

Pre-conference workshops for BSA2010

1. Frequency-specific ABRs

Lead Dr. John Stevens

Frequency specific (tone pip) ABR assessment of hearing threshold in babies has been possible for more than 20 years yet its use is limited in clinical practice despite the obvious need to establish accurate estimates of hearing threshold. The workshop will review the properties of tone pip ABR, look at why there are problems in its clinical usage and how these might be overcome. The talk will be illustrated with successful application in practice.

2. Auditory Steady-State Responses

Lead Dr. Karolina Kluk-de Kort

Auditory Steady-State Responses (ASSRs) have been a source of discussion and interest among both clinicians and researchers. This workshop will review generation, recording and clinical applications of ASSRs with in depth discussion of their advantages and disadvantages. The workshop will be aided by hands-on experience of ASSR recording in adults..

3. "Don't talk more; talk differently": Basic counselling skills for Audiologists

Lead Dr. Christine de Placido

In this workshop we will introduce a range of counselling skills appropriate to enhance communication in audiological settings. There will be an opportunity to explore the use of these skills in specific scenarios using examples from practice.

4. Research for dummies

Lead Prof. Colette McKay

This workshop is designed for 'beginners' in research for both clinicians and postgraduate students. The focus will be on how to ask the right research question, and how to avoid the common pitfalls when designing an experiment. This is NOT a statistics course (no maths!). Participants are encouraged to bring research questions and ideas and hopefully will leave with confident ideas for how to put their ideas into research practice.