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Welcome to this weeks' edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, and information from across the field of audiology.

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News:

- **Update on Autifony Clinical Trials for Tinnitus** - Autifony Therapeutics has been conducting a Phase 2a clinical trial to test if their new experimental drug, AUT00063, is able to reduce the symptoms of tinnitus. The study was conducted in several hospital sites across the UK.

QUIET-1 Phase II Trial of AUT00063 in tinnitus terminated due to lack of efficacy
AUT00063 was safe and well tolerated Trial of AUT00063 in age-related hearing loss continuing
Full details here: <http://www.tinnitus.org.uk/autifony>

- **Health and Care Professions Council (HCPC) - Health, disability and becoming a health and care professional.** This guidance for disabled people who are considering or training to become a professional has been newly revised by the HCPC. This guide is available on the HCPC website. <http://www.hcpuk.org/publications/brochures/index.asp?id=1111>

- **GENERATE Launch: Book now!** - We are delighted to announce the launch of GENERATE, the research agenda for ENT, Hearing and Balance care in the UK, on the 3rd December 2015 from 18.00 – 20.00 at the Royal Institute of British Architects, London. This will be celebrated with a drinks reception and a short presentation of the agenda, with prominent guest speakers.

GENERATE has involved patients, the public and healthcare professionals from across the UK working in partnership to decide what areas of research need to be urgently addressed. It has gained national and international attention and the results of the initiative have been eagerly awaited.

Registration for the GENERATE launch is now open. To register please go to:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/generate-launch-tickets-18819117487>

- **Trustech Research** - Healthcare Scientists from around the country are invited to join a **webinar on 17th November** that aims to bring together the community to help shape the future of healthcare research.
Further information on this project can be found here <http://www.trustech.org.uk/news/mahse-national/>
- **Student Essay Competition Find A Cure Website** - If you are a medical student, or biology undergraduate, all you have to do to see your name in press, is write a 1,500 word essay on one of these three topics:
Compare and contrast the medical experience of a patient with a rare disease and one with a common condition.
How might rare genetic diseases be fundamental to our understanding of medicine as a whole?
Discuss the medical and ethical issues involved in treating rare diseases with off-label prescriptions.
An expert panel of scientists, clinicians and patient groups drawn from Findacure's extensive rare disease network will judge the essays, along with the editor of OJRD. Details can be found here: <http://www.findacure.org.uk/essay-competition-2015/>

Surveys / Reminders:

- **British Tinnitus Association Hospital Survey** – Action by 23rd October

Reminder for any department who haven't completed the BTA's Hospital Survey for 2015-2016 to do as soon as possible.

We need one reply per Audiology department in each NHS hospital in the UK and are not sending out a survey in 2016.

The link is <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HS2015-2016> and the deadline is **Friday 23 October**.

Thank you to every one who has completed it already, there is no need to do so again if you have already.

- **Thank you National Survey on Adult Rehabilitation** - In total there were 315 responses to the survey we have been publicising in Horizons over the last few editions, respondents are below and details of the research will be publicised by BAA.

267 NHS	55 Private	219 Female	78 Male
202 Audiologist	40 Clinical Scientists	28 Hearing Therapist	33 HA Audiologist
39 Other			

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** – Do you want a chance to engage with this year's speakers and debate a hot topic in Audiology? The BAA are pleased to announce that the popular Debate Cafe will be running again at this year's conference between 12:45 - 13:15pm during both lunch breaks in Hall D by the BAA Stand. On Thursday the Debate Café will feature a half hour session chaired by Action on Hearing Loss on "Hearing Cuts". The following day, the speakers from the panel session on "Shared experiences of innovation in UK Audiology" will be available in the café for 30 minutes to answer any questions. Don't miss out and make sure to visit the Debate Café! For more information please visit www.baaudiology.org/conference

Job Adverts:

- **Guys & St Thomas's NHS Trust - Principal Audiological Scientist** - Adult Auditory Implant Programme. You will work closely with the Clinical Director, Consultant Clinical Scientist and Principal Team Leaders to provide a comprehensive Adult Auditory Implant service. We are seeking a person with extensive adult audiology and hearing implant experience. You must also have significant managerial and leadership experience. You will work as a member of the Auditory Implant interdisciplinary team, which includes ENT Consultants, Audiological Scientists, Speech and Language Therapists, Assistant Technical Officers and Administrators. Outreach work to local services is required and poses and increasing demand with an ageing population. The majority of outreach visits are in the South east and South West of England and a driving licence is desirable. The Trust encourages Individual Performance Development which is linked to the new Key Skills Framework process, to develop staff members' professional and personal development. The team are committed to providing relevant training in the field of Cochlear Implantation.

For an informal discussion or to arrange a visit, please contact Terry Nunn, Consultant Clinical Scientist and Head of Service on 0207188 6245 or email terry.nunn@gstt.nhs.uk

To apply for this role, please visit the jobs page at <http://jobs.gstt.nhs.uk/job/v414153>

Closing date: 23 October 2015.

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **Training programme to develop skills in value based and population healthcare** - This programme was developed for healthcare scientists who deliver services to patients presenting with symptoms of breathlessness, dizziness or abdominal pain. There are **20 places available** on this programme, which has no charge. The programme supports the vision of the Five Year Forward View by providing training to systematically develop skills in value based and population healthcare. As part of the programme, participants will complete a project demonstrating the implementation of innovative models of care across their service. The **closing date for applications is Friday 6 November 2015** and details are found by [Clicking Here](#)
- **BAA West Midlands Branch Conference entitled “Service Quality and Improvement” is Thursday 10th December** at Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham. This event is FREE for both members and non-members. For more information and to register visit <https://www.eventsforce.net/baabranches>
- **ENT Update Conference** - The 5th Annual ENT Update Conference will take place **in London on 3rd December 2015** details and registration are available by [Clicking Here](#)
- **GN Otometrics - Hearing Instrument Transition: How to ease the transition from old to new - Free 30 min webinar from Otometrics, 4th November.**
In many cases, clients are not getting the benefit from latest technology because they hesitate to change their current hearing instruments. This is in many cases because of the acclimatization period, which is particularly challenging for clients with severe-to-profound hearing loss.

Whether transitioning to new technology or changing fitting strategies, it can be important to provide a baseline of familiarity. Join us for a discussion about how the use of simple measurements and percentile analysis can make the transition from current to new hearing instrument go much smoother. Presenter: Peter Kossek, Senior Product Manager Fitting Systems at Otometrics
To sign up or read more about this and other Otometrics webinars: www.otometrics.com/webinar

- **The AIHHP Hearing Expo 2015** - This November’s AIHHP conference, exhibition and 9th Golden Lobe Awards is taking place at The London Heathrow Marriott on Friday 20th & Saturday 21st November 2015. For more information & to book your place please go to: <http://www.aihhp.org/registration/>

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