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Welcome to the **60th edition of Horizon**, your regular update of news, opportunities and information from across the field of audiology.

If you have any information that you would like to be included in a future edition of Horizon, please contact admin@baaudiology.org. The next deadline for submissions is the **20th July 2017**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** President Michelle Booth has been reporting on her recent activities representing the BAA. Please follow the link below to get the latest news and views from Michelle in her blog: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WQGtckrLIU>
- **The BAA Midlands 'Super-Region' are holding a full day Paediatric themed meeting on the Tuesday 26th September 2017 at The Showroom Cinema in Sheffield.** Registration will be open from 9.30am with talks to start at 10am sharp. Lunch and refreshments are provided and we're hoping to be wrapped up by 4pm at the latest.

Themes of presentations will include:

- Audiology for children new to the UK
- Early mental health intervention for children
- Tinnitus in children
- Audiology and genomics
- Plus much more!!

More details to be confirmed as soon as we have them. If you'd like to **reserve a place**, please contact: **Sam Lear** (Samantha.lear@sch.nhs.uk), **Miriam Iqbal**

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Alternatively, you can phone 0114 2717450 to secure your place

More info here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-midlands-super-regional-group-meeting/?eID=900>

Other News:

- **REMINDER! Commissioning Services for People with Hearing Loss: A framework for clinical commissioning groups webinar** - Commissioning Services for People with Hearing Loss: A Framework for Clinical Commissioning Groups. Commissioners for hearing loss services and other multi-disciplinary models of care are invited to join webinars hosted by **Fiona Carragher, NHS England's Deputy Chief Scientific Officer**, and **commissioners from Coventry Rugby Clinical Commissioning Group and West Hampshire Clinical Commissioning Group** to learn how to implement the [Commissioning Services for People with Hearing Loss – a Framework for Clinical Commissioning Groups](#). The webinars offer examples of best practice and innovative approaches to commissioning services in order to make sustainable savings and reduce the pressure on services across the system. There will also be a question and answer session. **The webinars will be held between 3:30 and 5:00pm on the following dates:** [10 July 2017](#), [17 July 2017](#) and [18 July 2017](#).

- **UNITED KINGDOM ACCREDITATION SERVICE (UKAS) & IMPROVING QUALITY IN PHYSIOLOGICAL SCIENCES (IQIPS).** Both UKAS and IQIPS now both have LinkedIn groups available to join. Simply search for either of the groups or you can join the main UKAS account via the following link: www.linkedin.com/company/united-kingdom-accreditation-service
- **NHS ENGLAND KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER PARTNERSHIP WINNERS ANNOUNCED**
NHS England, in partnership with the National Measurement System (NMS) – the government funded body that maintains the UK measurement infrastructure – has announced the winners of its first Chief Scientific Officer's (CSO) Knowledge Transfer Partnership Programme. The bespoke 12 month development programme gives clinical leaders in healthcare science the opportunity to create, test and implement innovative ideas to improve patient care and identify new approaches to measurement and outcomes. Information on the four winners can be seen [here](#):
- **CALL FOR INTEREST IN PHDS AMONGST AUDIOLOGISTS AND OTHER CLINICIANS.** The NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre is establishing a register of allied health professionals who are interested in undertaking PhD studies at the NBRC. The register will enable NBRC researchers to engage directly with interested clinicians about relevant opportunities for research funding. **To join the register, please email sandra.smith@nottingham.ac.uk with the following information:**
Email subject: Allied Health Professional PhD student research register **with your** name, occupation and location, with a note of whether you are interested in part-time or full-time studies together with your preferred research topic/area of interest.

NBRC research themes and leads are:

Mild to moderate hearing loss - Dr Mel Ferguson
Severe to profound hearing loss - Dr Pdraig Kitterick
Tinnitus and hyperacusis - Dr Derek Hoare
Objective measures - Dr Doug Hartley
Clinical hearing sciences - Prof David Baguley
Outcome measures - Prof Deb Hall

We will then get back to you with further follow-on information. We often find that funding calls come out with short deadlines. Having a register would enable a rapid response to some of these calls. Our ultimate aim is to use this register as the foundation for an online community to share knowledge, experience and to promote upcoming opportunities for research, and introduce clinicians interested in research to relevant researchers within and beyond the Nottingham BRC.

For further informal enquiries, please contact Dr Mel Ferguson, Research Lead, melanie.ferguson@nottingham.ac.uk
NIHR Nottingham Biomedical Research Centre.

- **BRITISH TINNITUS ASSOCIATION** - The British Tinnitus Association have **announced the publication of the second edition of the new Annual Research Review**. The document can be **downloaded here**: <https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/blog/annual-tinnitus-research-review-2017-edition-now-available>

At this year's BTA conference all delegates have the opportunity to submit and present a poster of their work. Have you been involved in research or audits? Share your work! **The deadline for submissions is 28th July 2017**. The guidelines for poster **submission can be found here**: <https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/Handlers/Download.ashx?IDMF=e7500855-d33e-4ea0-8fdd-dd26c058830a>

The BTA conference will be held at Sheffield Hallam University City Campus on Thursday 7th September 2017. A full agenda is accessible here:
<https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/btaconf2017?qclid=CKeBzb-8i9QCFVdAGwodygUKjg>

Volunteers are needed for a new study being sponsored by BTA. The study is looking into ways of managing tinnitus related insomnia, and will use psychological approaches to managing insomnia. **More information can be found here:**
<https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/blog/tinnitus-and-insomnia-study>

- **SCIENCEDAILY – HEARING IMPAIRMENT NEWS**

New research identifies key mechanism behind some deafness - New research has identified a protein which has found to be crucial in the translation of sound into electrical signals.

Exploring the potential of human echolocation - The use of pitch, loudness and timbre of echoes by visually impaired individuals to navigate safely through their environment.

Gaze direction affects sensitivity to sounds - A new study by UCL has found that if one listens to something while looking in a different direction reaction times can slow while the brain works harder to suppress distractions.

Job Adverts:

- **The University of Manchester - Research Associate in Hearing Science**
Employment Type: Fixed Term
Duration: 1 October 2017 until 30 September 2019
Faculty / Organisational Unit: Biology, Medicine & Health
School/Directorate: School of Health Sciences
Division: Human Communication, Development & Hearing
Hours Per week: Full time
Salary: £31,076 to £38,183 per annum according to relevant experience
Location: Oxford Road, Manchester
Job Reference: BM&H-10270
Enquiries about the vacancy, shortlisting and interviews please contact: **Professor David Moore Email: david.moore-6@manchester.ac.uk**
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org**

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **BAA Annual Conference 2017** – some of you many have noticed that the specific tracks for students and associate/assistant audiologists is missing from the conference programme this year. After listening to feedback from departments and delegates, we have decided that rather than having specific workshops and presentations that you may prefer access to the main conference programme. On the Thursday, we are running a series of more informal workshops aimed at those possibly at the early stages of their careers or for those starting a new clinical area in Audiology. These will cover topics such as understanding hearing aid features, counselling skills and tinnitus, and will give you practical tips. **Please note that places to attend these are limited so please act quickly** if they will be of interest to you. **Simply visit www.baaudiology.org/conference** to register your place.
- **For the above event information** together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit www.baaudiology.org/events

Social Media:

The Facebook Group has discussed:

- Updates from President Michelle Booth
- IMPs
- Old brains!

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