

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 Conference News** - BAA Conference 2016 officially launches for delegate registration, abstract submission, and poster submissions today. The new programme team from Norwich and Norfolk University Hospitals are pleased to present the preliminary programme on the website. Book your place for BAA Conference 2016 in Glasgow, People Make Audiology November 10th and 11th 2016. <http://www.baaudiology.org/conference> The new look gala dinner event is in the advanced stages of planning and we will reveal details of this soon. The conference team will be using blogs and video blogs to keep you informed about our conference this year.

Other News:

- **The Ear Foundation** - The Ear Foundation are delighted to announce the appointment of a new CEO to take over when Sue Archbold starts her well deserved retirement later in the year. Melanie Gregory, will take up post on 1 August 2016, working with Sue Archbold until she retires in October. You can read more about this new appointment on the Ear Foundation website at: <http://www.earfoundation.org.uk/news/articles/525>
- **NDCS Report** - NDCS launched a new campaign report, called Right from the Start. The report – which will be available to download from http://www.ndcs.org.uk/right_from_the_start.html This report celebrates 10 years of universal new born hearing screening in England. As you may know, the National Deaf Children's Society took a lead in campaigning for this programme to be introduced. It is clear that the programme has transformed the lives of many children born deaf but, 10 years on, there is still much to do to make sure that high quality early years support is in place following diagnosis.
- **Dementia Awareness Week 15th – 21st May 2016.** This year's Dementia Awareness Week, 15 – 21 May, will encourage people who are worried about dementia to confront their worries by addressing dementia directly and coming to Alzheimer's Society for information and support. Dementia can be scary and many people don't know where to turn, but Alzheimer's Society is here for anyone affected and there are lots of ways we can help. Because we believe that life doesn't end when dementia begins. <https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/remembertheperson>
- **Research - Research has been published on school entry hearing screening.** This is a programme of studies including assessment of diagnostic accuracy of school hearing screening tests and a cost-effectiveness model of school entry hearing screening programmes. The research publications can be accessed here: <http://www.journalslibrary.nihr.ac.uk/hta/volume-20/issue-36#abstract>
- **COULD YOU BE CROWNED EUROPE'S BEST AUDIOLOGIST?** Audiologist of the Year, which attracts hundreds of nominations from patients across the UK and Ireland every year, celebrates and rewards hearing care professionals who go above and beyond the call of duty in caring for their patients. With the search for this year's winner already underway, entries are coming in thick and fast from patients who have nominated their hearing practitioners as a means of saying 'thank you' for their

care and support. These heartfelt stories highlight the hard work of the country's best audiologists and why they deserve to be rewarded on an international stage. The deadline is 8th July 2016 and, a panel of industry judges will decide on a winner from each of the 10 participating countries in September. Entries can be submitted online at www.audiologistoftheyear.co.uk or via post to: Audiologist of the Year 2016, Spectrum Brands (UK) Ltd, Washington, Tyne & Wear, NE37 3HW. Entries close on 8th July 2016. All nominations must be submitted by patients, however audiologists can promote the competition in their practice by downloading promotional materials from the competition website. For more information about the competition, visit www.audiologistoftheyear.co.uk,

Events:

- **17th May BAA Northern Ireland Regional meeting**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/baa-training-day-nireland-templeton-hotel-templepatrick/?eID=589#.VyMzj2M3fw8>
- **18th May Hearing and Learning Disabilities Special Interest Group Re-Launch Birmingham**
<http://www.baaudiology.org/events/calendar/hearing-and-learning-disabilities-special-interest-group-re-launch-wednesday-18th-may-2016-bild-birmingham/?eID=584#.VyMzsWM3fw8>
- **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:

- **Interacoustics - Research Audiologist** - Interacoustics Research Unit (IRU) Lyngby, Denmark. Are you an audiologist or hearing scientist who would like to help develop new diagnostic tools and clinical applications? Are you looking for a dynamic and collaborative working environment, where you can work in a small focused research team? Do you enjoy working with people and conducting precise experiments in the lab? Then we may have an exciting career opportunity for you at the Interacoustics Research Unit (IRU). Your team and tasks - You will be an integral part of the Interacoustics Research Unit (IRU), established to work on open research projects in the field of technical audiology. The group works on applied and clinical projects in auditory electrophysiology, wideband tympanometry, otoacoustic emissions etc. You will be responsible for designing and conducting experiments on normal hearing and hearing impaired human test subjects, to support the development of the next generation of diagnostic instrumentation. You will help to establish the clinical evidence for bringing new test methods to the market, and communicate your findings internally to engineers and product managers within Interacoustics. You will have the opportunity to develop long term collaboration with external clinics and hospitals, as well as to co-supervise academic student projects. IRU is located at the Technical University of Denmark and affiliated with the Hearing Systems research group (Centre for Applied Hearing Research; Oticon Centre of Excellence for Hearing and Speech Sciences). By embedding IRU into a world-leading hearing science university department, the unit has the opportunity to 'take the long view' and pursue projects with a higher risk, than would be possible within normal

