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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 **3rd August 2017**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** The BAA Board met in Birmingham last week and you can get the latest news and views from BAA President Michelle Booth in her blog: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WXHanmeWyM8>

- **IMPORTANT REMINDER from Karen Shepherd, BAA Board member for Regional Groups - Collaborative Audiology Events**

Dear BAA Member

Your opinion is critical so if you haven't already completed the recent survey on training events we REALLY WOULD like to hear from you ...

In this climate when time is precious and funding challenged we want to make sure that we can keep members informed, engaged and motivated. We are aware that the audiology landscape and associated services are changing and to that end we are seeking your views on how better to meet your needs.

Your opinion is valuable as we shape our future events, please spare a couple of minutes (seriously that is all it will take) to complete this very short but insightful survey. Your BAA Regional Reps would be delighted to receive your responses by the end of this month.

Please click here: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NNJZGRR>

PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE SURVEY VIA A LINK SENT FROM BSA OR BSHAA YOU DO NOT NEED TO AGAIN.

- **BAA Magazine - Correction notice.** The Summer Edition of the BAA Magazine recently contained an article on the MOOC. This article was incorrectly credited to Neil Summerfield instead of being credited to the **authors Helen Chilton & Professor Wendy McCracken, The University of Manchester**. The BAA would like to unreservedly apologise for this error.

Survey:

- **Aminoglycoside Vestibulotoxicity Monitoring in Adults – An opportunity for you to contribute to this research project** which is looking at how units monitor vestibulotoxicity during aminoglycoside treatment. **For further information please click here:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/aminoglycoside-vestibulotoxicity-monitoring-adults/>

This online survey is to be distributed across specialties involved in the administration of aminoglycosides and the management of vestibulotoxicity.

The link to the questionnaire may be found here:

<https://goo.gl/forms/lx6ZZp7DtPWQxe1o2>

The question should take no more than 2 minutes.

Other News:

- **UK Council on Deafness Annual Conference** - Enhancing Deaf Access – Telecommunication and Broadcasting Conference Update – **Thursday 16th November 2017** at BT Tower, London. The three main sections of the conference will cover: telephone relay service, video on demand and live broadcasting including developments in subtitling and clear speech.
- **Science Daily: Hearing Loss News** - Large scale, collaborative effort could help ease global hearing loss by Duke University School of Medicine and the Duke Global Health Institute: **Please click here for further information:** [Info](#).
- **NHS England News** - Entrepreneur scheme for innovative doctors extended to healthcare scientists and dentists. 'The programme offers a range of support and education, including mentoring by leading medical technology innovators, to give the budding entrepreneurs the business skills and industry knowhow they need to make their ideas a reality'. <https://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/innovation/clinical-entrepreneur/>
- **Hearing Link and Hearing Dogs for Deaf People merge** - HRH The Princess Royal, Royal Patron of both charities, announced the forthcoming merger will take place on **1st August 2017**. Hearing Link's name will not change, and their services will continue to run as before, but with the stability of a much larger charity to strengthen their work. **More information here:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/hearing-link-and-hearing-dogs-deaf-people-merge/>
- **Tinnitus Charity Announces New Plug'em Ambassador** - BTA have announced that Stephen Holt, lead singer of Manchester based Inspiral Carpets, has become an ambassador for its tinnitus prevention campaign Plug'em. The campaign has been running for the past 18 months gaining support from other well-known musicians such as Mark Ronson and Anne Savage, who themselves have both had tinnitus for a number of years.
- **Advancing Healthcare Awards Northern Ireland 2017**. More details at this link <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/advancing-healthcare-awards-ni-2017/>
- **REGAIN (REgeneration of inner hair cells with GAMMA-secretase INhibitors) project** - A new clinical trial to test a new drug treatment for hearing loss. Currently the only treatment for hearing loss is to wear a hearing aid, or, for those with severe to profound losses, a cochlear implant. These devices are an aid, but do not treat the underlying cause. The team are now ready to test the drug's ability to regenerate inner hair cells in humans. **Information regarding the trial can be found here:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/regain/>
- **A few seconds to support Auditory Verbal UK** - Big Lottery Fund are looking to support AV UK in securing funding to help bring therapists to more parents to help them with early interventions. To make this happen, all you need to do is **place your vote before the 27th July and spread the word!**

To vote, simply visit the Facebook page and in the comments section at the bottom, just add a comment "I vote #NLAHearingH" (the hashtag is the registration for your vote!)

<https://www.facebook.com/LotteryGoodCauses/videos/10155031877842690/>

Please ask other friends, colleagues and family to do the same – every vote really does count to try and help change the lives of children.

