

Welcome to this week's edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, 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

BAA News:

- **National Commissioning Framework for England** - BAA Board members have worked hard with our partners from The Hearing Alliance to influence the content of the National Commissioning Framework with NHS England. This document will be launched next month with a workshop organised by the Hearing Alliance Partners at the prestigious Kings Fund Event. The King's Fund is an independent charity working to improve health and care in England. BAA and their partners hope to influence commissioners at this meeting by directly engaging with them and discussing the commissioning framework. You can read more about The Kings Fund here: <http://www.kingsfund.org.uk/about-us>
- **Use of the BAA Logo by members** - BAA members are reminded that the BAA logo should not be used on your own websites or marketing materials to promote your membership. BAA will write to companies and individuals who use our logo without permission asking them to remove it from their information, as we are made aware of these. The policy on use of the logo is available on the website here: http://www.baaudiology.org/files/BAA_Members_and_the_use_of_BAA_Logo_Individual_Members.pdf
- **Audiology Supplies Group** - The Audiology Supplies Group are working with NHS Supply Chain to evaluate hearing instruments that are available on the NHS Contract. ASG are part of the BAA Service Quality Team. They have recently released the draft specification for the 2018 contract to key stakeholders as part of the ongoing product development in the NHS England service.
- **British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists** - Members of BAA Board exhibited at the BSHAA Congress in Nottingham during May. They had some great conversations with the delegates and looked to promote the benefits of BAA Membership especially regional group meetings and of course our conference, People Make Audiology in Glasgow. For further information see: <http://www.baaudiology.org/conference/#.V0cANvkrldU> The next BSHAA Congress will be in Colchester on May 12th and 13th 2017.

Other News:

- **Display of Hearing aid Technology in Scotland** - Queen Margaret University (QMU), Edinburgh is helping to make people more aware about hearing loss with the launch of a new permanent display showcasing two centuries of hearing aid technology, including an early 20th century ear trumpet, spectacle aid and a 1970s conversation tube. The unique display of 28 devices is not only a celebration of advancements in digital hearing aid technology, it is also helping audiologists at QMU demonstrate how pioneering research is having a positive impact on the lives of those with hearing difficulties and deafness. More details of the exhibition can be found on the University Website http://www.qmu.ac.uk/marketing/press_releases/University-urges-Scots-to-open-their-ears-to-hearing-loss.htm
- **Association of Teachers of Lipreading to Adults (ATLA)** - Molly Berry has been introduced as the

new chair of ATLA, her aims are to raise the profile of lipreading and Atla, and to forge closer links with all other organisations working in the hearing loss field. She feels that "together we have a better chance of achieving our aims than separately". Lipreading is an invaluable skill for all with hearing loss, studies have shown what we tutors have always known, that those who join a class gain confidence and habituate to hearing aids, if they use them, far more quickly. They also manage better in every day life, and get to hear about equipment and organisations that can help them. To contact ATLA for more information visit: <http://www.atlalipreading.org.uk/>

- **"Collaborating to Improve Care" will take place on 13TH and 14TH July 2016 in Liverpool** - Fiona Carragher the Deputy Chief Scientific Officer has sent an invitation to a new event that we would like to share with our members. As clinicians with real experience of working in care homes and with care home staff audiologists are well placed to be part of this event. In response to the Five Year Forward View and the creation of vanguard sites nationally to improve patient care at scale and pace across the healthcare system the Chief Scientific Officer Prof. Sue Hill OBE and the healthcare science workforce are collaborating with the Innovation Agency in the NW to support care homes and find innovative solutions to everyday problems they may have. The event is free but will require you to fund an overnight stay and travel, places are limited so sign up today! Details can be found here: www.innovationagencynwc.nhs.uk/news-events/hackathons

BAA Board/Committee updates:

- **Conference Update** – Registration is now open for our 13th annual conference! This year we are taking you to Scotland at the SECC in Glasgow from the 10th – 11th November. Our exciting programme has been refreshed and streamlined as we explore the theme of People Make Audiology. Full programme information, registration, abstract submission and award nominations are available online www.baaudiology.org/conference

Events:

- **3rd June BAA South west Regional Meeting**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-south-east-regional-study-day/?eID=583#.VyMz9WM3fw8>
- **9th June BSA Summer Twilight Series Meetings Nottingham.** Are two ears really better than one?
<http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/bsa-summer-twilight-series-meetings-are-two-ears-really-better-than-one/>
- **22nd September BTA Conference 2016** - The British Tinnitus Association (BTA) is delighted to be holding its next Annual Conference on Thursday 22 September at the Manchester Conference Centre. With the Conference attracting almost 200 delegates in 2015, the BTA plans to build on previous successes and attract new attendees to this centrally based venue. The only Conference in the UK dedicated solely to tinnitus, the programme includes presentations by leading researchers and clinicians, covering new developments in research and best practice.

For full details visit: <http://www.tinnitus.org.uk/savethedate>

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

Job Adverts:

- **Audiology Tutors (Distance Learning)** - Anglia Ruskin University is expanding its Distance Learning provision and is looking to recruit a range of academic staff to fulfil our delivery requirements. If you are interested in teaching and are looking for a flexible working option please send a CV and covering letter demonstrating your subject skill set and experience to Glen Campey at glen.campey@anglia.ac.uk Experience of authoring and delivering online course materials would be an advantage, but not

essential. We are currently recruiting in the following areas, for delivery to students from an audiology background; Tinnitus assessment and management; Adult Audiological Assessment and Management; Implantable Hearing Devices, Assessment and Management (CI, BAHA, MEI). Recruitment would be contracted on a module basis and would require you to be registered-self-employed. If you would like to have an informal discussion about the role and the topic areas, please contact Srikanth Chundu, Course leader on 01223 698653 or Phil Gomersall, Senior Lecturer on 01223 698729.

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

Social Media Updates:

- **The BAA Facebook group has an interesting debate** on the use of gloves in clinical practice. Also on the Facebook Group you can find a conversation about testing frequencies for Bone Conduction, and Smart Phone Apps that can act as sound level meters.
- **On Twitter this month** the hashtag for BSHAA Congress was [#BSHAA2016](https://twitter.com/BSHAA2016)
- **Always remember to search [#tinnitus](https://twitter.com/tinnitus)** for any updates shared particularly by the BTA
- **Some suggestions for accounts you may want to follow on twitter this week are:**
[@DepCSOfiona](https://twitter.com/DepCSOfiona) who is the Deputy Chief Scientific Officer for NHS England
[@UKAS](https://twitter.com/UKAS) the national accreditation body
[@HearingDogs](https://twitter.com/HearingDogs) from the national charity Hearing Dogs for Deaf People
[@AutisticaUK](https://twitter.com/AutisticaUK) The U.K.s leading autism research charity

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