

On behalf of BAA Board I would like to thank all the fantastic speakers, exhibitors, organisers and attendees at last weeks BAA Conference in Harrogate. Special thanks go to Dr Cherilee Rutherford AuD, and Christine De Placido who put together the scientific programme. Michelle Booth has worked closely with Fitwise to ensure the conference runs smoothly for the last 2 years. For Glasgow 10th – 11th November 2016 Claire Benton will be BAA Board Lead for Conference – the Board wish her well and will do all we can to help the next conference live up to Michelle's standards.

If you have any information that you would like to be included in a future edition of Horizon, please contact admin@baaudiology.org

News:

- **The new BAA President is Dr Jagjit K. Sethi MSc. DAud. CS** who is a Consultant Clinical Scientist (Audiology), and Head of Hearing and Balance Services at Berkshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust.
Jagjit is supported by Michelle Booth as the new Vice President. Michelle is Clinical Lead for Adult Audiology at Kings Mill Hospital in North Nottinghamshire.

We are pleased to tell you that **Lizanne Steenkamp** and **Christine De Placido** who are both working at Queen Margaret's University in Edinburgh **have been elected to BAA Board** for the first time. **Neil Summerfield was also re-elected** he is a Specialist Audiologist at Salford.

The BAA Board page on the website will be updated over the next few weeks as other roles within BAA Board are finalised. All BAA Board Members can be contacted through the email address: admin@baaudiology.org

- **Podcasts from BAA Conference** will soon be available prepared by **Dev Joshi**, we will keep you updated on the release of these interviews with key speakers and opinion leaders.

News from Conference:

- **LIBOR FINES TO SUPPORT VETERANS WITH HEARING LOSS - The Royal British Legion** has launched The Veterans Hearing Fund. Managed by the Legion, the new fund will support veterans with hearing loss providing them with equipment and therapies to improve their wellbeing. The Veterans Hearing Fund was announced by the Legion at the British Academy of Audiologists' **Annual Conference held in Harrogate (26-27 November)**. For more details and to access the fund visit: <http://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-support/finances/grants/veterans-medical-funds/>
- **C2Hear Videos now available to patients online** - C2Hear Online is a series of short, interactive, multimedia videos about hearing aids, hearing loss and communication. Developed and researched by the team at Nottingham NIHR as part of a research study recently published by Ear and Hearing: http://journals.lww.com/ear-hearing/Abstract/publishahead/A_Randomized_Controlled_Trial_to_Evaluate_the.99254.aspx The videos are available here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_CO85ih5H68q5YSxMziidw More details about them are available here: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_CO85ih5H68q5YSxMziidw

- **NDCS Launch - Lessons from IQIPS accredited Paediatric Services - In November 2015** NDCS interviewed 10 audiology services that have achieved IQIPS accreditation and asked them about their experiences. The booklet gives an insight into the accreditation process, tips and advice for services thinking about starting IQIPS accreditation, and what they felt the benefits were of accreditation to their service, and is available to download here: http://www.ndcs.org.uk/professional_support/our_resources/health_resources.html#contentblock1
- **Shared slides from Conference** - Designing auditory reminders that older people can remember was delivered by Maria Wolters her talk is shared online. "In this talk, I summarise work on helping older people remember what they need to do next. I focus on a particular modality, hearing, because auditory reminders can be heard even if you can't see or feel or be near their source. I close with suggestions for practicing audiologists". – Maria Wolters <http://de.slideshare.net/mariawolters/designing-auditory-reminders-that-older-people-can-remember>

Other News:

- **The National Registers of Communication Professionals working with Deaf and Deafblind People (NRCPD)** has announced its intention to seek statutory regulation of communication and language professionals. For more details follow the weblink. <http://www.nrccd.org.uk/statutory-regulation>
- **NHS members required to join NICE Appeal Panels** - NICE is seeking to recruit up to three people who currently provide healthcare within the NHS to take part in its Appeals Panels. The successful candidates will join a pool of members who hear appeals against NICE's recommendations on the use of new drugs and other technologies for treating patients with very rare diseases and very complex healthcare needs. For details visit: <http://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-committee/nhs-member-appeals-committee>
- **RCCP Update** - The latest RCCP update is now available to read each month by following this link <https://www.rccp.co.uk/articles/a14/Newsletter>
- **Launch of Research Agenda - The BAA is proud to announce** the launch of the national research agenda for ENT, Hearing and Balance. You are invited to join and to celebrate this occasion on **December 3rd, 6-8 pm** at the Royal Institute of British Architects, Portland Place 66, London W1B 1AD. Please register for this event with zaynab.ismail@ucl.ac.uk **The agenda highlights the research priorities** set by patients, the public and healthcare professionals from across the UK. The BAA is committed to carry forward the partnerships built through this initiative and develop high value research and care for the benefit of patients and their families. **The agenda will be available online** at www.entuk.org.
- **Tinnitus Resources - Tinnitus: Clinical and Research Perspectives** – Book Edited by David Baguley (Cambridge, UK) and Marc Fagelson (East Tennessee State University, USA) Scientific and clinical research regarding tinnitus has become a vibrant and exciting area of Audiology. This is reflected in the new book 'Tinnitus: Clinical and Research Perspectives', edited by David Baguley (Cambridge, UK) and Marc Fagelson (East Tennessee State University, USA), which aims to capture important developments in the field. Chapters from international experts including Gerhard Anderson, Laurence McKenna, Grant Searchfield and Rilana Cima cover topics such as causes and mechanisms of tinnitus, cognitive models of tinnitus, new treatments and technologies, optimising hearing aids and combination devices for tinnitus, and the evidence base for audiology and psychology based treatments. Other areas such as musical hallucinations, misophonia, and tinnitus in childhood are given in depth consideration and discussion, and the opening chapter on 'Tinnitus in Literature, Film, and Music' draws upon a wide array of sources. The book is published by and available now from Plural Publishers (www.pluralpublishing.com) and Amazon.
- **BTA Has a New President - David Baguley** has become President of The British Tinnitus Association. David Baguley is Head of Service: Audiology/Hearing Implants at Cambridge University Hospitals, UK. On his appointment David said, "It is a huge honour to serve the BTA as President, and I look forward to serving the tinnitus community in the many and various ways that will be asked of me. The BTA is a vibrant force for good in the lives of people with tinnitus, and I am delighted to work closely with such a