If you are on Twitter, it is exactly the same, simply tweet your comment (it can be the same

as above) but include the hashtag.

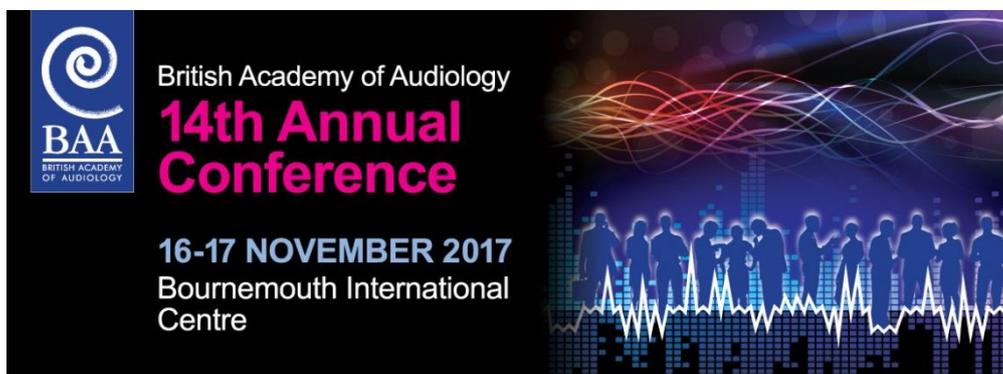
To see the difference you can make, here is five-year old Katie, who was helped by the AV UK project in Belfast <https://youtu.be/T4NlijTOUog>

- **BTA Launch New Edition of Annual Tinnitus Research Review**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=148#.WXCDqoiyvIU>
It can be downloaded online at the BTA site www.tinnitus.org.uk/ATRR2017 and printed and bound copies are available from the BTA by contacting them on 0114 250 9933 or info@tinnitus.org.uk
- **An opportunity for NHS Audiologists to be involved in a research project** on the psychological impact of malfunctioning hearing aids on congenitally deaf individuals. **More information here:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php/news/news-home/opportunity-nhs-audiologists-be-involved-research-project/>

Job Adverts:

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

Upcoming Courses / Events:



- **BAA Annual Conference 2017 – The closing date to submit an abstract at conference closes today!** If you have a project or a piece of work that you have been working on which you would like to share, then please consider submitting an abstract for presentation as either a poster or oral presentation. If successful your research could be displayed at the conference or you could present orally to audiologists from the UK and beyond. **To view the full criteria and to submit an abstract visit** www.baaudiology.org/conference **and complete today.**
- **Hearing for Healthy Ageing - The Ear Foundation is pleased to announce 'Hearing for Healthy Ageing' conference at Central Hall Westminster on 5 October 2017.** The number of people with hearing loss in the older population will grow dramatically in the next decade and the needs and lifestyle of this growing population are changing. There will be a crisis of care for the older population with significantly greater levels of dementia, mental health issues and a lack of independence unless we act now. Effective management of hearing is a cornerstone of healthy ageing, yet the impact of hearing on health, quality of life and participation in society is still under-recognized. Integrated management of hearing loss within our healthcare and social systems are not yet clearly defined.

This conference aims to build on the work of the NHS England Living Well with Hearing Loss Working Group supporting delivery of the Action Plan on Hearing Loss. The conference will take forward the themes developed in the 'Spend to Save' campaign, by showing how

investment in hearing technologies for healthy ageing saves money and improves lives.

During this conference we will present the latest evidence for the effective management of hearing loss in older people. We will propose new models of integrated care which bring value to individuals and healthcare systems. Changes in policy and practice can address the burden of hearing loss on society, healthcare, the individual and their families. Join us to find out how inter-department and interdisciplinary work can optimize wellbeing in later years and save society money.

This conference, starting at 12.30pm, will culminate with afternoon tea and the launch of our new research report into the benefits of bimodal hearing technologies at 5pm.

Confirmed speakers: Mel Gregory, CEO, The Ear Foundation, Prof Adrian Davis, OBE, Sir Muir Gray, CBE, Prof Brian Lamb, OBE, Sue Archbold, PhD, Prof Barbara Weinstein, Paul Breckell, CEO, Action on Hearing Loss, Mel Ferguson, PhD, Lise Lotte Bundesen, Director, Ida Institute, Lillian Greenwood, MP

To book: <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/education/articles/873>

- **For the above event information** together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit www.baaudiology.org/events

Social Media:

The Facebook Group has discussed:

- The Lancet article on Dementia & the role Hearing Loss can play
- CPD
- The noise levels of household appliances

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