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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 **14th September 2017**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** BAA President Michelle Booth has been on a well-deserved break for the last couple of weeks but you can catch-up on the latest BAA news in her recent blogs: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.WQGtcfkrLIU> and the BAA news page: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/#.WagWyiGPIU>
- **Reminder of benefits of BAA membership:** Malpractice Insurance. Please visit the member's area of the BAA website to learn of the details of this scheme and the change to premiums which has come into effect. **Sign-in here:** <http://www.baaudiology.org/index.php?cID=218#.WagHhiiGPIU>
- **REMINDER - An Opportunity to stand for BAA Board** - Nominations to the BAA Board of Directors are now being received for Members to join the Board of Directors. We are aware that some of you may have considered standing in the past but are a little unsure about quite what is involved. Below are some 'frequently asked questions' which may help you to decide to stand in the forthcoming elections. Can anyone stand? The position of Board Director is open to all full members of the BAA. You need to be nominated and seconded by a full member. Do I have to be a Head of Department? No. However, being a member of the BAA board means that you will be asked to represent your profession. You will be asked to give your opinion on various professional matters and will be expected to work strategically within the team to develop professional standards now and into the future. For this reason the position of Board Director will probably be most appropriate to those who have a senior role within Audiology and who have managerial and other committee experience. However all members of the BAA are eligible to be nominated and if you feel that you would be able to contribute you are welcome to apply. How much time will it involve? There is an all-day Board meeting 4 times a year and the full Board also attends Conference where we have the Annual General Meeting. In addition to this there is work related to any BAA teams that you are involved with. You need to ensure that you are able to obtain leave from work commitments to allow you attend meetings. Will I get paid? No. The President position is financially covered on a part-time basis, the other Board Directors do not get paid for their work although reasonable travel expenses are covered. How long is a term of office? A term usually lasts for 3 years. What do Directors do? There are various teams that Board Directors either chair or participate in. Job descriptions for each of the Board roles can be found on the BAA website. Further to this, the Directors will be asked to review and comment on documents and policies that are both generated within the BAA and by external bodies. Board Directors may be involved in ad-hoc working groups, depending on their specific interests and talents. What is the benefit to being on the Board? The profession needs strong leaders to take it forward, so by being a Board Director you are able to influence the direction of your profession in the future. Board Directors are at the front line of information coming into the profession, this information is key to decision making within your own practice. If you would like to stand for election, please complete and return your nomination form which should have been received by email. **Please contact admin@baaudiology.org if you haven't received your forms. The closing date for receiving your nomination is 21st September 2017.**
- **The Service Quality Committee** is due to revise the document **Guidance on Identifying**

Non-Routine Cases of Hearing Loss in Adults. It has been several years since we were asked to produce this document by BAA members, and the requirement for such a document may have changed. We would like to hear from members who have used the document, or who may use it once it has been revised, in order to make it as relevant as possible. **Please tell us what you think** the purpose and scope of this revised guidance should be. **Contact SQC** via BAA@fitwise.co.uk.

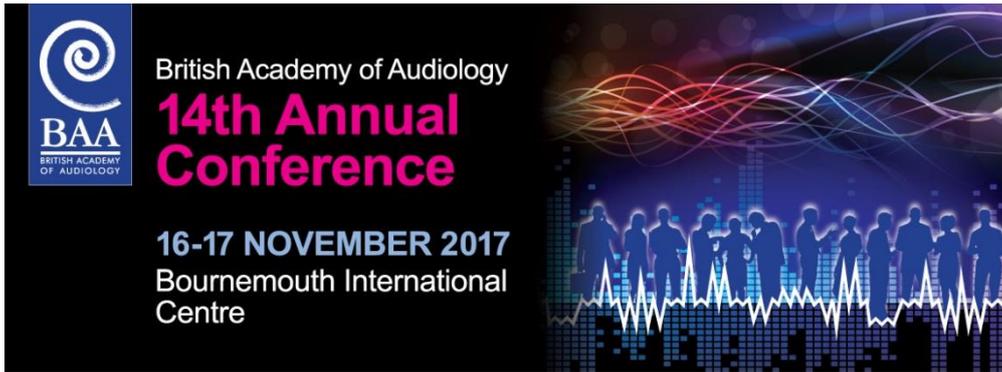
Other News:

