

Welcome to this week's edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, 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

BAA News:

- **SQC Vacancies** - We are pleased to announce that there are three vacancies coming up in the Service Quality Committee in the autumn. The Service Quality Team would like to take applications now to fill these posts. Service Quality would be especially interested in an application from a Scottish member of BAA who specialises in complex adults and vestibular work. If you are interested in applying to be part of this well respected team or would like more information on the vacancies please contact the team by email at: sqc@baaudiology.org. Alternatively the SQC has more information on their work on the BAA website pages: <http://www.baaudiology.org/teams/service-quality/>
- **BAA Members Benefits** - Please visit the members section of the BAA website for information about the Malpractice Insurance deal that has been secured at a favourable rate for members and also the Bursary Scheme that BAA have in place to help members attend and present at events both nationally and internationally. <http://www.baaudiology.org/membersarea/#.V1nDq1eNTzI>

Other News:

- **RCCP - The latest RCCP Newsletter** can be found at: https://www.rccp.co.uk/documents/May_2016_RCCP_Newsletter_1.pdf
It has more information on the formation of a new registration body and information on renewal reminders for RCCP
- **Quality Improvement Champions Masterclasses** - The Chief Scientific Officer Sue Hill has funded bespoke training to develop the quality improvement skills of healthcare scientists that are members of the new national Quality Improvement Champions Network.

We would now like to offer this training to healthcare scientists nationally to grow our new network.

We are planning 2 Quality Improvement Champions Masterclasses (June and September) and we hope you find them extremely beneficial to you and your teams.

We are delighted to invite you all **to register for the first Quality Improvement Masterclass** that has been arranged for you on **Tuesday 28th June 2016 in London**, our training leads Fiona Thow and Lisa Smith are experts in Quality Improvement Methodologies so I'm sure we will have a fantastic experience with them.

REGISTER HERE: <https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/nhsengland/143/home>
Please contact kieran.smith1@nhs.net if you need any further information.

- **BATOD MESHguides** - MESHguides, are an on-line comprehensive resource, which are readily available 24/7 to staff in educational settings whenever and wherever they wish to access them. The

BATOD Foundation study days will introduce professionals to the concept of MESHGuides so that accessing them, particularly those related to the educational outcomes of deaf pupils, trialling some of the ideas they contain and then sharing the outcomes of their own classroom research-based experience on the MESHGuides, becomes commonplace.

Training courses are taking place and details are available here:

http://batodfoundation.org.uk/index.php?p=1_20_MESHGuide-Study-Day

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** – Conference Update – We want you to be part of conference by submitting an abstract as either a free paper or oral presentation. Abstracts can be submitted under a number of different topics including: implantable technologies, ageing and cognition, diagnostic and medical audiology, rehabilitation, paediatrics, tinnitus, vestibular science, education, supervision and preceptorship and innovation and service development. For full details and to submit, please visit www.baaudiology.org/conference before the **closing date on Monday 25th July**.

Events:

- **BSA Event - Joint Complex Adults and Complex Paediatric Learning Event with the BSA AGM - Monday 5th September 2016.** Hugh Aston Building, De Montfort University, Richmond Street, Leicester, LE2 7ED Paediatric Audiology Interest Group: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/paediatric-audiology-interest-group-not-just-little-ears/> Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/adult-rehabilitation-interest-group-complex-matters-going-beyond-routine/>. There will also be a poster competition with prizes awarded on the day for the best innovation and the idea most likely to change your clinical practice. For more information visit: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/adult-rehab-competition-team-going-win/> The **BSA Annual General Meeting** will also run that day and there will be more information on this to follow.
- **British Society of Audiology Balance Interest Group Conference - Friday 16 September 2016** Ear Institute, Gray's Inn Road, London For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/british-society-audiology-balance-interest-group-conference/>
- **22nd September BTA Conference 2016** - The British Tinnitus Association (BTA) is delighted to be holding its next Annual Conference on Thursday 22 September at the Manchester Conference Centre. With the Conference attracting almost 200 delegates in 2015, the BTA plans to build on previous successes and attract new attendees to this centrally based venue. The only Conference in the UK dedicated solely to tinnitus, the programme includes presentations by leading researchers and clinicians, covering new developments in research and best practice.

For full details visit: <http://www.tinnitus.org.uk/savethedate>
- The above event information together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit www.baaudiology.org/events

Job Adverts:

- **Interacoustics - Regional Sales Manager (Midlands/South West)** - Do you want to be part of something exciting and join a team that is making a difference and really going places? Then why not apply for this unique opportunity to join Interacoustics, the UK's fastest growing provider of audiology and balance equipment to the NHS?
The Position - As a Regional Sales Manager you will be responsible for generating sales leads and sales revenue in your area, predominantly from NHS Audiology and ENT departments, by influencing potential customers to purchase Interacoustics products. The territory will require daily travel throughout the E & W Midlands, the South West of England and South Wales. You must be able to demonstrate a genuine interest in a career in sales and a good understanding of the demands of a sales position. A comprehensive sales training programme will be provided, as well as full product

training on all aspects of Interacoustics equipment.

Responsibilities: Generate sales leads and sales revenue in your area. Plan and prioritise daily sales territory activities. Maintain and develop existing and new customers. Train and educate customers on the Interacoustics range of products. Manage post-sale installation process, including pre-installation meetings, technical and product training and follow up support. Monitor and report on market and competitor activities. Attend and present at external customer meetings, exhibitions and industry seminars.

