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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 **9th November 2017**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** President Michelle Booth has been blogging on her recent activities representing the BAA. Please follow the link below to get the latest news and views from Michelle in her blog: www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WZaN5PiGpcs
- **Bournemouth hearing awareness event** - Once again members of the BAA Conference Committee will be holding a Hearing Awareness Event prior to conference. These events are designed to raise awareness of ear health, noise protection, access to NHS Hearing Services and Audiology as a profession. The space in the town centre is donated free by the local council and gives BAA a chance to use our presence in the city of Conference to promote ourselves. This year we will also be testing the level of personal stereos using a sound level metre and a coupling system, to promote the don't turn it off turn it down message. The event is on **Tuesday 14th November from 10am -2.30 pm** in The Triangle area of the town Centre.
- **BAA Annual Report** - This will be presented at the AGM and is now available to read on the Board pages of the BAA website: <http://www.baaudiology.org/membersarea/board-documents/#.WfCVwrrTWf0>

Other News:

- **Deaf Volunteering Overseas**
 - VoluntEars arranges overseas volunteering trips for D/deaf, hearing and hard-of-hearing people of all ages. Join by yourself or with friends.
 - VoluntEars are a small, specialised organisation working with the global Deaf community. Their trips always have the support of an experienced BSL Communicator and Trip Leader from our UK office.
 - Volunteers gain self-confidence, new friends, a deeper understanding of Deaf communities in other countries, broader horizons and travel experience.
 - Destinations include Ghana, Nepal and Sri Lanka.**For more information visit:** <https://www.voluntears.info/>

- **Counselling Research Participants Needed**

Do you have any experience of working with Deaf clients?
Are you a hearing, non-native BSL-using therapist?

A PsychD research student and trainee counselling psychologist from University of Roehampton is looking for 6-8 therapists to participate in a qualitative research study.

The aim of this research is to investigate hearing, non-native BSL-using therapists' subjective experiences of working with Deaf clients.

Therapists must have:

- Recognised counselling/psychotherapy qualification at diploma level or above and be BACP/BPC/BPS/UKCP qualified therapists/counsellors/counselling or clinical psychologists, with at least two years' post-qualification experience
- English as the first or preferred language
- At least level 3 certificate in BSL
- Experience of working with both Deaf and hearing clients
- Worked with Deaf clients within the last five years

All participants would be required to participate in one audio-recorded, semi-structured interview that will last approximately 1 hour and 20 minutes. This will be arranged at a time and place of your convenience. If you prefer, the interview can take place via Skype.

It is very much hoped that taking part in this research would be an enriching experience in terms of providing an opportunity to reflect on, and discuss, your therapeutic work as well as making a valuable contribution to knowledge in the field of counselling psychology.

If you are interested in participating and think that you meet the criteria or if you have any questions, comments, or concerns about the research project, **please contact the researcher**, Dominique Fray-Aitken: **Email:** frayaitd@roehampton.ac.uk

- **Wise Fellowship** - Dr Michelle Foster a Clinical Scientist in Audiology is a recipient of a WISE Fellowship this year. Michelle met with BAA President, Michelle Booth to discuss the way they might work together on leadership projects for BAA Members. You can read about WISE Fellowships here and follow their blogs: <http://www.nshcs.hee.nhs.uk/news/item/481-meet-the-cso-wise-fellows-for-2017-2018>
- **Curriculum Libraries Launched** - National School for Healthcare Science Education has launched new curriculum libraries for **STP and HSST programmes which are available here:** <http://www.nshcs.hee.nhs.uk/news/item/484-new-curriculum-library-launched-for-stp-hsst-programmes>
- **Fab Change Week** - The Office of the CSO is supporting Fab Change Week, <https://fabnhsstuff.net/fabchangeweek/> which is being **held from 13-17 November 2017**. Fab Change Week is a way that all staff, irrelevant of position can be empowered to make a pledge to improve services, to put it into action and then share their successes. During Fab Change Week, the Deputy Chief Scientific Officer Fiona Carragher will be hosting a **tweet chat between 1 – 2pm on 13 November** to share her pledge and the work being done. We would be delighted if you would join the conversation to showcase all the great work being done by healthcare scientists. This will be a chance to ask questions and share ideas about how we can promote [#HCSadding](#) value. We want to encourage as many healthcare scientists as possible to take part in this opportunity. Attached is an information pack needed in order to take part and I ask that you promote this across your networks and encourage participation.
- **The European Union Hearing Acousticians Conference** - EUHA Conference in Germany was held in October – you can **follow their tweets** using [#euha](#) on Twitter
- **UK and European Audiologist of the year** - A UK hearing care professional has been recognised for his outstanding work in the hearing industry, scooping a prestigious European award. **Robert Beiny**, an audiologist at the Hearing Healthcare Practice in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, claimed the coveted title of European Audiologist of the Year (AOTY) 2017, just weeks after being announced as the UK Audiologist of the Year, beating off stiff competition from seven countries across Europe.

Now in its 10th year, the Audiologist of the Year competition – which is run in partnership between Rayovac, a world leading hearing aid battery manufacturer and a division of Spectrum Brands Inc., Audio Infos, a leading international hearing publication for the audiology industry, the European Hearing Instrument Manufacturers Association (EHIMA) and the European Federation of Hard of Hearing People (EFHOH) - celebrates the exceptional work of hearing care professionals across Europe.

An independent judging panel of industry professionals worked throughout the summer to whittle down the anonymous entries and find a worthy winner from the hundreds of entries

from across the UK, Ireland, Austria, France, Germany, Spain and the Netherlands.

