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Welcome to the latest 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 27th April, 2017.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **News from the BAA Board.** The Board of the British Academy of Audiology would like to inform you that Matt Murray has resigned from his position as treasurer and secretary to BAA. Matt said, 'In light of the changing requirements going forward for the role of treasurer I have decided to step down from this position. I have fully enjoyed my time on the board of BAA and will continue to play an active part as a member. Please see BAA President Michelle Booth's latest bog here for further comment: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WO9N6dIrLIU>

- **Free membership of BAA for students.** Following feedback from our membership as well as education centres we are pleased to announce that as of the 1st April 2017 the British Academy of Audiology student membership will become free of charge. It will become an online membership where students will have access to online content as well as the normal support and benefits of being a member of the British Academy of Audiology but they will not receive any of the documents posted to other membership categories.

In addition to this free student membership newly qualified members will also be able to take advantage of half price membership for their first year post qualification if they upgrade their membership before the end of the calendar year following the end of their course.

The British Academy of Audiology board feel this will help to promote student uptake in membership as well as provide much needed support to new professionals during those first twelve months post qualification when support is most needed.

If you have any questions or would like to take up this offer then please visit the website <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=825> or contact admin@baaudiology.org.

- **Apprenticeship framework in England – News from BAA Board Directors for Education, Accreditation and Registration.** An update at the following link concerning the Apprenticeship framework in England. <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/baa-update-apprenticeship-framework/>
- **WORKING WELL WITH TRUSTS AND COMMISSIONERS: Using the evidence.** Over the last couple of years, there has been much work from a range of stakeholders on developing the supporting evidence for a commissioning challenge. In this week's blog, we take a brief look at some of the current resources. Read it here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=810#.WPCSSdIrLIU>
- **BAA South East Regional Meeting.** Attention all in the South East and to anyone else interested in extending their knowledge on Auditory Processing Disorder. Anna Hollingdale, your SE Rep, invites you to join her on Wednesday 17th May in the Lecture Theatre, Crawley

Hospital. As with the help of some expert speakers, she looks more closely at the story of APD. More details and full agenda here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-south-east-regional-meeting/?eID=881>

Other News:

- **Opportunity to apply to be a Trustee of the Science Council.** Details on the BAA website of an exciting opportunity to join the Board of the Science Council. <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/news/news-home/opportunity-apply-be-trustee-science-council/>
- **BAA Members: Gain CPD points with the Interacoustics Academy.** The Interacoustics Academy is the branch of Interacoustics which is solely dedicated to providing training and access to materials related to audiological and vestibular technologies and their applications. Visit the BAA website to explore the resources available at this link: <http://www.baaudiology.org/cpd/links/#.WO808tLrLIU>
- **Important Changes to the Improving Quality in Physiological Services programme governance.** The governance of the Improving Quality in Physiological Services (IQIPS) programme has changed. From 1 April 2017, the Royal College of Physicians will no longer be involved in the scheme, which will be managed by UKAS. UKAS will contact existing registered services shortly to ensure that they continue to receive support through the early stages of implementing the IQIPS standard and applying for accreditation. All other requirements will remain the same. For further information please email askiqips@rcplondon.ac.uk
- **Will you 'Put the Kettle On' to support people with tinnitus?** The BTA have also announced that June 2017 will be Tea for Tinnitus Month. Fund raising packs and more details available here: <http://www.teafortinnitus.co.uk/>
- **REMINDER OF FREE LECTURE OPPORTUNITY**
The Royal Society have organised a prize lecture to be given by Professor Jonathan Ashmore FMedSci FRS on Monday 15 May 2017 at the Royal Society, London. The talk is a public lecture which is free to attend and no registration is required (on a first come, first served basis). It starts at 6:30pm. Professor Ashmore will be giving a talk entitled, Now you hear it, now you don't: the neuroscience of deafness, where he will explore how the cochlea work, how are the cells maintained and, importantly, what do we still need to know to preserve them for a lifetime?
More information about the event can be found at this link: <https://royalsociety.org/science-events-and-lectures/2017/05/croonian-lecture/>

Job Adverts:

- **Our Lady's Children's Hospital**
Job Title - Audiologist Senior (Paediatric)
This appointment is a Full Time, Permanent Contract

Purpose of the Role

To provide a quality audiological service, with clinical responsibility for performing and interpreting, a comprehensive range of audiological diagnostic and rehabilitative procedures with a high degree of autonomy for complex and non-complex paediatric patients.

