

Welcome to this weeks' edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, and information from across the field of audiology.

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News:

- **British Tinnitus Association** - Tinnitus Awareness Week 2016 is running from 8-14 February, and we would be delighted to get your support in raising awareness of tinnitus. The theme for the week is 'Prevention' and we are tying in to the BTA's new Plug'em campaign, which is raising awareness of the need to protect hearing. We would be delighted if you would be able to put up a display, and have information available for patients, and we will happily send you an information pack, please do just get in touch. You may be interested in getting involved in the 'Tea for Tinnitus' fundraising campaign too. If you would like to find out more, please contact Emily Broomhead via emily@tinnitus.org.uk. You can find out more about the Plug'em campaign at www.plugem.co.uk.
- **Ear Foundation – Bending the Spend Report** - "Bending the Spend: Expanding access to hearing technology to improve health, wellbeing and save public money" is a report released by the Ear Foundation which recommends moving resources from one area to another without major disruption so we can ensure improved services for those with hearing loss. The full report can be accessed on the Ear Foundation Website at: <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/news/articles/493>
- **Hearing Dogs For Deaf People** - A recent survey, conducted by national charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People, has revealed that 70% of deaf people with hearing dogs have been refused access to services. Audiology services can help promote Hearing Dogs by having good information links to the laws relating to access for Hearing Dogs. These can be found on the Hearing Dogs website at: <http://blog.hearingdogs.org.uk/access/>
- **Academy Of Healthcare Science Update On Equivalence** - The Academy for Healthcare Science is delighted to announce that it has received Professional Standards Authority for Health and Social Care (PSA) endorsement to extend its accredited register to include Higher Specialist Scientists (HSS). This decision means that Higher Specialist Scientist Training programme (HSST) graduates as well as those successfully completing the HSST equivalence programme can apply to join the Academy Accredited Register as Higher Specialist Scientists. The update can be viewed here: <http://us7.campaign-archive1.com/?u=80722e388fc69437ef4f4d1f5&id=a617f3cd22&e=03cd29f081>

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** – We are delighted to welcome some fantastic keynote speakers to this year's conference in Harrogate including **Dr Shelly Chadha**, a hearing healthcare officer from World Health Organisation (WHO). Dr Chadha will deliver the first keynote session on Thursday morning entitled '**Global innovations in the prevention and treatment of hearing loss – A WHO perspective**'. Throughout this session, Dr Chadha will talk about the WHO programme for prevention of deafness and hearing loss. We are also pleased to welcome **Professor Anne Schilder** from EvidENT (UK) who will be presenting '**Crossing Boundaries to Develop and Implement The Evidence for ENT, Hearing & Balance Care**' on Thursday morning. Professor Schilder will take you through the journey their team took to develop the agenda, which will be **launched on 3rd December 2015** and she will

encourage delegates to think about strategies to ensure successful delivery of the research agenda. To view the full programme please visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/conference/programme/#.VjOZe9LhCUk>

Job Adverts / Advisory Appointments:

- **NHS Borders (REF:PTB182) - Borders General Hospital, Senior Audiologist** - with decision making autonomy, and experience in providing an Audiological service to patients who have sensory impairments. It is essential that you possess BSc or equivalent in Audiology together with RCCP, HPC or equivalent registration. Informal enquiries should be directed to: Emma Ironside, Clinical Lead for Audiology, NHS Borders on 01896 826531. For an application pack please call 01896 827728 or email recruitment@borders.scot.nhs.uk quoting the job reference number. **Closing date** for completed application forms is **5pm on Sunday 15th November 2015**.
- **NHS Borders (REF:PTB180) - Borders General Hospital, Clinical Lead for Audiology** - This lead role provides effective clinical leadership, promotes best practice standards and achieves quality of service in partnership with the Service Manager. Essential attainment of BSc or equivalent in Audiology with or working towards Masters level qualifications or equivalent which are specific to Audiology. You must possess RCCP, HPC or equivalent registration. Informal enquiries should be directed to: Emma Ironside, Clinical Lead for Audiology, NHS Borders on 01896 826531. For an application pack please call 01896 827728 or email recruitment@borders.scot.nhs.uk quoting the job reference number. **Closing date** for completed application forms is **5pm on Sunday 15th November 2015**.
- **National Institute for Health Research, Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit - Research Assistant/Fellow/Associate Clinical Neuroscience (12 Month fixed term contract)** - The post holder will be part of a small supportive, multi-disciplinary team and will be involved in all aspects of research including development, design, implementation and dissemination of research findings. Candidates at Research Fellow level should have a PhD (or equivalent) in a relevant scientific discipline. Research Assistant level should have a BSc or equivalent in psychology, audiology or a related discipline and for Associate level be working towards a PhD. All candidates should have training and skills in research methods, in particular qualitative methods. Informal enquiries may be addressed to Dr Melanie Ferguson, Research Lead for Habilitation for Hearing Loss and Honorary Associate Professor, tel: +44 (0) 115 823 2600 or email: melanie.ferguson@nottingham.ac.uk. See link for further details: <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/Jobs/currentvacancies/ref/MED266415> **Closing Date: Wednesday 18 November 2015**.
- **GN ReSound - Area Manager/Audiologist, Victoria, Australia** - based in Melbourne providing clinical support and training to current ReSound customers. You will have experience in a clinical capacity in the hearing aid sector of the industry and be looking to expand your career beyond a clinical based role. Enjoy travel and meeting new people. To start your path towards a dynamic and exciting career, please send your letter of application along with your CV to: Allister Daly, MD - adaly@qntresound.com or alternatively contact Allister on +61 409 749 7
- **De Montfort University - Senior Lecturer in Audiology (REF: 9413)** - You will be engaged with teaching on a range of Audiology and Hearing Aid Audiology programmes. You should be qualified in a relevant audiology discipline at postgraduate level and be committed to the educational development of clinical science students and healthcare professionals. You should have experience in a specialist area of Audiology and would be expected to deliver teaching in this area, as well as contribute to teaching in the fundamentals of Audiology. You should also demonstrate experience of leadership and project development. To apply, please visit www.dmu.ac.uk/jobs. **Closing Date: 16 November 2015**. Interviews will be held W/C 30th November 2015.
- **Sonova - Education & Training Audiologist for Phonak Global Audiology Team** - Are you ready for a new challenge? We offer you an exciting job with room for entrepreneurial thinking, in an innovative work environment with an open corporate culture. Ms. Claudia Ferrario, Manager HR & Services, is looking forward to receiving your full application (motivation letter, CV, references) by Sonova's online recruiting platform. <http://www.sonova.com/en/job-search?lang=en> For this vacancy only direct applications will be considered. Sonova AG, Laubisrütistrasse 28, CH-8712 Stäfa. telephone +41 58 928 33 33

