

Welcome to this week's edition of BAA Horizon, bringing you updates, opportunities, news, and information from across the field of audiology.

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BAA News:

- **BAA Board Meeting** - BAA Board held it's quarterly meeting on 5th July. The agenda included final discussions on the NHS England Framework for Commissioning Services for Adults with Hearing Loss, which will be published in July. Agreements were also reached about changing the support BAA offer for CPD to its members to direct you to more easily accessible resources rather than just collate your records. Behind the scenes at BAA work is being done to improve our systems in order to clarify how documents are consulted on and published. SQC is still hard at work after the consultation period on the new Direct Referral Protocols and the comments received will be incorporated into the final version due out soon.
- **BAA Student Team** - The BAA Student Team has welcomed new members over the last month and will be updating their pages on the BAA website over the next few weeks. Expect to see more content including a regularly updated blog and more advice to students and new graduates on those pages.
- **NICE Guidance** - After consultation with interested parties NICE have published the scope of what their Guidance on Hearing loss (adult presentation): assessment and management will consider. This guidance will be published in 2018 the scope can be read here: <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/GID-CGWAVE0833/documents/final-scope>

Conference News:

- **Conference Update** - We hope you are planning to attend this year's conference in Glasgow. By attending, you can expect to receive the latest in audiology research, education and expertise, with inspiring speakers and informative sessions. In addition, our exciting social events offer you great opportunities to network with colleagues in a relaxed environment. The theme of this year's Gala Dinner on Thursday evening is 'Around the World' and we encourage you to dress up. Tickets can be purchased as part of a full conference package or separately at a cost of £49 each. Previous gala dinners have sold out therefore we recommend buying tickets early to avoid disappointment. For more information visit www.baaudiology.org/conference
- **Submit an abstract at conference!** Don't forget that you can submit an abstract as either a free paper or oral presentation at this year's conference in Glasgow. Abstracts can be submitted under a number of different topics including: implantable technologies, ageing and cognition, diagnostic and medical audiology, rehabilitation, paediatrics, tinnitus, vestibular science, education, supervision and preceptorship and innovation and service development. For full details and to submit, please visit <http://www.baaudiology.org/conference/abstracts> before the **closing date on Monday 25th July**.
- **Bamford Lecture Keynote Speaker Announced** - The BAA Conference Team are excited to announce our final Key Note Speaker for 2016. Carol Flexer, Ph.D. will give the Bamford Lecture on Friday 11th November. Carol Flexer received her doctorate in audiology from Kent State University in 1982. She was at The University of Akron for 25 years as a Distinguished Professor of Audiology in the School of Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology. Special areas of expertise include paediatric

and educational audiology. Dr. Flexer continues to lecture extensively nationally and internationally about paediatric audiology issues and has authored more than 155 publications. She has co-edited and authored fourteen books. Interestingly Dr. Flexer also is a Certified Laughter Leader, so we are sure her company in the more informal parts of the conference will also be appreciated. For more information and to hear sample lectures from Dr Flexor visit her website at <http://www.carolflexer.com/index.php> BAA would like to acknowledge the continuing support of Phonak U.K. in bringing Dr Flexor to this years Conference. For up to date additions to the BAA Programme please visit the website.

- **Conference Blog** - Sonam Sehemby from the BAA conference team will be adding blog content over the months leading up to conference to give you a behind the scenes look at the work being undertaken to put the conference together and insight into the programme and guest speakers. During conference, updates will also be live from the event. The first blog is posted [here](#) for you to read, sign up to be updated when a new blog is posted.

Events:

- **Upcoming BSA Events** - Joint Complex Adults and Complex Paediatric Learning Event with the BSA AGM, Monday 5th September 2016, Hugh Aston Building, De Montfort University, Richmond Street, Leicester, LE2 7ED. Paediatric Audiology Interest Group: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/paediatric-audiology-interest-group-not-just-little-ears/> Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/adult-rehabilitation-interest-group-complex-matters-going-beyond-routine/> There will also be a poster competition with prizes awarded on the day for the best innovation and the idea most likely to change your clinical practice. For more information visit: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/adult-rehab-competition-team-going-win/> The BSA Annual General Meeting will also run that day and there will be more information on this to follow.
- **British Society of Audiology Balance Interest Group Conference**, Friday 16 September 2016. Ear Institute, Gray's Inn Road, London. For more information and to register please visit: <http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/british-society-audiology-balance-interest-group-conference/>
- **BAA Trent Regional Study Day 2016 - 27th September, Nottingham Conference Centre**
Programme highlights include: What does Leadership mean to you?: Darren Cordon & Jennifer Richardson. Leadership: definitions & opportunities: Dr Annette Neath. The aim of this study day is to inspire all grades of Audiologists/ Audiology Assistants and newly qualified staff to make changes and actively seek out and take on leadership roles in their own departments. For full programme information please visit www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-trent-regional-study-day
- For the above event information together with details of other Audiology events taking place please visit www.baaudiology.org/events

