Have you seen the programme for the BSA Annual Conference?

Click on the above button or visit www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016

The programme for this year has just been updated – why not take a look?
To view the updated programme CLICK HERE.

Do you want to know more?
Dr Melanie Ferguson has recorded a new Lightning Update on the Annual Conference.
To view this recording, please CLICK HERE.

Do you want to be involved in developing our first e-Conference?

We have plans for an exciting opportunity for our members in the development of a full e-conference. Would you like to be part of the team responsible for this project? You would be supported by members of our Learning Events Group, but we are looking for people to be in contact with the speakers, help measure the learning outcomes and for people to monitor the forums (these are just a few of the example roles on offer).

Interested? Intrigued? Want to help push the types of CPD events we are offering? Then please contact laura@thebsa.org.uk
**News**

**Applications for the BSA Applied Research Grants 2016 are now being taken – Deadline 11th March**

In honour of Professor Stuart Gatehouse, the BSA has available an annual fund for small research projects involving BSA members. This year there are two opportunities to apply for grants of up to £5,000 for projects to be completed within two years.

For more information and to obtain an application form, please visit [www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-applied-research-grant/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-applied-research-grant/)

**Changes to BSA membership**

Changes are afoot to give you more benefits in being a BSA member; one of the planned changes will be to limit what non-members can access through the website. So you can make the most of your membership please make sure you have log on details so that you can still benefit from access to all areas. If you are unsure of your details, please contact bsa@thebsa.org.uk.

**Do you know how to set up alerts for the IJA?**

Please follow these instructions so you can get regular alerts from the IJA

- Log in and follow the links on the BSA website to the International Journal of Audiology Website
- Click ‘alert me’
- Put your preferred e-mail address into the ‘sign up for alerts’ box
- Type the code as displayed
- Click submit
- You will then be sent a validation e-mail, follow the instructions on this e-mail
- Enjoy receiving alerts to the new content in IJA!
UCLU Sign Language Society in UCL need your help

The UCLU Sign Language Society has recently been informed that grant requests amounting to £2,852 which were given in the previous year have been rejected. We have been receiving these grants in the past year and the lack of funding this year has placed us in a difficult position. As such, we hope that you could help us out by spreading the words to anyone who may be interested in giving donation of any amount to help us cover the costs of running our classes.

The donation page can be found here: https://crowdfunding.justgiving.com/uclu-signlanguagesociety

For further information please contact uclusignlanguage@ucl.ac.uk

The latest news, information and reviews, in one place, to your door, free of charge; welcome to ENT and Audiology News!

Many will be familiar with ENT and Audiology News but did you know it is now free to UK subscribers? No more scrabbling round to find a copy when it arrives, no more opening it to find your colleagues have cut out articles, no more searching through to find the course directory has already been highlighted. Your own copy, to your door, just for you!

This bi-monthly magazine brings you regular features and articles from contributors around the globe; both the regular section editors and the invited guest editors use their experience, expertise and interests to source some amazing contributors. From the basic scientist in the laboratory to the clinician in the clinic to the social scientist in the field; ENT and Audiology News draws them together to explore and consider the latest opinions and evidence.
Other Events

Health & proud Safety Laboratory is to announce that the full conference programme for ListenUp! - The First European Hearing Conservation Conference is now available to view online.

UCL Masterclass: Advanced Amplification and Aural Rehabilitation, 9th - 11th March 2016
Course Directors: Dr Guoping Li & Mr Amjad Mahmood

This module takes the form of a 3 day masterclass that will investigate current trends in adult and paediatric amplification. The aim of this module is to enhance clinical practice in the treatment of adults and children with hearing loss.

Course objectives include:
- To have a better understanding of the current financial and political challenges in delivering audiological service
- To foster an awareness of state of the art research in amplification and aural rehab as it relates to both adult and paediatric populations.
- To develop international best practice as indicated by evidence-based approaches to rehabilitation.
- To enable the implementation of clinically applicable tools & techniques that will elevate the process of aural rehabilitation to an advanced practitioner level.

The 3 day masterclass has 2 days of adult focus, and 1 day paediatric focus. Participants may opt to attend all 3 days, or simply focus on adult or paediatric issues. A combination of live and recorded lectures will be presented along with interactive, seminar style discussions and hands-on workshops.