industrial R&D groups. The successful candidate will have the ability to communicate inter-professionally within our organisation, to help ensure that knowledge generated in research leads to innovative new products and clinical recommendations. Your tasks will include: - Conceiving and supporting the design of experiments, including writing of test protocols to ensure the highest data quality. Conducting experiments in normal hearing and hearing impaired human test subjects using electrophysiology (auditory brainstem responses; auditory steady state responses); otoacoustic emissions; middle ear analysis etc. Developing and maintaining a database of test subjects. Collaborative preparation of scientific communications – i.e. peer reviewed journal articles, industrial white papers & other communications both within and outside of the organisation. An opportunity to attend and contribute to relevant international conferences. To maintain our connection with Interacoustics, some limited (approx. 2 days/month) travel to our head office in Middelfart in Central Denmark is expected. Your background - Ideally you will hold a PhD or Master's degree (with around 3-5 years clinical or research experience) in audiology, psychology or auditory neuroscience, but someone with an engineering or physics background will also be considered. It is most important that you have experience in and enjoy carrying out electrophysiological and audiological measurements in humans. You will need a strong interest in research and be comfortable working on projects with potentially large areas of uncertainty. We are looking for a creative and positive researcher, who has a careful attention to detail and great communication skills. It is vitally important that our new colleague is able to see and feel the human element in what we do, in helping to innovate in application areas potentially dealing with young children and anxious parents. If you feel that you have this ability, then we can offer you the chance of being part of a highly professional team, with a real opportunity to see your research go from the lab to the clinic. We expect you to speak and write English fluently. Since the majority of our test subjects are native Danish speakers, a willingness to learn the language is necessary. Do you want to make a difference? - This role offers an exciting and unique opportunity for a talented researcher with a desire to help drive innovation into hearing diagnostic instrumentation. It offers the best of both worlds, being immersed both in industry and academia – working in an international and cross-organizational environment, in which team-work and open communication is highly valued. If you would like more information about the position, please feel free to contact IRU Research Manager James Michael Harte during office hours on +45 51 27 80 33. We treat all inquiries confidentially. Deadline for Application: 22th May 2016. About Interacoustics - Interacoustics is a world leading diagnostic solutions provider in the field of hearing and balance assessment. We design, manufacture and sell products across the whole audiological spectrum, from small portable devices to full clinical instruments. Our products are sold in more than 100 countries through our extensive network of sales companies and distributors. Interacoustics employs more than 175 people in Denmark and is part of the William Demant Holding group of international companies which has over 9000 employees. For more information, please go to: www.interacoustics.com

- **De Montfort University - Lecturer in Audiology** - HEALTH AND LIFE SCIENCES School of Allied Health Sciences - Lecturer in Audiology. Grade F: £32,600 to £35,609 per annum. Full time, Fixed term for 3 years. We are seeking a dynamic, self-motivated individual required to join our expanding Audiology department. The 2016 Guardian awards recognised the Audiology programme by awarding them runner up in the 'Teaching Excellence' category. This is an idea opportunity to join one of the largest undergraduate audiology programmes in the country. You will be engaged with teaching primarily on the Foundation degree in Hearing Aid Audiology, but will also contribute to the BSc Healthcare Science (Audiology) programme. You will be expected to contribute to the development and delivery of these courses through teaching, research and related professional academic activity. You will be involved in work based assessments and fostering and developing relationships with our placement partners. You should be qualified in a relevant audiology discipline at postgraduate level (or be able to demonstrate equivalent experience or nearing completion of a relevant postgraduate qualification). You should be committed to the educational development of clinical science students and healthcare professionals. You should have experience in a specialist area of Audiology and would be expected to deliver teaching in this area, as well as contribute to teaching in the fundamentals of Audiology. The school encourages innovative teaching and developing new and novel ways for students to engage with the subject. The department is well equipped with the latest technology to support students and is supportive of links to the various professional bodies. If you are seeking a new challenge in your audiology career and interested in education this is an excellent opportunity. Excellent teaching is at the heart of our commitment to professional, creative and vocational education. Our passionate and enthusiastic lecturers have earned 18 National Teaching Fellowships, making DMU one of the top three universities in the UK on this measure of teaching excellence. With work under way on the £136m transformation of our Leicester City Campus, we are seeking outstanding academics to work in the dynamic, ambitious environment. It is our goal to become the leading provider of professional and creative education with research that pushes boundaries and improves lives. Please quote reference: 9941. To apply, please visit www.dmu.ac.uk/jobs Closing Date: 21 May 2016. Interview Date: Week commencing 6 June 2016

- NHS Grampian - Audiologists NHS GRAMPIAN - Audiology Department**, 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 well motivated Audiologists to work providing Audiology Services within the Grampian region. The postholders 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 re-habilitation, as well as adult assessment and re-habilitation. 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 PR13896. Closing date 1 June 2016.

Upcoming Courses:

- Queen Margaret University - Hearing Aids: The Inside Track** - Wednesday 6th - Friday 8th July 2016 offering An Update & Refresher Course on: Hearing Aid Technology. Current Hearing Aids On NHS Contract. Core Rehabilitation Principles. Cost of course: £298. Booking Deadline: Wednesday 22nd June 2016. To register for a place please go to <http://www.qmu.ac.uk/> and search for 'The Inside Track' (the search button is on the top right of the screen).
- Sheffield Teaching Hospitals - From Finding to Fitting Audiology and Learning Disabilities** Tuesday 20th September 2016 - 9.00am – 16.30pm - Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield. Lectures to include: Syndromes associated with learning disabilities and hearing loss. Hearing Aid fitting for adults with learning Disabilities. Behaviour and hearing loss in people with communication problems. Hearing Threshold and Speech Discrimination Assessment for Adults with a learning disability. Audiology and Autism. Legal Aspects of Health Care for Adults with Learning Disabilities. Care Pathways – Adults with Learning Disabilities to Audiology Services. Cost Only £120 per delegate. For an application form and programme please contact: Brigitte.Kaviani@sth.nhs.uk Tel: 0114 226 6348.
- To advertise a job in future editions of Horizon please contact advertising@baaudiology.org

Social Media Updates:

- Members of BAA Board attended the British Society of Hearing Aid Audiologists Congress** last week the hashtag for that event on twitter is [#BSHAA16](https://twitter.com/BSHAA16)
- #DeafAwarenessWeek** will allow you to search the twitter feeds for information posted during the week that ran from 3rd May.

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