing links to support candidates embarking on the HSST programme and will update members as the HSST develops. A number of BAA Board and Committee members are supporting the National School of Healthcare Science with the recruitment process for both STP and HSST applicants over the forthcoming months. Good luck to applicants to both these schemes.

- **Student Committee:** Two members of the team recently attended the Big Bang Careers fair at the NEC in Birmingham to inspire a new generation of school leavers to pursue a career in audiology.

The 3rd of July will see the 4th student conference which is at De Montfort University in Leicester this year. The agenda this year was created using feedback from last year's conference and is set to get that grey cell stimulated. Once again the event is free to attend. Don't forget to register at [www.eventsforce.net/baastudentconf15](http://www.eventsforce.net/baastudentconf15) as places are limited and always get snapped up quickly.

- **Website:** Work has been completed to update the BAA Website. It is now more mobile friendly, has easier to navigate drop down menus and features the twitter and latest news feeds on the front page.
- **Publicity, Communications and Conference Committee:** The Conference Organising Group (COG) had their first teleconference meeting on the 1st April 2015. The group consists of 13 members, led by Jennifer Laidler, Event Manager at Fitwise and Michelle Booth, Board Director for Conference. Members of the group have responsibilities for various aspects of conference planning including social events and awards, document review, marketing and conference programme. The group will now hold monthly teleconference meetings to ensure key deadlines are met. Conference will be launched to members in May. Watch this space and the BAA website for further details.

## Job Adverts:

- **Clinical Scientist/ Senior Clinical Scientist (Audiology)** – Auditory Implant Service – Highfield Campus – University of Southampton – 37.5 hours per week. Salary: £28,695 to £45,954. Please visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.VRxEIKJsBUQ> for more details. Closing date 26th April.
- **GN ReSound** is one of the world's largest providers of hearing aids and associated equipment, widely respected as the industry's leading innovator. Do you want a dynamic and exciting new challenge? Do you want to be part of a team at the forefront of technology in the hearing industry? You could be in a new role which has a diverse and varied workload with a flexible work environment as Area Manager/Audiologist - Queensland or NSW based. For more details visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.VSJoaEJsBUQ> for more details
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact** [advertising@baaudiology.org](mailto:advertising@baaudiology.org)

## Events:

- **BSA – What does the future have in store for us all?** The BSA Learning Events Group plan to hold an event on 21st April 2015 in Warrington to consider political, innovative and technological changes that will potentially shape the future – in order for us to plan and steer in the right direction. Key topics: Hearing aid rationing, AQP, alternative service delivery models, workforce skills and training, technical developments, and evidence-based practice. For more information visit: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/bsa-political-event/#.VSDXjlyWtUQ>

## Social Media Summary:

- Brit Acad Audiology @BAAudiology: NORTH WEST REGIONAL GROUP meeting at: ROYAL BLACKBURN HOSPITAL Tues 12th May 2015 At: 15:00 IQIPS++ contact [neilsummerfield@srft.nhs.uk](mailto:neilsummerfield@srft.nhs.uk) <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-north-west-regional-meeting1/#.VRxgWUJsBUQ>
- Brit Acad Audiology @BAAudiology: The @BAAudiology Student Conference has launched and is ready for registrations. <https://www.eventsforce.net/fitwise/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=110253&eventID=288&eventID=288>

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