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Welcome to this edition of BAA Horizon. This week's edition gives you news, opportunities, surveys, board updates and upcoming courses and events, all with useful links to the BAA website.

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

News:

- **Heads of Service Meeting in Northern Ireland** - The British Academy of Audiology Northern Ireland Heads of Service Day 2015 is being held on Monday 21 September 2015 at the Maldron Hotel, Belfast International Airport. This FREE study day is aimed at BAA members and non-members who are Heads of Service and senior staff within Audiology. Each Northern Ireland Trust has been allocated 3 spaces which are at the discretion of the Head of Service.

To view the full programme and to register please visit: <https://www.eventsforce.net/baahosni>

- **Student Quiz for September** - The next student quiz is available on the website and the winner will receive a £30 iTunes Voucher – don't forget to enter here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=153#.VeldjWCWsyE>

Other News:

- **James Lind Alliance Priority Setting for Mild and moderate hearing loss** - The final workshop for the James Lind Alliance Priority setting for research into mild and moderate hearing loss in adults took place on 3rd September 2015. The top 10 priorities were decided from a long list of 85 submitted questions and 30 shortlisted questions.

On the BAA website you can find a list of the top 10 priorities and details of what will happen next. <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/james-lind-alliance-priority-setting-mild-moderate-hearing-loss-research/>

- **News from British Society of Audiology** - As BAA members know Fitwise have been successfully managing our administration for a number of years now. This month Fitwise have also taken on the British Society of Audiology as a client. After consultations with BAA Board. Fitwise will manage the two organisations entirely separately but it is important for BAA Members to be aware of this development.
- **Lip Reading Awareness Week is from the 14th-19th Sept this year** - Action on Hearing Loss and the Association of Lip Reading Teachers (ATLA) have been campaigning to raise awareness of lip reading classes. Details of posters you can display and information for audiologists is available on the BAA website. <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/access-lip-reading-classes/>
- **National Cochlear Implant Users Association's new publication** - The experiences of other users are invaluable in helping and inspiring prospective cochlear implant users to go forward and have one. The Association has now produced its third collection of user experiences, 'So what's it actually like

having a cochlear implant: the experiences of adults'. This time it is confined to adults. There are twelve experiences of users, young and not so young, and from all walks of life. They speak of their doubts and fears about having an implant, what finally made them decide to have an implant and how they now feel about their new hearing. Not one user regrets their decision to have a cochlear implant.

In addition to the experiences there is an informative introduction about cochlear implants and other useful appendices.

The publication is free but there will be a charge for postage and packing. Each UK Audiology Department will receive a copy shortly. For further information or copies please contact: secretary@nciua.org.uk; NCIUA, 11 Hamilton Close, Bicester, Oxfordshire OX26 2HX. Website: www.nciua.org.uk

- **IQIPS Assessors Needed** - As the IQIPS accreditation scheme continues to grow, we at UKAS are actively recruiting audiologists to be trained as assessors for the programme. Interested individuals should have more than 4 years senior audiology experience and possess a range of competencies within adult and paediatric audiology.

If you are interested in this position, please complete and submit an online UKAS assessor application by clicking the following link: <http://www.careers.ukas.com/home/independent-technical-assessing-for-ukas/how-to-apply-assessor/>

Surveys / Reminders:

- **National Adult Aural Rehabilitation Survey** - BAA have been working with the British Society of Audiology (BSA) and British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists (BSHAA) to develop a survey which will help to give an overview of what adult rehabilitation looks like in the UK today.

We would like to invite you to complete this online survey as we value your thoughts and opinions of an important part of the service UK Audiology offers:

<https://nottingham.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/national-adult-aural-rehabilitation-survey>

The survey will take about 15 minutes, and all responses will be anonymous. The deadline for submission is the end of September. The results will be published in the BAA magazine and website.

