

As the summer months approach, most of us will look forward to holidays – a well deserved break and time for some rest and relaxation! Although BAA Board and committee members will also take well earned holidays over the coming months, BAA activity does not stop as we prepare for the Student Conference in July and our main Conference in November. We will, of course, continue to keep you informed of all our activities via the BAA website, Facebook, Twitter and the fortnightly editions of BAA Horizon.

Here is this week's edition of Horizon, BAA's newsletter.

Please send any information you would like included in this newsletter to admin@baaudiology.org

News:

- **A new survey** highlights the difference 'life changing' hearing practitioners are making. Patients can give back to their audiologist on an international stage by nominating them for a prestigious industry award. See www.hearingtimes.co.uk for further details.
- **The National Assembly for Wales** has won the silver award in Action on Hearing Loss Cymru's Excellence Wales awards. The awards are organised to recognise success in providing deaf-friendly services to the 530,000 people in Wales who are deaf or have a hearing loss. www.actiononhearingloss.org
- **Call for Papers:** Coalition for Global Hearing Health Conference (9-10 October). The call for papers closes today 15/6/15. Submit for poster or oral presentations BEFORE it's too late!! <http://coalitionforglobalhearinghealth.org/>
- **HRH The Princess Royal** was the guest of honour at a Hearing Link reception at the Tower of London on Thursday 4th June. The event was an opportunity for Hearing Link to demonstrate the lasting impact its personalised support and services has on the lives of individuals, their families and friends across the UK. www.hearinglink.org

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Student Committee** – The British Academy of Audiology Fourth Student Conference is less than 3 weeks away, so don't delay, book your free place at this event. To register your place, visit the website: www.eventsforce.net/baastudentconf15

Don't forget the Student and Trainee Team are launching a bi-monthly student quiz, with a prize each month given to a randomly selected entry. The first edition will be launched at this year's Annual Student Conference on Friday 3rd July 2015.

- **Pub and Comms Committee** – Several members of the committee have decided to stand down and we need a new batch of enthusiastic Audiology professionals to join this busy committee. We desperately need a Chair to lead the committee, but also need volunteers to help with the BAA publications. We also need someone who may be interested in developing the role of press officer within the committee. Please contact Michelle Booth, Board Lead for Pub and Comms for further information – michellebooth1@hotmail.com
- **Service Quality Committee:** The committee has had an unprecedented response to their request for volunteers to join the committee, and would like to thank the members who expressed an interest: we will be in touch with everyone who contacted us with details of what happens next. In the meantime we

continue to work on our documentation.

Job Adverts:

- **Specsavers:** We are looking for experienced Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists who feel ready to take on the responsibility of running their own store as a Hearcare Joint Venture Partner.
- **Medical Specialist Group:** Senior Audiologist (Career level 6/7), Guernsey, Channel Islands, Full time post (36 hours per week), Fixed term contract up to 2 years. An opportunity has arisen to live and work in the beautiful Channel Island of Guernsey. This is a lone practitioner position supported by an Audiology Assistant

These are now on the website with the usual careers page link

www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment

To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org

Upcoming Courses:

- **The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network (CRN):** Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Specialty would like to invite any Ear, Nose and Throat, Hearing and Balance professionals who are involved (or who would like to become involved) in research to a talk by Professor Jane Blazeby on applying for HTA funding and developing studies. It will take place on the 7th July 2015, 18.00 – 19.00, in Liverpool (the evening before the British Academic Conference in Otolaryngology). Please contact sofia.qadir@nih.ac.uk to confirm attendance or if you have any questions. http://www.baaudiology.org/files/7414/3409/4506/evidENT_7th_July_2015-Jane_Blazeby_talk.pdf
- **BAA North East Regional Meeting – Balance Study Day – 17th July 2015:** Please click on link for further details including agenda - www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-north-east-regional-group-meeting
- **CPD Short Course:** Introduction to Ear Care and Micro-Suctioning 11th-12th Sept 2015 To place a booking, please follow the link: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/courses/shortcourses/coursepages/gjr-earcare>

For details of other Audiology events taking place, visit www.baaudiology.org/events

Surveys:

- **Survey on attitudes towards Continuing Professional Development – chance to win £100:** In advance of this year's BAA annual conference, hearing implant manufacturer MED-EL are looking to canvass audiologists' attitudes towards continued professional development learning. They have designed a short five-minute survey, with a chance to win £100, to gauge the best way of providing educational learning content for professionals such as yourselves. They would be most grateful if you could spare some time to give your opinions by clicking the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PL7MKX9>

Social Media Summary:

- **Facebook**

Donna Corrigan-Sense – A really insightful blog about how hearing aids and technology can make all the difference to those with dual sensory impairment – well worth a read. Mollywatt.com

Gareth Smith – Baby born with no ears gets sunglasses wish. <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-33020182>

- **Twitter**

Check out the impressive line-up of speakers to attend #BAACConf here: <http://t.co/7R3Zy4kYac>

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