For more information on what topics are covered and how to book a place, please follow this link: https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/courses/shortcourses/index/edit/coursepages/aamc-advancedamplification

UCL Masterclass: Vestibular Rehabilitation, 20th – 22nd April 2016
Course Director: Mr Paul Radomskij

The course is designed for all those clinicians who have a reasonable knowledge of vestibular assessment and rehabilitation but are looking to build on this foundation. Delegates will be provided with a pre-course reading list, which should maximise their learning opportunities during the course. Course material and refreshments are included in the registration fee (including evening workshop)
As with all of the Advanced Audiology Masterclasses, this course also forms part of our MSc in Advanced Audiology.

For more information on what topics are covered and how to book a place, please follow this link: http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/courses/shortcourses/coursepages/aamc-vestibular
We're back!

The Paediatric Audiology Interest Group is one of the longest standing specialist interest group of the British Society of Audiology. This specialist interest group has changed over the past 12 months and new members were recruited at the end of last year, including myself as Chair. I am very honoured and delighted to take on this role and myself and all the committee along with yourselves, look forward to working as a multidisciplinary group to provide information and support changes within our profession.

The aims of the group for the next year are to:
- Develop evidenced based assessment and management practice guidance for paediatric Audiology
- Encourage clear communication across the inter-disciplines supporting a paediatric patient and provide practical information to facilitate this
- Establish a UK wide picture of paediatric Audiology service provision from the BSA membership and wider stakeholders
- Raise awareness within the professions of Paediatric Audiology and promote relevant research, disseminate commentary on new studies and provide lifelong learning for professionals through a range of CPD activities and empower change on a local level

We have contributed to the BSA conference this year with several speakers including Neil Hoey who will be giving an interesting presentation on Bespoke Hearing Assessments, a new approach to VRA. Speakers also include Dr Anne Moorhead, Dr Sarah Hogan and Dr Amanda Hall, so I hope you can join us on the 25th – 27th April at the Ricoh Arena in Coventry.

A survey will shortly be landing in your in-boxes to identify service provision for paediatric audiology in the UK and to establish needs, requirements, achievements and challenges of where we as a profession are and can be. Results of this will be published later in the year and we will be able to work from this to ensure future resources and support provided by the group is relevant to not only professionals of the BSA but also wider stake holders.

We are working on updating our PAIG section of the BSA website. If you would like to be a part of the advisory committee for the paediatric audiology interest group. Please contact us via bsa@thebsa.org.uk.

By working together and sharing our knowledge and experiences we will be able to develop and innovate our professional field of Paediatric Audiology.
The following titles are in this month’s issue:

- **Effects of interventions on use of hearing protectors among farm operators: A randomized controlled trial** - Marjorie C. McCullagh, Tanima Banerjee, Michael A. Cohen & James J. Yang
- **Variations in voice level and fundamental frequency with changing background noise level and talker-to-listener distance while wearing hearing protectors: A pilot study** - Rachel E. Bouserhal, Ewen N. Macdonald, Tiago H. Falk & Jérémie Voix
- **Effects of low speed wind on the recognition/identification and pass-through communication tasks of auditory situation awareness afforded by military hearing protection/enhancement devices and tactical communication and protective systems** - Kichol Lee & John G. Casali
- **Speech recognition in noise under hearing protection: A computational study of the combined effects of hearing loss and hearing protector attenuation** - Christian Giguère & Elliott H. Berger
- **Emerging technologies with potential for objectively evaluating speech recognition skills** - Vishakha Waman Rawool
- **Auditory risk of air rifles** - James E. Lankford, Deanna K. Meinke, Gregory A. Flamme, Donald S. Finan, Michael Stewart, Stephen Tasko & William J. Murphy
- **Differential effects of suppressors on hazardous sound pressure levels generated by AR-15 rifles: Considerations for recreational shooters, law enforcement, and the military** - Edward Lobarinas, Ryan Scott, Christopher Spankovich & Colleen G. Le Prell

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If you have any problems logging on to the website or changed any of your details, please update BSA Admin Office by email at bsa@thebsa.org.uk

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