Job Adverts:

- **NHS GRAMPIAN** - Audiology Dept, Woolmanhill Hospital, Aberdeen. Audiologists (2 Posts)
Band 6 £26,565 - £35,577 per annum. Full-time 37.5 hours per week. An exciting opportunity has arisen for a well motivated Audiologist to work providing Audiology Services within the Grampian region. The postholder will be based in Aberdeen but may have to participate in peripheral clinics throughout Grampian. The department has a friendly team of committed Audiologists with a wide range of responsibilities covering the entirety of Audiological provision to adults and children throughout Grampian. The clinical services provided include neonatal screening, paediatric assessment and rehabilitation, as well as adult assessment and rehabilitation. Other services provided include ALD clinics, BAHA services, Hearing Therapy Services, Tinnitus clinics and Vestibular Assessment and Rehabilitation clinics. The successful applicants will be expected to deliver effective care and would also have scope to develop skills and services, in areas that are of particular interest to them. The department also has various teaching commitments including regularly having Audiology Students on placements. Work is currently progressing to re-locate the department to a modern Audiology facility within Woodend Hospital, Aberdeen. The department would consider applications from newly qualified Audiology students with comprehensive training to develop experience in particular specialist Audiology areas being provided. This area of Scotland is particularly rich in natural beauty with numerous opportunities for outdoor recreational activities. Aberdeen has excellent transport links to the rest of the

UK and beyond. For any queries regarding the job, please contact Gordon McHardy, Head of Audiology Services on 01224 555479 or for an informal chat contact Hannah Greenwood, Audiologist on 01224 555588 . E-Mail gordonmchardy@nhs.net or hannah.greenwood2@nhs.net. To apply please visit www.nhsgrampian.org/jobs and search for Ref No PR14419. **Closing date 27 July 2016.**

- **Research Audiologist** - Reference MED175816X1 **Closing Date Monday, 1st August 2016**
Job Type Technical Services, Department School of Medicine, Division of Child Health, Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Salary £22249 to £26537 per annum, depending on skills and experience. Salary progression beyond this scale is subject to performance. Applications are invited for an audiologist/clinical scientist (audiology) to join a multi-disciplinary team looking at a novel hearing test for assessment of ototoxicity in Cystic Fibrosis (CF). The successful candidate will be responsible for testing healthy control children aged 5-10 years recruited from local schools. This will complement ongoing work testing children with CF and will enable us to understand whether having CF itself has an impact on the child's ability to perform a novel Speech-in-Noise test. The new test is the High Frequency Digit Triplet test (for a similar test visit <http://www.researchmyhearing.org/HearingPortal/Live/Tests/InternetSpeechinNoiseTest>). The successful candidate will be responsible for administering this test alongside a standard Pure Tone Audiogram, tympanometry and otoacoustic emissions. Since the testing will be carried out in local schools and will require the transport of portable audiology equipment the candidate must be able to drive, with a clean UK driving license and have access to a personal car. Candidates must have a minimum of BSc Healthcare Science (Audiology), or equivalent qualifications, plus work experience in a relevant role, including conducting audiological tests in children aged 5 years and above. Candidates must also have excellent oral and written communication skills and the analytical ability to interpret test results, referring children on to NHS providers where necessary. Candidates must be able to talk to a class of school children and motivate them to participate in research. They must have a satisfactory full Disclosure and Barring Service check prior to commencing in post. It is desirable that candidates have experience in research data management and have undertaken a Good Clinical Practice (GCP) course. The candidate may be asked to perform audiological tests on children with CF on the ward in addition to healthy control children if the situation allows. This post will be offered on a fixed-term contract for a period of 3 months. Part-time applications (on a pro-rata contract) would be welcomed. For informal information please contact Dr Melanie Ferguson, Consultant Clinical Scientist (Audiology) on 0115 823 2619 or melanie.ferguson@nottingham.ac.uk. The University of Nottingham is an equal opportunities employer and welcomes applications from all sections of the community.
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Social Media:

- Olympic star Greg Rutherford has been warned he risks hearing loss if he continues to compete: <https://www.theguardian.com/sport/2016/jul/05/greg-rutherford-olympic-champion-hearing-loss>
- Great photo from a Health Awareness event in Sussex posted on Facebook this week. It's always good to see group members adding their own content on the Facebook Group.
- Advice on fitting children with CROS systems has attracted a few tips and tricks on the Facebook Group this week

On Twitter

- Hearing Dogs have posted about how to train a hearing dog. Follow them [@HearingDogs](https://twitter.com/HearingDogs)
- Sense have been tweeting about Deaf Blind Awareness Week using [#deafblindawarenessweek](https://twitter.com/sensetweets). You can also follow Sense [@sensetweets](https://twitter.com/sensetweets)
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