high quality organisation”.

- **Research lecture by Dr William Sedley** - A 45 minute recording of A talk given at the North Tyne Disability Forum, UK, by Dr William Sedley of Newcastle-upon-Tyne University, on his research into a better understanding and the possible causes of tinnitus. For those that would like a bit of CPD around tinnitus. <https://youtu.be/DOppGXX4Bj0>

Surveys / Reminders:

- ENT UK is delighted to announce the creation of a database which will showcase current ENT, Hearing and Balance research in the UK. As a BAA Member and researcher we would like to invite you to be part of this database. The survey below takes a few minutes to complete and asks general questions about your project/s, funder/s and research collaborators. We appreciate your time in completing this brief survey. Full details are available here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/momentum-research-database-launched/>

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** – If you attended this year’s conference in Harrogate, we hope you had a great time and enjoyed everything that was on offer. For those of you that attended, you will shortly receive a link to view the speaker presentations, participate in a short online shortly and a link to receive your certificate of attendance. We are also pleased to let you all know that the 13th Annual Conference will be held at the **SECC in Glasgow on the 10th and 11th November 2016**. Please put this date in your diary now and be ready to register in spring 2016!

Job Adverts / Advisory Appointments:

- **Aston University - Skills Laboratory Support Officer** - We are seeking to appoint an experienced audiologist, who is registered both with RCCP and HCPC as a hearing aid dispenser, to assist with the delivery of practical training for students, staff or external organisations, supporting the Director of Practice Learning and assisting with the delivery and development of clinical-based activities. The successful applicant will have relevant clinical qualifications and registration in audiology, together with a period of post-qualification clinical experience in an NHS setting and/ or an independent sector setting. Aston University is committed to the principles of the Athena SWAN Charter <http://www.ecu.ac.uk/equality-charter-marks/athena-swan/>, recognised recently by a prestigious Bronze Award to LHS, and we pride ourselves on our vibrant, friendly and supportive working environment and family atmosphere. Please contact us if you would like more information on any aspect of working at Aston University. Please visit our website <http://www.aston.ac.uk/jobs> for further information and to apply online. If you do not have access to the internet telephone 01212 044500 and leave your name and address quoting the reference number R150330. **Closing date: Tuesday 08 December 2015.** Interview date: 21 December 2015.
- **Milton Keynes University Hospitals Trust - Advanced Audiologist/Clinical Scientist** - Come and join our friendly Audiology Services team based at Milton Keynes University Hospital. We work hard to ensure our targets are met but also work hard to protect time for clinical training, team building and service development. We enjoy annual ‘Home and Away Days’ to agree on service objectives which ensure continuous service improvement and development. This is a 9 month contract and a permanent position is likely to be available at the end of the fixed term contract. The focus of this contract is to provide diagnostic audiology assessments on neonates (including those referred from the newborn hearing screening programme), babies and children including those with special needs, and provide aural habilitation. You will therefore be experienced and able to work independently in these areas. Interested? Look at the full advert for details: <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.Vl23SWcny5s> **The closing date is 16th December.** Interviews will be held on the 6th January. For an informal chat please contact Jane Grant or Fiona Lane on 01908 243148. Milton Keynes is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expects all staff and volunteers to share

this commitment. To find out more about the Milton Keynes Hospital Trust objectives visit <http://www.mkhospital.nhs.uk/about-mkhft/board-of-directors/vision>

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Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **HEAL 2016 (HEaring Across the Lifespan) Abstract Submission now open** "Early intervention: the key to better hearing care" Lake Como, Italy. June 2-4, 2016 Visit the website of the meeting and submit your abstract here: www.HEAL2016.org Submission **deadline: February 10, 2016** Don't miss the opportunity to present your work at the next Como meeting!

The above course information together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit www.baudiology.org/events

Social Media Summary:

- You can read all the tweets from conference, even if you are not on twitter here: <https://storify.com/BAAudiology/baa-conference-2015>

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