Candidate Requirements: Qualified Audiologist. At least 2 years' clinical experience in an NHS audiology department. Keen to learn new aspects of audiology. Excellent interpersonal skills – written and spoken. Self-motivated and able to work on own initiative. Full UK driving licence and flexibility to travel daily throughout the territory and occasionally UK-wide with overnight stays. Remuneration Year 1 On Target Earnings £40,000 (basic salary + commission). Company car – fully expensed for private use. Company pension scheme.

Please apply in writing by sending your CV, indicating current salary level, to Ben Colman, Sales Director - Interacoustics UK. Email: beco@interacoustics.com / 07717 130396.

Closing date for applications 30 July 2016.

- **Aston University - Audiology Support Officer** Salary: £27,328 - £29,847 p.a. Grade: Grade 7. Hours: Full-time. Reference: R160216. 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 post is intended to provide practical and administrative support for students undertaking a range of practice components as part of an academic programme or professional development. In this key role, you will support practice-based learning for a range of students and professionals and will be involved in the development of dispensing clinics.
You 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. Experience of providing clinical supervision and/or assessment to audiology students is desirable and experience of teaching on undergraduate or postgraduate programmes would be advantageous. Please visit our website: <https://jobs.aston.ac.uk/> for further information and to apply online. If you do not have access to the internet, please telephone 0121 204 4500 and leave your name and address quoting reference number: R160216. **Closing date: Friday 15 July 2016. Interview date: Thursday 28 July 2016.** Aston University is committed to disability equality and is a Positive about Disabled People Symbol User.
- **UCL Ear Institute - Senior Teaching fellow Audiology** - in UCL Ear Institute. UCL Grade 8. Salary (inclusive of London allowance): £41,844 -£49,362 Per Annum pro rata Part Time: 21.9 hours per week. The UCL Ear Institute (EI) is a multi-disciplinary facility dedicated to researching hearing and the causes of deafness and along with its partners is a major national and international centre for specialist training and research. The Senior Teaching Fellow will therefore ensure quality and consistency of curriculum development and delivery in clinical theory and practical training for undergraduate and post-graduate Audiology programmes.
The post holder will be module co-ordinator, lead clinical tutor and lecturer for the modules in Paediatric Audiology across all programmes including assessments and examinations. They will also provide tutorial and pastoral support for students as well as supervise and support students in completion of dissertations as appropriate. Professional responsibilities will include undertaking teaching and clinical training as required with responsibility for co-ordinating specific modules of the curriculum.
Key Requirements - We are seeking a Senior Teaching Fellow with a recognised postgraduate qualification in Audiology or related discipline, possessing excellent oral and communication skills coupled with excellent time management and organisational skills. The post holder will have a thorough understanding of the roles of hearing professionals within the UK healthcare system and have evidence of maintaining own CPD which demonstrates advanced and specialised theoretical knowledge in paediatric hearing assessment and rehabilitation. They will also have an understanding of Quality Assurance and course design within an HEI setting and be able to relate well to students; giving support and advice. Extensive clinical experience is also essential as well as being a clinical lead.
Further Details - To view a job description and person specification and apply for the vacancy please visit the UCL recruitment website: <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/hr/jobs/>
If you have any queries regarding the vacancy or the application process please contact Dr Priya Singh, Priya.singh@ucl.ac.uk

- **Train as a Hearing Aid Audiologist with Amplifon** - Are you looking for a change in career? Are you keen to learn new skills or gain a new qualification?

Overview - Amplifon are offering training opportunities for individuals to complete a Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology, taking careers to a new level and supporting our mission to help people to hear better. Shaped by the industry, the education sector and the Health and Care Professions Council, the Foundation Degree in Hearing Aid Audiology qualification is equivalent to the first 2 years of a BSc. Delivered in partnership with De Montfort University in Leicester, our trainees undertake an exciting programme of study lasting approximately fourteen months. Trainees are immersed in a wide variety of learning activities, including online study, residential block weeks on campus in Leicester and classroom based, practical workshops and commercial training at our Support Offices in Manchester. Practical skills are developed and further assessed in supervised work-based training placements.

The Role - The role of the Trainee Hearing Aid Audiologist is varied and fulfilling. You will offer a positive and life changing experience, enriching the quality of lives and providing ongoing hearing rehabilitation and support to our customers. Daily tasks might include assessment of lifestyle and social needs, taking relevant medical case histories, examining the outer ear, assessing hearing ability using a range of techniques, offering advice, making a referral for a medical opinion, prescription and fitting of suitable hearing technology and creating individually tailored management plans.

About Amplifon - With over 65 years' experience and more than 6,900 specialist centres in 22 countries, we're the world's leading dedicated hearing specialist. Our UK network comprises 138 branches and numerous hearing care centres nationwide. We pride ourselves on taking the time to fully understand the needs of every individual and tailoring our services to those needs. From our comprehensive hearing assessment protocol and prescription of appropriate hearing solutions, to our programme of lifetime aftercare, we are committed to helping our customers hear better. To deliver this personalised hearing care we ensure that all of our employees are committed to giving people fantastic service, providing the right level of clinical care and have a passion for enriching people's lives. Click [here](#) to view our website to find out more about this exciting opportunity!

Please note that the closing date for this advert is 20th June.

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

Social Media Updates:

- **Facebook** - The BAA Facebook Page now has regular reminders and updates about conference in Glasgow 10th and 11th November.

Did you know that as courses are given BAA CPD Points they are added as events on the Facebook Group – you can join the event to say you are going and ask other delegates questions or even post reviews after the event.

- **On Twitter this week.** - [@HalDgroup](#) is a UK Special Interest Group for professionals working with hearing loss in adults with learning disabilities.

[#heal2016](#) will show you tweets from the recent conference in Lake Como hearing across the lifespan.

[@HearingDementia](#) is a new account set up by Dr Sarah Brent to share updates and information on hearing loss and dementia.

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