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In this week's edition we bring 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. The next deadline for submissions is the **15th March 2018**.

BAA Board & Committee News:

- **President's blog.** Sue Falkingham BAA President continues her blog on the BAA website. You can follow Sue here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/about/president/#.Wiq9899I82>

Other News:

- **Guidance for supporting older people with hearing loss in care settings**
Action in Hearing Loss have undertaken a project, funded by the Department of Health, to pilot and test changes that can be made to improve the diagnosis and management of hearing loss amongst care home residents.
As a result of the project's findings, they have produced this guide and a range of easy-to-use information sheets, to support care home managers and staff to:
 - Identify and check for hearing loss
 - Improve hearing aid use and management
 - Meet communication needs
 - Provide assistive listening devices
 - Identify and manage other ear problems, such as tinnitus and ear-wax blockages
 - Appoint hearing loss championsThe guide can be downloaded here: <http://www.baaudiology.org/indexphpnews/news-home/guidance-document-supporting-older-people-hearing-loss-care-settings/>
- **Important news from the RCCP** - The RCCP have announced this week that they have appointed [a new chief executive](#) and have also been [awarded PSA accreditation](#). Further details can be found in the news section of the BAA website.
- **Scottish Council on Deafness Mid-February Bulletin**
The SCoD's most recent bulletin has been issued. Please see some of the content below, the full document can be found at: ***address here***
 - **Alzheimer Scotland: Blue Badge scheme permanently extended.** The Blue Badge scheme, which helps you to park closer to your destination if you have a disability, has now been permanently extended to include people with dementia.
In April 2016, a pilot project was set up to extend the standard Blue Badge scheme to anyone with a diagnosed mental health condition who receives certain social security benefits and whose lack of awareness of danger from traffic is likely to compromise the safety of the person, or other persons, during journeys. Following the success of this pilot, the extension was made permanent in late 2017.
 - **Ideas for Ears.** New survey research by Ideas for Ears suggests that hostile hearing conditions are making meetings and events inaccessible to large numbers of people across the UK who have hearing loss.

The research also suggests that the difficulties that people are experiencing are typically ordinary in their nature and can, in many instances, be fixed at little or no cost. The research, carried out in November 2017, reveals that people are feeling frustrated, excluded, stressed and embarrassed by the difficulties they experience. They are missing important information, are not able to contribute as effectively as they could do, and consequently are being put off attending future meetings and events. The survey was completed by 362 people who have varying degrees of hearing loss and are aged from 18 to 80 plus. The findings have implications for businesses and organisations of all sizes that run meetings and events for staff, customers and other stakeholders.

Read more: <https://www.ideasforears.org.uk/blog/meetings-miss-the-mark-due-to-hostile-hearing-conditions/>

- **Awareness Bites - The Scottish Council on Deafness has teamed up with AWARENESSbites** to provide quality online learning and development to front-line and public facing staff who may not be able to attend face-to-face training courses.

The Package Contents:

Green package – £15 per user

– aimed at those who require to know the basics and may come across a deaf or deafblind person occasionally. This package can easily be completed in under 2 hours.

Purple package – £28 per user

– aimed at those who would require a little more detail and understanding and meet deaf or deafblind people more frequently within their day to day service provision. This package can take between 2.5 – 3.5 hours depending on activities taken.

For more information please visit: <http://www.scod.org.uk/scod-training/awarenessbites/>

Job Adverts:

- **Inspired Selections the UK's No 1 optical recruitment agency** are moving into new pastures and looking at recruiting the best personnel for the all of the leading companies in the UK's expanding hearing market. Should you be looking for the next move in your career than have no hesitation to **call** the new name in Hearing Recruitment, Inspired Selections, **on 0121 778 6999** or **e-mail** your CV to jobs@inspiredselections.co.uk or look at the latest vacancies here www.inspiredselections.co.uk for all of the hottest jobs across the UK.
- **ReSound have an exciting opportunity for a customer focused person to join our leading audiological sales team.**
LOCATION The successful candidate will reside in New Zealand, and will be responsible for looking after the Southern tip of North Island and also the entire South Island.
APPLICATIONS If you're ready for something new, take the first step by sending your letter of application along with your CV to:
Email: humanresourcesaus@gnresound.com **Applications Close: 13th March 2018**
For a full position description, or for more information please contact our HR Assistant by calling: Phone:+61 2 9111 5500.
- **Anglia Ruskin University: Lecturer Practitioner in Audiology**
Faculty of Science and Technology
£32,548 - £37,706 p.a. pro rata
Cambridge 0.4 FTE positions available Ref: 000568
For further information about the department please visit our website <http://www.anglia.ac.uk/vhs> Informal enquiries to Professor John Siderov FAAO, Head of Department at john.siderov@anglia.ac.uk To apply, please visit our website.
- **To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon** please contact advertising@baaudiology.org
- **For more information** on the above job descriptions please visit <https://www.baaudiology.org/careers>

