

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

President's Update:

- Members of the BAA Board are currently working with NHS England and the Alliance to pull together the Commissioning Framework. As ever, deadlines are tight and submission date is **3rd March**. Read more about what this has involved at <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/nhs-england-commissioning-framework/>

General News:

- Publicity and Communications team.**
 The BAA publicity and communications team are looking for new members. Volunteer members run all of our BAA teams and the teams are always looking for people with time to commit to promote our profession.
 Being a volunteer for BAA does require a time commitment and a willingness to try and respond in a timely manner to get projects to completion.
 Publicity and Communications are responsible for this newsletter, the BAA Magazine, the website content, and the Facebook and Twitter communications BAA sends out as well as our contact with the press and all the documents BAA produce.
 This year, Publicity and Communications would also like to run a public engagement event before conference to tell the public in Glasgow about our work, this really needs more members of the team. Adding membership of a Professional Body team to your C.V. can show additional skills to a potential employer.
 If you think you might be able to help BAA communicate better, particularly with the wider public, I would love to hear from you.
 You can contact me directly at sue.falkingham@btinternet.com
- Applications for the BSA Applied Research Grants 2016 are now being taken – Deadline 11th March**
 In honour of Professor Stuart Gatehouse, the BSA has available an annual fund for small research projects involving BSA members. This year, there are two opportunities to apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects to be completed within two years.
For more information and to obtain an application form, please visit www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-applied-research-grant/
- World Hearing Day is on 3rd March 2016** and details of how to get involved, ideas of events you could host and how to report on them are now available on the BAA
 Website: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/who-international-ear-care-day-make-listening-safe/?eID=503#.Vsbp2cfSHw8>
- Healthcare Science week 11th – 20th March 2016**
 If you're planning an event for Healthcare Science Week already, please drop adele.bunch@nhsemployers.org a line and let us know your plans.
 Register any existing events at <https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/register-an-event/>
 If you want to explore a specific activity aimed at 'Open House' and want to discuss ideas or understand the approach of other centres drop Alexandra.milsom@nhs.net an email.
 Tweet about it using #hcsweek and check out the fantastic Healthcare Science Week Guide for 2016 with loads of excellent resources on the NEW Health Careers website:
<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/about/news/healthcare-science-week-guide-2016>
- New NHSP Commissioning guidance requires IQIPS Accreditation**
 The latest NHSP commissioning specification has just been published for 2016-17. A key statement in the document is commissioners should ensure that audiology services participate in, and maintain, accreditation to defined quality standards operating under the umbrella of the United Kingdom Accreditation Schemes (UKAS) / Improving Quality in Physiological Services (IQIPS). The link to the document can be found at: www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/new-nhsp-commissioning-guidance-requires-iqips-accreditation/

BAA Meetings:

- BAA Meetings – all meetings can be found on the events pages of the BAA website:**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events>
[South West Regional Study Day](#), 9th March 2016
[North East Regional Study Day](#), 11th March 2016
[BAA England Heads of Service Day](#), 16th March 2016
[North West Regional Study Day](#), 23rd March 2016
[BAA Student Conference](#), 8th April 2016
[Yorkshire Regional Study Day](#), 20th April 2016

General Events:

