

Here is this week's edition of Horizon, the BAA Newsletter. This week we are excited to announce that the 12th Annual **BAA conference** in Harrogate has been officially launched, along with updates from the **NDCS** and **BAAP**.

Please also find in this week's update a link to documents available from **The Ear Foundation** in relation to cochlear and other Implantable devices. The link will take you to the Ear Foundation website where you will find a lot of useful information for Audiologists, which includes referral criteria.

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

News:

- **The 12th Annual BAA Conference has been officially launched.** This year's focus and theme is 'INNOVATE – INTEGRATE - INITIATE' which will provide inspiration for new and innovative ways of working that can be integrated and initiated on your return to your clinic on Monday morning. To book your place and find out more information visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/conference>
- **BAAP Draft Guidelines:** The BAAP has published draft guidelines on Aetiological investigations into SNHL in adults. The aim of these guidelines is to have an evidence based approach to the investigation of the cause of sensorineural hearing loss in adults. Comments to be received by 29th May visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/aetiological-investigations-sensorineural-hearing-loss-adults-final-draft/>
- **NDCS Report:** The NDCS has published a report on 'Experiences of young people with mild to moderate hearing loss: Views of parents and teachers'. The research suggests almost half of all children with a mild to moderate hearing loss who attend mainstream schools are falling behind their peers. This is due to factors such as poor acoustics, background noise, understanding speech at a distance and lack of staff awareness. To read the full article visit <http://www.ndcs.org.uk/document.rm?id=10331>
- **BBC News:** Locating objects using echoes 'needs two good ears' <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-32655035>
- **BBC News:** An estimated 84,000 deaf and hard of hearing people fear discrimination at work, according to new research <http://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-32609900>
- **Coalition for Global Hearing Health:** Submit an Abstract for the 6th Annual Conference of the Coalition for Global Hearing Health October 9-10, 2015 . More information about the Conference, as well as instructions for submitting abstracts, is available at the conference website: <http://cghh.usu.edu/index.cfm>
- **Ear Foundation:** Useful information from the Ear Foundation - <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/hearing-technologies/cochlear-implants>

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **The BAA Board** has approved the first bursary application and so let's see more being submitted. Information and the application forms are available on: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/baa-are-pleased-announce-bursary-scheme-members/>
- **President's Update:** It has been a very busy few weeks behind the scenes at BAA and we continue to go the extra mile for the benefit of members. It has been a time when the financial position at year end

is finalised and the annual review of the contract we have in place with Fitwise has been carried out. You will all be aware of the excellent developments that BAA have made to the website, magazine and the newsletter over the last few months, much of which has been facilitated by Fitwise working with the board in delivery of improvements. We have made decisions that will further enhance what BAA can deliver for members over the coming 12 months. Regional groups will be developing further, and dedicated CPD for the Newborn Hearing Screeners is also to continue to be delivered and enhanced.

The Hearing Alliance meeting took place on 7th May 2015. Since the action plan was published work has not stopped on looking at ways of continuing to work with DH and NHS England on delivering the key objectives. All sectors working within the field have a voice within the alliance which makes that voice more powerful.

- **Student committee:** With less than two months left until the British Academy of Audiology Fourth Annual Student Conference, if you are planning on attending, don't delay in booking your free place at this event! Register at: www.eventsforce.net/baastudentconf15
- **Service Quality Committee:** The Service Quality Committee is looking for some new members to join the committee. There are currently 2 vacancies for volunteers with an enthusiasm for maintaining and improving quality within clinical services. They are particularly interested in hearing from paediatric clinicians, but welcome enquiries from members working in any area. If interested, please contact the committee for further information via sgc@baaudiology.org
- **Education, Accreditation and Professional Development Committee:** have launched a guidance document on Registration Options in Audiology. View at: http://www.baaudiology.org/files/8314/3167/1560/Registration_guidance_2015.pdf

Job Adverts:

- **Oticon UK** has an opportunity for an experienced Audiologist to join the Hearing Aid Technical Support team. Based in Hamilton, Scotland. To view the full advert visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/>
- **Lecturer in Audiology**, University College Cork (UCC). Full time post. Closing date for application Thursday the 21st of May <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/>
- **Specsavers** are looking for experienced Hearing Aid Dispensers and Audiologists who feel ready to take on the responsibility of running their own store as a Hearcare Joint Venture Partner. For more information please visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment/>
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact** advertising@baaudiology.org

Social Media Summary:

- **Michelle Booth** 13/05/2015 Anyone attending BSHAA Congress on Friday/Saturday, please come and say hello at the BAA stand
- **Graham Sutton** 12/05/2015 Interesting. If users wait 5 minutes after pulling off the sticker, the battery will last 2-3 days longer: [@BSAudiology1](https://twitter.com/BSAudiology1) Student makes discovery when it comes to extending hearing aid battery life <http://buff.ly/1F7PDQa> #AudPeeps #Audiology
- **Michelle Booth** 11 May at 20:03 Keep an eye on the BAA Website tomorrow when the BAA Conference 2015 in Harrogate will be launched officially. Details of the venue, programme, abstract submission, awards and of course, the Gala dinner will be available to view. It is definitely an event not to be missed so visit www.baaudiology.org/conference for further details on how to book your place.