Upcoming Courses / Events:

- **Vestibular Health.** 1-day Foundation Course 12 May 2018 Lynwood Village, Sunninghill, Berkshire. Consolidate knowledge of vestibular system
Improve outcomes Earn CPD Expert, experienced faculty Hands-on workshops
£300 including tuition, course notes, lunch and optional course assessment. Further information can be found here <http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/vestibular-health/?eID=986> Register online at www.vestibularhealth.co.uk or contact info@vestibularhealth.co.uk for more details.
- **Aston University. HEARING THERAPY CPD MODULES:** Aston University are pleased to announce a new tiered programme of CPD modules that can be taken independently or combined to achieve the following qualifications: PG Certificate PG Diploma MSc Hearing Therapy. **For further information please visit our website:** <http://www.aston.ac.uk/study/postgraduate/taught-programmes/life-health-sciences/doctor-of-hearing-therapy/>
- **2018 Chief Scientific Officer's Annual Conference - 5 and 6 March 2018**
Don't miss out on booking your seat for the 2018 Chief Scientific Officer's Annual Conference – the major event in the healthcare science calendar. This year's event Partners in the Future will be held at the Royal Society, London on 5 & 6 March 2018. The two-day conference will focus on the importance of science in health and why data and collaboration are integral to the future of the NHS, with world-class keynote speakers from science, data and healthcare. Accompanying this, are debates and parallel sessions that will be delivered by influential scientists and emerging leaders who together are forming multi-disciplinary collaborations and partnerships to drive the provision of high quality, innovative patient-centred scientific and diagnostic services. **Further details of the event will be published in due course.** <https://www.events.england.nhs.uk/events/the-2018-chief-scientific-officers-annual-conference>
- **The Ear Foundation - Managing Hearing and Cognitive Decline**
What you should know about Hearing, Social Engagement, and Brain Health with Prof Barbara Weinstein from City University New York
Wednesday 7 March 2018
10am till 4pm
The Ear Foundation, 83 Sherwin Road, Lenton, Nottingham, NG7 2FB
The day will cover:
 - Management of hearing in the geriatric population: evidence based practice
 - Managing Hearing Loss and Dementia: what every professional should know
 - The role of the audiologist in reframing the conversation related to hearing, cognitive decline and brain health £85 per person, includes lunch and refreshments
- **Healthcare Science Week 2018.** Healthcare Science Week is running alongside British Science Week between 9 – 18 March 2018. Healthcare scientists, across all specialisms, are integral for delivering high quality, innovative patient-centred services. They are critical to ensure that the NHS works at the limits of science. Help raise awareness of the invaluable contribution healthcare scientists make to the NHS and inspire the next generation of scientists to take your work forward. <https://www.healthcareers.nhs.uk/career-planning/career-advisers-and-teachers/teaching-resources/healthcare-science-week>
- **The BTA 2018 Annual Conference - Friday 14th and Saturday 15th September 2018**
Conference Aston, Birmingham
The 2018 Conference will consist of a day for Professionals and a day for members of the Public. Being held this year at Conference Aston, part of Aston University in Birmingham, ticketing information and other details will be released soon. **Immediate enquiries can be directed to** marcus@tinnitus.org.uk
- **European Tinnitus Course - Thursday to Saturday 7th-9th June**
The Studio, Manchester
We are proud and excited to be involved in bringing back this acclaimed course, together with an esteemed faculty and a superb, modern venue the 29th European Tinnitus Course returns

with an exciting study programme - **view full programme:**

https://gallery.mailchimp.com/2ffb059e00f6a3c4e82f36a19/files/3a056a9e-d084-449a-9497-1f00e5ebbc0c/ETC_Programme.pdf

Booking info and full details can be found at <http://www.tinnitus.org.uk/eurotc>

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

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