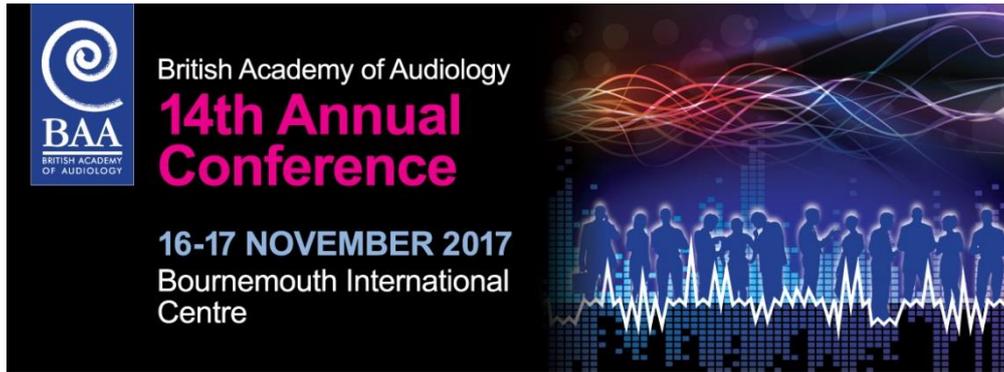
Each nominee is scored on the dedication, commitment, knowledge and levels of care demonstrated in their patient's entry. A winner is selected from each of the participating countries in September, with one of these going on to be crowned European champion.

Robert Beiny picked up his award during Rayovac's annual Evening of Excellence, held during the EUHA congress in Germany this October.

Job Adverts:

- **Cambridge Community Services - Audiologist**
Part time/job share/flexible working hours will be considered
For part time posts - salary will be pro-rata
Band: 6 Salary Range: £26,565 - £35,577 (+4% RRP payment)
Location: Based in Luton with clinical work carried out in various locations across Luton and Bedfordshire
Cambridgeshire Community Services have an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic Band 6 Audiologist to join a community-based team. We are looking for an ambitious individual with experience in paediatric audiology who wants to work as part of our small, dedicated and widely-skilled team.
For further information please contact: Ruth Hughes - Recruitment and Training Administrator. Futures House, Marsh Farm, Luton, LU3 3QB. Tel: 0333 405 0094 **Email:** ruth.hughes6@nhs.net
- **Looking for an exciting new role in your career? Inspired Selections the UK's No 1 optical recruitment agency** are moving into new pastures and looking at recruiting the best personnel for the all of the leading companies in the UK's expanding hearing market. Are you a UK based HCPC registered Hearing Aid Dispenser / Audiologist who is looking for a new opportunity within your career which may include the following:- Excellent basic salaries with the leading packages in the marketplace, Company car, pension, healthcare, childcare vouchers, a few of the benefits available within the current workplace, Flexibility on weekends, Excellent working conditions with modern well equipped practices, Working with small or large teams, Customer and clinically focused companies, Independent practices to some of the largest in the UK, Many more benefits flexible to the right candidate. Should you be looking for the next move in your career than have no hesitation to call the new name in Hearing Recruitment, Inspired Selections, on 0121 778 6999 or e-mail your CV to jobs@inspiredselections.co.uk or **look at the latest vacancies here** www.inspiredselections.co.uk for all of the hottest jobs across the UK.
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact** advertising@baaudiology.org
- **For more information** on the above job descriptions please visit www.baaudiology.org/careers

Upcoming Courses / Events:



- BAA Annual Conference 2017** – we have a packed programme available this year to include Dave Fabry who will present the Adrian Davis Lecture with a focus on the deregulation of hearing aid care in America and its implications for us here in the UK. We will also welcome Gwen Carr who will deliver this year's Bamford Lecture which will discuss engaging teenagers with telehealth. Friday's keynotes also include Elizabeth Convery from NAL in Sydney with the theme of modernising our services by discussing self-fitting hearing aids. To view the full programme and to register, visit: www.baaudiology.org/conference
- Healthy Ears Initiative:** refresher on bone conduction implants, candidacy criteria and CSOM Free training session suitable for audiology staff training meetings in hospitals that do not have a bone conduction implant programme
 Dates: ongoing, please email or call to book
 Includes: Refresher on what a bone conduction implant is and how it works, Demonstration of a Baha device, Candidacy and referral criteria, Spotlight on CSOM patients, Details of local Baha centre/s, Baha recipient speaking about their experience, Q&A.
 Trainers: Catherine George M.Sc. or Naomi Horner B.Sc.
Contact us for details and to book: cgeorge@cochlear.com 07510 095496
nhorner@cochlear.com 07393 235288
- 'Steering a True Course' : Leadership and Innovation in a Changing World**
Tue 30 January - Thu 1 February 2018
 Booking deadline: Tue 2 January 2018

NEW VENUE: High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire EN11 8SG
 Residential course: Accommodation is available at £75 per night en-suite, £55 per night non en-suite.

The course is now open for booking, and the course information is on 'Anne Davies Audiology Courses' website: www.audiology-courses.co.uk
- 'Hearing Aids: The Inside Track'**
 Tue 17 July - Thu 19 July 2018
 Booking deadline: Tue 19 June 2018

NEW VENUE: The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU
 Residential course: Accommodation is available at £70 per night (en-suite).

The course is open for booking, and the course information is on 'Anne Davies Audiology Courses' website: www.audiology-courses.co.uk
- For the above event information** together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit www.baaudiology.org/events

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