The Senior Audiologist, as part of an integrated team, undertakes complex scientific and clinical roles; analyses, interprets and compares investigative and clinical options and makes clinical judgments, involving facts or situations which impact on patients.

Provide clinical support in the day-to-day running of the service.

For further information on the job description and person specification please email aoife.whelan@olchc.ie (01) 4282889.

Applications can be sent by email to aoife.whelan@olchc.ie
Closing date for applications **30th April 2017**

- **The University of Manchester**

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer in Audiology/Hearing Sciences
Employment Type: Permanent
Faculty / Organisational Unit: Biology, Medicine & Health
School/Directorate: School of Health Sciences
Division: Human Communication, Development & Hearing
Hours Per week: Full time
Salary: Grade 6/7 £34,596 - £48,327, Grade 8 £49,772 - £59,400 per annum according to relevant experience
Location: Oxford Road, Manchester
Job Reference: BM&H-09904

The Division seeks to appoint a full-time Lecturer or Senior Lecturer in Audiology/Hearing Sciences or cognate discipline, which might also interest those working within psychology, communication sciences, imaging sciences or deaf education
The post is full-time but applications from those interested in a part-time post or secondment may be considered.

We particularly welcome applications from women for this post. Appointment will always be made on merit. For further information, please visit:

<https://www.bmh.manchester.ac.uk/about/equality>

To apply for this role please visit

<https://www.jobs.manchester.ac.uk/displayjob.aspx?jobid=13239>

Closing date: 05 May 2017.

Interviews expected to be held towards the end of May.

This vacancy will close for applications at midnight on the closing date.

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

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **British Society of Audiology Annual Conference 2017**

29th and 30th June 2017
Majestic Hotel, Harrogate

Join us in Harrogate in June for BSA Annual Conference 2017. The BSA Annual Conference continues to be the leading UK scientific forum to bring together clinicians and researchers who have an interest in hearing, tinnitus and balance.

This event promises to offer delegates the latest in audiology research, education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions.

Abstract submission deadline date for posters: **Friday 21st April**

For more information and to register visit: <https://fitwise.eventsair.com/bsa2017/homepage>

- **University of Southampton**

Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) - Where are we now?

Date: Tuesday 27th June 2017

Time: 9.15am – 4.15 pm

Fee: £75 (includes light lunch and refreshments)

Venue: Auditory Implant Service, University of Southampton, Highfield, SO17 1BJ

CPD points awaiting confirmation

This training day is aimed at Speech & Language Therapists, Audiologists, Teachers of the Deaf and other professionals with an interest in APD.

What is an Auditory Processing Disorder (APD)?

Exploring an Interdisciplinary Approach to Assessment, Audiological Management and Rehabilitation

This training day will provide an introduction to APD in children and adults and an indication of clinical best practice based on current evidence from around the world. The training will provide theoretical background and clinical information, as well as some practical opportunities for both audiologists and rehabilitation professionals.

For audiologists – an opportunity to look at APD specific test materials and how they are administered, as well as the use of Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)

For Teachers, Speech Therapists and other rehabilitation based professionals – an opportunity to look at everyday home, work and classroom management strategies alongside assistive Listening Devices (ALDs)

Booking Information

To book a place on this course please go to the training section of our website <http://ais.southampton.ac.uk/> or contact Coral Abraham on AIS.Training@soton.ac.uk for further information.

- **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:**
 - VNG testing
 - DR referrals from Nurse Practitioners
 - The singing Audiologists!

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