Full job descriptions are now on the website with the usual careers page link <http://www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment#.VjOaGNLhCUk>

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- **The Royal British Legion** - are seeking an audiologist for their advisory panel – this is not a paid position. The role is responsible for assessing anonymised funding requests to the Veterans Hearing Fund (VHF) and, wherever appropriate, approving interventions (e.g. hardware, peripherals, therapies) to meet wellbeing needs associated with loss or impairment of hearing. More details are available on the BAA website. **Closing date is 10th November 2015.**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/news/news-home/royal-british-legion-are-seeking-audiologist-their-advisory-panel/>
- **NICE Appointment of members to Diagnostic Services Guideline Committee** - NICE is seeking to appoint members to its Diagnostic Services Guideline Committee. The committee will work with the National Clinical Guideline Centre (NCGC) technical team (the Developer) to produce recommendations on the organisation and delivery of diagnostic services that are informed by the best-available research evidence.
<https://www.nice.org.uk/get-involved/join-a-committee/member-diagnostic-services-gc>
- **NHS Employers Website** - The dedicated Healthcare Science section of the NHS Employers website has many useful resources, events and learning opportunities. <http://www.nhsemployers.org/your-workforce/plan/healthcare-science-workforce>
- **Talking to schools about Science careers?** - You might find this a useful video to show “Healthcare Science Driving Innovation in the NHS” (You Tube)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LJsIQuhn1zs>
- **New Health Careers Website** - Health Education England is inviting visitors to explore the new Health Careers website: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/>
Health Careers brings together the very best content from the NHS Careers, Medical Careers and PHORCaST (public health careers) websites.
The new site provides detailed information on more than 350 roles in health:
<https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/explore-roles>
a number of real-life stories and videos, as well as a comprehensive course finder which lists more than 1000 courses leading to a career in health: <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/i-am/looking-course>

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **7th January 2016, TJ Audiology: British Society of Audiology (BSA) Certificate in Impression-taking (Adults)** – 1 day For more courses, details and prices visit www.tjaudiology.com
 - **1st February 2016, TJ Audiology: British Society of Audiology (BSA) Certificate Basic Audiometry and Tympanometry** – 3 days For more courses, details and prices visit www.tjaudiology.com
- For details of other Audiology events taking place, visit www.baaudiology.org/events**

Social Media Summary And News Articles:

- **BAA Twitter Feed** - We have been involved with a North East Essex CCG engagement on hearing aid service provision using NEEchat.

We tweeted slides from the Ear Foundation Political Event about research on a new way to deliver hearing aid services.

Our regional groups tweeted from their events.

You can follow us on twitter using <https://twitter.com/BAAudiology>
- **Daily Mirror Article On Hearing Aid Rationing** - Printed on 24th October the focus of the article was many trusts now offer just one hearing aid even if both ears need help. There are fears that other health authorities will follow suit to save cash. <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/uk-news/cash-strapped-nhs-forced-ration-6697604>

- **EarLens A New Type Of Hearing Aid Gets FDA Approval** - The EarLens is different from traditional hearing aids in that it uses a laser diode and direct vibration of the eardrum to amplify sound, whereas other hearing aids simply amplify any incoming sounds. The device is indicated for use by adults with mild to severe sensorineural hearing impairment. http://www.medgadget.com/2015/10/earlens-contact-laser-based-hearing-device-receives-fda-approval.html?utm_content=buffer768e7&utm_medium=social&utm_source=linkedin.com&utm_campaign=buffer
- **Hearing Professionals With Hearing Loss** - After an article published in a community blog a discussion was had on the BAA Facebook page about the way hearing care professionals with hearing loss work in audiology. The original blog is here <http://openears.phonak.com/2015/10/02/can-you-really-work-as-a-hearing-care-professional-with-your-bad-hearing/>. The discussion on the Facebook group is here: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/105237179507091/>

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