- Paediatric Audiology Masterclass: 28th to 30th April 2016**
Speakers: Dr Josephine Marriage (UK), Dr Susan Scollie (Canada), Dr Harvey Dillon (Australia), Gwen Carr, and others
 The biggest course in paediatric audiology is here. With some of the greatest national and international experts in the profession participating the course, it is likely to be very high in demand. Experience a whole day of learning with one of the best paediatric audiology expert in the world, Dr Susan Scollie, including a comprehensive practical workshop on verification of hearing aids for paediatric population. Due to number of requests to extend early bird registration (due to Christmas Holidays shortly after the first advert), **early bird registration is extended to 24.03.2016**.
 A generous sponsorship from Otometrics UK has allowed us to pass some benefit to the delegates, so we are offering three discounted student places and two discounted general places on first come first serve basis. For more information, please contact Dr Jay Jindal at jay@audiologyplanet.com or phone **0330 2233 453**. Further information at <http://www.audiologyplanet.com/training-and-education/>
- BSHAA are running Professional Development Days on 4th March in Manchester and repeating the agenda on 5th March at Stansted Airport.** More details can be found here:
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/bshaa-development-days/?eID=561#.VsVVAfSHw8>
- British Tinnitus Association are pleased to announce the next Assessment & Management of paediatric tinnitus course on 17th-18th June 2016 in Sheffield**, full details here:
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/assessment-management-paediatric-tinnitus-course/?eID=563#.Vsbjh8fSHw8>
- British Society of Audiology Annual Conference 2016, 25 – 27 April 2016, Ricoh Arena, Coventry**
 Transforming Knowledge to Sound Practice at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry. The BSA Annual Conference continues to be one of the leading UK scientific forums to bring together clinicians and researchers who have an interest in hearing, tinnitus and balance. See more at:
<http://www.thebsa.org.uk/4143-2>

Social Media News

- Facebook group posts have included images of hearing aids through the years and hearing aids that have been microwaved – even if it has got a little wet the microwave is never the solution.**
 Take a look at the group for a discussion on self programming of hearing aids and a few photos of Tinnitus Awareness activities.
- An article originally published by the Guardian Newspaper under the headline, Access to hearing aids could help fight dementia, says doctor.**
 It describes how Physician Frank Lin says treating hearing loss could help fight cognitive decline as he estimates 36% of dementia risk linked to hearing impairment. The article has been widely shared on social media. http://www.theguardian.com/society/2016/feb/14/hearing-loss-cognitive-decline-dementia-research?CMP=fb_qu

- On twitter, searching #TAW2016 will give you information from the recent Tinnitus Awareness Week including twitter chats organised by BTA about research and latest developments in tinnitus.
- Rayovac Audiologist of the Year has opened for nominations and details can be found at <https://t.co/Enjy1V0ckN>

Job Adverts:

