

Welcome to this edition of BAA Horizon. There are only 4 days to go until the 4th Annual Student Conference in Leicester. There is still time to register, please see the link below. The BAA Conference planning team are currently working hard on preparing a main Conference programme that offers something for everyone. However, if you can't wait until November, in the meantime there are various regional meetings around the country to whet your appetite. Included in this edition is the link to the current Conference programme and also details of forthcoming regional BAA meetings around the country. Please support your regional groups. Meetings are free so are an excellent way to find out what is happening in the profession and also gain CPD points.

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

News:

- **Sense UK**, the national charity supporting and campaigning for those with dual sensory loss have a useful resource for healthcare professionals dealing with older people with dual sensory loss. For further details visit: www.sense.org.uk/ItAllAddsUp
- **The BTA** will be bringing the next in their series of free one day Regional Tinnitus Information Days to Bristol thanks to an award of £134,039 from the Big Lottery Fund Reaching Communities programme to deliver Tinnitus Information Days across England. This programme aims to reduce stress, confusion, isolation, improve wellbeing and enable people with tinnitus to cope better with their condition. The day will be held on Saturday 21 November 2015 at the Mercure Bristol Holland House Hotel. If you think any of your patients would benefit, follow the link to find out more: www.tinnitus.org.uk/documents/552
- **NDCS - Education Scotland** are looking for feedback on their career education and workplace standards. This is a great opportunity for parents, professionals and young people to have their say in terms of how the needs of deaf young people are addressed within the standards. The consultation closes on the 3rd July 2015. Find out more and access the survey via the following link: www.educationscotland.gov.uk/learningandteaching/thecurriculum/dyw/about/haveyoursay.asp
- **Action on Hearing Loss** report that The Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee, which is responsible for scrutiny of matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services across Staffordshire, has approved North Staffordshire Clinical Commissioning Group's plans to cut the provision of NHS hearing aids. The proposals will affect people with mild and moderate hearing loss and are due to come into force on 1 October 2015. To read more, click on the link: <http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/news-and-events/all-regions/press-releases/local-scrutiny-committee-approves-north-staffs-hearing-aid-cuts.aspx>
- **After much interest over the past few months on our Facebook page**, the people in the boat are now available to buy following collaboration between John Waters, The Toy Makers and Cockington Rocking Horses. They are fully CE marked with a few minor tweaks to the classic design, including an extra person for an extra presentation. They are available to buy for £45 inc. postage at www.cockingtonrockinghorses.co.uk All profits remain with the toymaker.
- **The British Tinnitus Association** are looking for your help:
"As you may already be aware, the British Tinnitus Association (BTA) produces an annual survey about tinnitus services at local NHS hospitals in the UK. This survey helps us better inform our enquirers regarding the help that is available to them, and also informs the BTA of the services you have, and your views on other issues – for example in this year's survey we have a section dedicated to Self-Help, as we currently know little about how these interventions are used and are interested in your views. In order to update the details we already hold, please can you complete the online survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HS2015-2016>. It will take between 10-20 minutes but the details contained within it are very important. All details submitted will remain anonymous and no names, or contact details will be given to enquirers. Full details of how information will be used are detailed within the survey.

As a thank you for completing it, we will send on two complimentary copies of the BTA's Quiet Magazine on a quarterly basis for the next 12 months to your department.

As this survey is being sent out widely, in order to get to as many hospitals in the UK as possible, please check with your colleagues before completing it – WE DO ONLY REQUIRE ONE SURVEY PER DEPARTMENT. Apologies if you do receive more than one request, we are just hoping to get to as many Audiology departments as possible this year. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the BTA on 0114 250 9933 or by email to emily@tinnitus.org.uk. Thank you so much for your time. **The survey will close on 17 JULY 2015**"

<http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/british-tinnitus-association-survey-closing-17th-july/>

- **Details of a new research collaboration between University of Leeds and Sheffield Teaching Hospitals** – 'Music for hearing aids: Exploring the music listening behaviour of people with hearing impairments'. To read more and participate by completing a survey, click on the link below: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/hearing-aids-music-exploring-music-listening-behaviour-people-hearing-impairments/>
- **Action on Hearing Loss** have launched a new campaign, Subtitle it! They want more subtitles on video on demand services. Action on Hearing Loss are calling on the government to adopt the measures set out in the Defining Progress document and set the expectation that the on demand industry should meet these. If these progress measures are not met by July 2016, we want the government to bring in legislation. AoHL are asking their members and supporters to contact the Culture Minister, Ed Vaizey, through a simple action. For further information on the campaign please visit: <http://www.actiononhearingloss.org.uk/SubtitleIt.aspx>
- **NHS England's response to the consultation on 'investing in specialised services'**. Today NHS England has published its response to the consultation (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/commissioning/policies/gp/ethical-framework/>) on 'Investing in Specialised Services' which set out the principles and process NHS England proposed to follow when making decisions about which treatments, interventions and services to invest in. They have also published an independent analysis of the consultation response, done by the University of Essex and a report on the engagement activity they undertook to support the consultation.