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** - This is your last chance to nominate someone for an award at this year's annual conference! The closing date for nominations is just two days away on Wednesday 9th September. For more information on how to nominate someone for an award visit the conference website: www.baaudiology.org/conference/awards. This year all award winners will be announced at the end of Day 1 before the Gala Dinner in the main auditorium.
- **BAA Trent Branch Conference – FINAL** places remaining at this year's Trent Branch Conference on **Thursday 15th October 2015** in Nottingham. If you plan on attending, please don't delay any longer as there are only a handful of places remaining. This **FREE** event is taking place at the **Nottingham Conference Centre** and is aimed at BAA members who are Heads of Service within their field working within England. Topics of the day will include: managing children with sound sensitivity, peer support for teenagers by developing support for those who may become non-wearers of their hearing aids, parents' view of having a deaf child and dealing with the diagnosis, paediatrics in the private sector, psychological support for deaf children and an update on cochlear implant candidature for children. To view the full programme and to book please visit <https://www.eventsforce.net/baabranches>

Job Adverts:

- **Nottingham University NHS Trust - Clinical Scientist (Audiology) - Clinical Scientist (Audiology) / Audiologist (Band 7)** – Job Ref: 164-7998 An exciting opportunity has arisen for a highly skilled Clinical Scientist or Advanced Audiologist to join the Nottingham Auditory Implant Programme (NAIP). The responsibilities of this advanced post will include assessment and post implant audiological management of the full range of paediatric and adult patients seeking cochlear implantation, including complex cases. NAIP is a friendly, multi-disciplinary team and we are seeking a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual, with excellent team working and communication skills. Applicants should be either a State Registered Clinical Scientist in Audiology, or an Audiologist with MSc or equivalent, and have or be working towards registration with the Registration Council for Clinical Physiologists. Experience in working with patients with severe and profound deafness would be an advantage, and significant experience in working with paediatric patients is essential. The post will be based at Ropewalk House, Nottingham, although there will be occasional requirement to undertake outreach clinics around the UK. For informal enquiries, please contact Susan Johnson, Audiology Lead, on 0115 948 5549, email: susan.johnson@nuh.nhs.uk or Tracey Twomey, Head of Service. Closing date: 13th September 2015. Please apply at our website, www.nuh.nhs.uk and click on "Current Vacancies" branches
- **Southampton University Auditory Implant Service - Senior Rehabilitationist (Teacher of the Deaf)** - A qualified teacher of the deaf, you will have substantial post qualification experience some of which will be working with cochlear implants. Your primary base will be the University of Southampton Auditory Implant Service (USAIS). It is strongly recommended that you visit our website to find out more about the work of USAIS <http://ais.southampton.ac.uk/> Informal enquiries are welcomed, contact Roberta Buhagiar, either by telephone on 023 8059 3522, or email ais@soton.ac.uk Application Procedure - You should submit your completed online application form at www.jobs.soton.ac.uk. The application deadline will be midnight on Friday 11th September 2015. If you need any assistance, please call Geraldine Lewis (Recruitment Team) on +44 (0) 23 8059 2507. Please quote reference 612115LH on all correspondence. For a full job description please click here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/#.VerjijJViko>

These are now on the website with the usual careers page link
<http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment>

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

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **Advanced Bionics - SoundSuccess™ By Advanced Bionics** – A FREE online rehabilitation resource for your patients SoundSuccess is a unique online program developed for people wearing hearing aids, considering a cochlear implant, or who recently received a cochlear implant. The resource has been designed to help improve your patients' confidence in using hearing technology, ease of understanding different speakers and ease of listening in noisy environments. SoundSuccess features a wide range of self-directed exercises for your patients to explore on their computer or tablet, anytime, anywhere. Follow the flyer link: http://www.baaudiology.org/files/5914/4145/4919/Advanced_Bionics_027-M393-02_UK_SoundSuccess_Web_Link_flyer_Ad.pdf

If you would like further information on this important resource or would like to find out how you and your patients can access SoundSuccess, email Advanced Bionics at spp.uk@AdvancedBionics.com
- **South Tees NHS Trust - Paediatric Assessment: A Refresher Course An Introduction / Update for Behavioural Testing in Paediatric Audiology** 3rd - 5th November, James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough. For a course flyer click: <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/...middlesbrough/#.VdZNK7JViko>
- **Supporting people who are deafblind - Learning and Interactions** - Supporting people who are deafblind – inspiring your practice 15 September 2015, Manchester Central
The final places for Interactions and Learning - a conference designed to inspire your practice, are available to secure through <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/learning-and-interactions-conference-registration-17845566570>
The event will feature talks from Dr. Jan Van Dijk, leading practitioner in the field of deafblindness,

Graham Firth, Director of the Intensive Interaction Institute, and Gail Deuce, specialist in CHARGE syndrome.

The above courses are linked to the events page of the BAA website www.baaudiology.org/events

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

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