- **Audiology Support Officer**
Life & Health Sciences
£25,023 to £29,847 per annum
Grade 07
Full-time
Reference: R160035
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. 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 <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 reference number R160035.
Closing date: Friday 18 March 2016.
Interview Date: To be confirmed
- **Regional Sales Manager (North England)**
Interacoustics
Interacoustics is seeking a qualified audiologist interested in using their clinical knowledge to promote and sell Interacoustics equipment into primarily NHS audiology and vestibular customers.
Your main role will be by identifying and following up sales opportunities and influencing potential customers in favour of Interacoustics products. This is a field-based role working from home and requiring daily travel throughout the North of England and occasionally into Scotland, including some overnight stays.
Applicants will need to demonstrate an 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.
To be successful you will need to be a qualified audiologist who has effective communication skills and is self-motivated to work on their own initiative as well as in a team environment. You must possess a full UK driving licence and be comfortable with travelling daily throughout your territory and occasionally UK-wide.
In return we'll offer you an attractive benefits package, including company pension scheme, fully expensed company car and a basic salary commensurate with your experience, with On Target Earnings of £40,000 in your first year.
If you are interested in joining the UK's fastest growing full-service provider of audiology and balance equipment to the NHS, please send your CV together with details of your current salary to Ben Colman, Sales Director - Interacoustics UK. Email: beco@interacoustics.com / 07717 130396.
We are looking to interview and appoint to this position before the end of March 2016.
- **NHS GRAMPIAN**
Audiology Department,
Woolmanhill Hospital / Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital
Senior Audiologist
Band 6 £26,302 - £35,225 per annum
Full-time 37.5 hours per week
An exciting opportunity has arisen for a well motivated audiologist to work providing audiology services within the Grampian region. The postholder will be based in Aberdeen but may have to participate in peripheral clinics throughout Grampian.
The successful applicants will be expected to deliver effective care and would also have scope to develop skills and services, in areas that are of particular interest to them. The department also has various teaching commitments including regularly having Audiology Students on placements. Work is currently progressing to re-locate the department to a modern Audiology facility within Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen.
The department would consider applications from newly qualified Audiology students with comprehensive training to develop experience in particular specialist Audiology areas being provided.
For any queries regarding the job, please contact Gordon McHardy, Head of Audiology Services on 01224 555479 or for an informal chat contact Hannah Greenwood, Audiologist on 01224 555588 . E-Mail gordonmchardy@nhs.net or hannah.greenwood2@nhs.net.
To apply please visit www.nhsgrampian.org/jobs and search for Ref No PR13253. **Closing date 4 March 2016.**
- **Action for Deafness is now recruiting audiologists.**
This is a wonderful opportunity to work for a highly regarded provider of NHS Adult Hearing services. Based in West Sussex., Action for Deafness (AFD) is a not-for-profit organisation operates from 8 bases around the County with a 9th base due to open soon. AFD was the first provider to achieve UKAS accreditation for adult hearing services against the IQIPS standards and maintains exceptionally high standards of patient care. Patients benefit from excellent hearing aid provision and aftercare. In addition, we offer communication tactics training, lip reading and introduction to sign classes, a tinnitus support group and other opportunities for interaction and support.
You would ideally have experience on AuditBase and in the use of the Auricle for assessments, fittings, REM fitting verification etc. Knowledge of some of the following manufacturers would be required: Oticon, Phonak, Siemens.
Attractive package for successful candidates.
If you enjoy being able to provide high quality and ethical patient care in audiology and would like to join our expanding team, contact us for an application form and further details.
Sandy@actionfordeafness.org.uk
- **University of Birmingham**
School of Cancer Sciences
Project Manager – HearWell Programme
Salary: Starting salary is normally in the range £28,982 to £37,768. With potential progression once in post to £40,082 a year
Duration of Post: 24 Months
Closing date: 16 March 2016
Reference: 54718
This Project Manager post is to join Professor Hisham Mehanna's research team at the Institute of Head and Neck Studies and Education (InHANSE), to be part of InHANSE-Hear.
The hearWELL programme, commissioned by the MOD Medical Directorate, aims to improve the detection, prevention and treatment of hearing loss in military personnel. The programme is led and co-ordinated by the Institute of Head and Neck Studies and Education's (InHANSE) Defence Centre for Hearing Research (InHANSE-HearR). This is a joint collaboration between the MOD Medical Directorate, University of Birmingham and University Hospitals Birmingham FT, with the core mission of providing an unrivalled environment to research hearing loss, tinnitus and other head and neck illnesses in both military and civilian settings.
The post holder will undertake management of delivery of specific projects within the hearWELL programme, in collaboration with key partners. The post holder will also co-ordinate and provide management support to the Institute of Head and Neck Studies and Education's (InHANSE) Defence Centre for Hearing Research (InHANSE-HearR). This will involve close co-ordination with key stakeholders, military, clinical and academic staff. They will support the achievement of the objectives of the InHANSE-HearR and ensure that required reporting processes are adhered to. The post holder will also work in collaboration with InHANSE Director, research theme leads and investigators to facilitate development and submission of high quality research protocols.
The post is funded for 24 months in the first instance with a possibility of further extension.
Applicants should have a higher degree or PhD in audiological or related sciences with experience in undertaking research as a translational researcher with the ability to apply and develop successful models techniques and methods.
Informal inquires and further details can be obtained from Nicola Graham (Tel: 0121 414 2620, email: n.graham@bham.ac.uk)
Web site: www.inhanse.org
To apply [click here](#).
To download the details and submit an electronic application online visit: www.hr.bham.ac.uk/jobs alternatively information can be obtained from 0121 415 9000.

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