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Student Committee** – the student committee have been working hard on preparing for the 4th Annual Student Conference and there are only 4 days to go before you can see the culmination of all their hard work. The 4th Annual Student Conference takes place at De Montfort University in Leicester on Friday 3rd July 2015 and there is still time to register: visit the website for more details: www.eventsforce.net/baastudentconf15
- **Conference Update** - This year's 12th annual conference is being held on the 26th and 27th November 2015 in Harrogate and many of the key deadline dates are quickly approaching with the closing date for abstract submissions on **3rd August**, closing date for award nominations on **9th September** and the early bird discount ends on **1st October**. This year's scientific programme offers a fantastic opportunity to learn from leading researchers and clinical experts across a huge range of subjects so we really hope you can join us this November! Full programme information, registration, abstract submission and award nominations are available online www.baaudiology.org/conference
- **Publicity and Communications** - this committee is currently looking for new members. We are delighted to announce that Christine DePlacido has joined the committee as Chair, but we particularly need volunteers keen to join the editorial team of the BAA magazine and BAA Horizon. BAA committees generally meet 4 times a year, so anyone considering volunteering, should be willing to commit to attending these meetings and responding to emails in a timely manner. Anyone wanting further information, should contact Michelle Booth in the first instance – michellebooth1@hotmail.com We look forward to hearing from you!

Job Adverts:

- **Northgate Public Services:** Experienced Paediatric Audiologists required, Southern Ireland. We are currently recruiting a team of experienced paediatric audiologists to run weekend clinics in Southern Ireland.
- **Advanced Paediatric Audiologist**, 1.0 WTE, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, Grade- Band 7, Salary £31,072 - £40,964 Per Annum.

- **Senior Audiologist**, Part-time specified purpose contract, two days per week (0.4 WTE). Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital, Adelaide Road, Dublin 2, Ireland
- **Provide**: Spinks Lane Therapy Centre, Witham. Lead Paediatric Audiologist. Salary: Band 7 £ 31,072 - £ 40,964 pa. Hours: p/t 22.5 pw
- **Pindrop Hearing**: Job opportunity at Pindrop Hearing. Full time clinical audiologist and hearing aid dispenser based in North London and Harley Street. Competitive salary plus bonus.

These are now on the website with the usual careers page link

www.baaudiology.org/careers/recruitment

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

Upcoming Courses:

- **The University of Manchester, School of Psychological Sciences in collaboration with Aston University school of Life and Health Sciences**. Hearing Therapy Training (Advanced Skills in Aural Rehabilitation). 21st –23rd October 2015 & 4th-5th February 2016:
http://www.baaudiology.org/files/5114/3532/7841/Manchester_2014-5_Rehab_course_flyer2_2.pdf
- **BAA North East Regional Meeting** – 17th July 2015 Balance Study Day – kindly sponsored by GN Otometrics. For further details, contact Joanne Close – joanne.close@cddft.nhs.uk
- **West Midlands BAA Regional Meeting** – 24th July 2015. This afternoon regional meeting will focus on non-routine adult and paediatric cases. We will start at 12.30 with lunch, sponsored by Phonak, followed by an afternoon of exciting talks from various clinicians in the region. Further details and programme to follow. Should you wish to express interest in this event, contact Jen or Kate – jparker-george@gnotometrics.com or Kate.Duncan@heartofengland.nhs.uk
- **Yorkshire Regional BAA Meeting** – 22nd September 2015. For further details, contact Sam Lear - Samantha.lear@sch.nhs.uk
- **BAA North West Regional Meeting** – 23rd September 2015. This meeting will focus on Paediatrics including talks on CMV screening in neonates, Paediatric tinnitus and IQIPS. The agenda will be confirmed at least 6 weeks before. To register an interest, contact neilsummerfield@hotmail.co.uk

For details of other Audiology events taking place, visit www.baaudiology.org/events

Social Media Summary:

- **Facebook and Twitter**

Dee Davies - <http://fox6now.com/2015/06/14/slowly-losing-his-hearing-he-thought-hed-lose-his-job-as-a-doctor-how-he-risked-it-all-to-get-it-back/>

Kate Ellor found an interesting blog about a Baha wearing Audiologist and the struggles she faced when she was first fitted: <https://littlemisswhispers.wordpress.com/2015/06/16/guest-blog-lauren-the-baha-wearing-audiologist/>

Sue Falkingham shared ENT and Audiology New's Post:
http://twitter.com/...615445623093989376&fb_ref=Default

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Don't forget you can now submit an abstract for display at this year's conference #BAAConf Find out more online <http://bit.ly/BAA15abstracts>

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Listening to music for too loud or too long can cause permanent hearing damage. Visit <http://www.hearangel.com> to learn how to prevent it.

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Great presentations from many UK Research Scientists at #chscom2015 from @UCLEarInstitute @ManchesterUniv, @yorkuniversity and @hearingnih

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