- **FNIHR showcase FREE event.** On **Wednesday 11 October 2017**, the Hearing Health Research Theme of the NIHR **Manchester** Biomedical Research Centre <https://www.manchesterbrc.nihr.ac.uk/> will be launched at a showcase in collaboration with a NW regional meeting of the British Academy of Audiology and the British Society of Audiology. The event will be held at Manchester Museum, the University of Manchester and will include presentations from a variety of audiology and hearing research staff in the north-west including **Professor Harvey Dillon** (former director of NAL), **Professor David Moore** (former director of the MRC Institute of Hearing Research), **Professor Cynthia Morton** (auditory geneticist, Harvard University) and **Dr Michael Stone** (formerly at University of Cambridge). **Professor Kevin J Munro** will provide information on the hearing research that will be funded by the NIHR Manchester Biomedical Research Centre and how this will link to clinical practice in the NW. It is expected that hearing charities and industry will also be present and involved in the day. A full programme and registration page is available at the link below.
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nihr-manchester-brc-hearing-health-research-theme-showcase-tickets-36220884641?aff=es2>
- **The British Tinnitus Association (BTA) is holding a free tinnitus information day** in at The Jurys Inn in **Southampton on Saturday 14 October 2017**. More details here: <https://www.tinnitus.org.uk/Event/southampton-tinnitus-information-day>

Job Adverts:

- **Costco Wholesale** - We offer great jobs, great pay, great benefits and a great place to work! We are currently looking for a **Full time** (45 hours per week) **Audiologist** for our Hearing Centre in our **Farnborough** Warehouse (GU14 6FE). In return, we can offer a competitive salary, personal and career growth, a friendly and supportive work environment and great benefits including life insurance, optical and dental benefit, pension plan and Employee Assistance Programme.
Qualification Requirements
Education/Training - BSc degree in healthcare science - audiology. NHS Scientific Training Programme
Licenses/Certifications - Continuing Professional Development activities (CPD). Needs to renew registration with the HCPC every 2 years. Must possess medical Professional Liability Insurance
Knowledge/Skills - Technological and Scientific skills. Excellent written communication skills. Counselling skills. Nimbleness in manipulating small devices like hearing aids
All applications to uchilli@costco.co.uk Tel: 01252 896950
- **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** – our gala dinner this year will be themed as the 1980's and will take place on **16th November**. We are delighted to have The Guv'nors as our house band for the night, featuring Audiology's very own Daniel Rowan. So start looking for those leg warmers, back combing your hair and charging your Sinclair C5, as we will bring you an unforgettable evening of music, food and memories of the 80's. Our evening will also feature 80's themed arcade games along with other surprises to wow and entertain you all.

Tickets for the gala dinner sell-out quick so book your place now by visiting the website: www.baaudiology.org/conference

- **Management of Infants and Children with Hearing Loss with Jane Madell October 23, 2017**
University College London, Chandler House, 2 Wakefield Street, **London**, WC1N 1PF
Tickets : £150.00
It is essential that children with hearing loss have sufficient auditory access to be able to use hearing to develop speech and language, to develop literacy, and to build social skills. This workshop will discuss behavioural evaluation of infants and children using video demonstration, selecting and modifying technology to maximise auditory function, determining when it is necessary to move to cochlear implants, evaluating speech perception, and using audiological information to plan management. The role of audiologists, speech-language pathologists, auditory verbal therapists, parents, teachers, and others in assuring auditory access will be discussed. **To book:** <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/education/articles/874>
- **Paediatric Assessment: A Refresher Course - Tuesday 7 - Thursday 9 November 2017 at Phonak UK, Warrington**
This course is a collaboration between **Anne Davies** and **The Phonak Academy**
Course details:
http://www.baaudiology.org/events/?ccm_paging_p_b859=2#.WaktHGeWyM8
Booking deadline: Tuesday 10 October 2017.
- **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**
 - Early hearing loss detection and vocabulary
 - Cbeebies check their hearing!
- **Twitter Hashtags to follow:**
 - Interested in research? Two great hashtags to keep your eye on & contribute to: [#whywedoresearch](https://twitter.com/whywedoresearch) and [#myresearchlearning](https://twitter.com/myresearchlearning) [@officialNIHR](https://twitter.com/officialNIHR)

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