The BSA wishes you all a Merry Christmas and look forward to an exciting 2016

Did you know you about our advisory role?
Audiology practices are now being scrutinised more than ever, crucially around value for money and measuring outcomes, which highlight cost effective interventions. Whether the BSA is approached with a clinical query or on a wider political scale, we can draw on the multidisciplinary nature of our membership around all of these queries.

If you have a question about anything related to Audiology, hearing and balance science please feel free to contact us at laura@thebsa.org.uk and our panel of advisors will be able to provide you with information and evidence where possible.

Where do you think the BSA should be a leading voice? We would like to hear from you when you think the BSA should be contributing at a national level.

For further information, please see: www.thebsa.org.uk/media-advisory/advisory-role-and-specialist-advice/

Welcome to our new trustees!
We are delighted to welcome back for a second term of office, John Day and would like to introduce to you your new trustees Piers Dawes and Ted Killan. Barry Downes has also taken over as Treasurer and we are delighted you have all come on board with us.

Consultation on Recommended Procedure for Positioning tests
The Balance Interest Group have updated the “Recommended Procedure for the Hallpike manoeuvre” and have a new document called “Recommended Procedure for Positioning tests”. To access this document please click here: http://www.thebsa.org.uk/new-document-for-review/
Have you registered for the annual conference yet?

BSA Annual Conference 25-27 April 2016, Ricoh Arena, Coventry

Registration is now open please click [www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016](http://www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016)

A key element in any BSA conference is to hear about the audiology work you are doing. Why not highlight your work and consider submitting an abstract for either a poster or a talk? Both presentation methods are a great way to share good practice and recent knowledge. There is a prize for the best poster presentation. **We have extended the deadline to Friday 8th January. Submit online at [www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016](http://www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016)**

News

**Proposed audit of provision of hearing aids for mild/moderate hearing losses**
The University of Manchester needs your help to audit hearing aid data. They want to get a large data set to support provide further evidence on hearing aid provision for mild and moderate hearing losses. For more information, please click here [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/get-involved-proposed-audit-of-provision-of-hearing-aids-for-mildmoderate-hearing-losses/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/get-involved-proposed-audit-of-provision-of-hearing-aids-for-mildmoderate-hearing-losses/)

Are you interested? Contact either Prof Kevin Munro [kevin.j.munro@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:kevin.j.munro@manchester.ac.uk) or Dr Michael Stone [michael.stone@manchester.ac.uk](mailto:michael.stone@manchester.ac.uk) of the Audiology and Deafness Research Group, University of Manchester.

**South Staffordshire CCG and hearing aid rationing**
Professor Kevin J Munro, immediate past-chair of BSA, represented BSA at the Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee on 25th November to discuss the proposal of South Staff CCG to consider stop providing hearing aids to adults unless the average hearing level (250-4000 Hz) exceeds 40dB.

Click here to read what the BSA presentation concentrated on [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/4430-2/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/4430-2/)

**MomENTum – mapping research in Audiology, ENT, hearing and balance science**

ENT UK is delighted to announce the creation of a database mapping research across the UK in Audiology, ENT, hearing and balance science. This map will be a valuable resource for ENT surgeons and colleagues who may look for experts and collaborators when initiating a research project. It will also help our professional organisations in manpower planning for research. The database will be called MomENTum, a map of UK research activity in ENT, Hearing and Balance. It will be an updatable resource, available on the ENT UK website.

Its success depends upon your input, so please do give a few minutes of your time to complete this survey. Please click here to complete the survey [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GTWM2S](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6GTWM2S)

**Spotlight on…. APD**
From Pauline Grant Chair of the Auditory Processing Disorder Special Interest Group
The APD SIG is a multi-disciplinary group, which represents Research Science, Audiology, Medicine, Education, Psychology and Speech & Language Therapy. Our members are at the cutting edge of international APD Research and APD Management (clinical and educational). Would you like to be involved? We are recruiting! If Auditory Processing Disorder interests you and you would like to join our SIG (we meet three times a year and are very friendly!) please contact Pauline at pg.apdsig@gmail.com to find out more.

Huge congratulations to our SIG member, Prof David R. Moore who recently received the ‘Career Award in Hearing or Balance’ at the American Academy of Audiology (AAA) Annual Conference. Dave joins our meetings via SKYPE from Cincinnati

In October, four members of our SIG were invited speakers at a workshop in Dublin entitled Developments in Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD): Implications for Ireland. The event, aimed primarily at clinicians, was organised by CAPD Ireland. Talks were given by Doris Bamiou, Nicci Campbell, Stuart Rosen & Tony Sirimanna. Find out more about the workshop at: http://www.iaoa.ie/news/capd-event-dublin-october-2015-supported-by-the-iaa/


We are awaiting the final design, but the information is up to date and so we thought it was better to get the information out there as soon as possible. A glossy printed version will be available in the New Year and this version will then be uploaded to the website.

Our Interim APD Position Statement is in the final stages of agreement and will be available very soon. The original Statement and Practice Guidelines are still available.

Following the success of our London APD Information Day for Families and Professionals in March this year, a very successful day for professionals was held in Southampton in November and we are currently planning a similar day in Exeter next year in May. Watch this space!

After our London Information Day, many families asked if an APD Support Group could be set up. We now have 30 families who are in touch with each other via email and they share information and experiences. The group is co-ordinated by a parent and it would be great if more families became involved. The group aims to develop beyond email support and is keen for ideas! Any interested parents/families should contact pg.apdsig@gmail.com who will forward contact details to the group.


The following titles are in this month’s issue:

- Background sounds and hearing-aid users: A scoping review - Brian Gygi & Deborah Ann Hall

- Impact of reduction of tinnitus intensity on patients’ quality of life - Daniel Draxler, Matias López-Paullier, Silvana Rodio, Manuela González, Dario Geisinger & Marisa Pedemonte
- Adult hearing-aid users with cochlear dead regions restricted to high frequencies: Implications for amplification - Anna Pepler, Kathryn Lewis & Kevin J Munro


- Development and preliminary evaluation of a new test of ongoing speech comprehension - Virginia Best, Gitte Keidser, Jrg M. Buchholz & Katrina Freeston

- Pitch perception and frequency-following responses elicited by lexical-tone chimeras - Fuh-Cheng Jeng, Chia-Der Lin, John T. Sabol, Grant R. Hollister, Meng-Shih Chou, Ching-Hua Chen, Jessica E. Kenny & Yung-An Tsou

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