The BSA e-Update

The BSA Annual Conference starts in 10 days!!!

Have you got round to registering for the annual conference? There is still time to register if you haven’t done so already. Please click here www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016

Have you registered to attend BSA conference this year?

If so, why not sign up to attend this special Journal Club during the morning session on Wednesday 27th April (10.30am to 12.30pm)?

This journal club will focus on Audiology and Health Behaviour Change and will discuss three papers. For more information please click here: http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/journal-club-bsa-conference/

BSA Advisor opportunities

One of the key roles of the BSA is a provider of the best scientific and clinical information, impartial advice and guidance on all matters relating to Audiology, hearing loss, tinnitus and balance. Audiology practices are now being scrutinised more than ever, and when the BSA is approached to consult on new policies or standards, we need people to help represent us. Are you interested in finding out more? Full training and support will be given for this vital role. Please contact Laura Turton, Operations Manager to discuss this further on laura@thebsa.org.uk
Do you know all the benefits of being a BSA member?

We have recently reviewed and updated all of the benefits of membership and have updated our website pages, including a short Lightning Update on this. For more information and access to the Lightning update, please see http://www.thebsa.org.uk/contact/join-british-society-audiology/

Introducing the Professional Guidance Group

There have been some recent changes in the way our practice guidance documents are managed and reviewed and we have a new team called the Professional Guidance Group who are now responsible for this work, chaired by Donna Corrigan. They had their first meeting at the end of March and be prepared for lots of documents to be reviewed and published this year. For further information on the group http://www.thebsa.org.uk/documents-guidance-group/ and their chair http://www.thebsa.org.uk/people/donna-corrigan/

News

NICE guidance on adult onset hearing loss UPDATE – consultation on scope document underway, comments welcome – Deadline 29th April 2016

Further to a previous news posting on the website (2nd March) and by email to members, a consultation is now running relating to the scope of this important piece of work.

The work that is now underway is planned to complete in May 2018. Outcomes will be highly influential in shaping the delivery of adult Audiology across the UK countries. The BSA is encouraging members to register as stakeholders in order to keep up to date with progress and contribute. Note, this can be achieved by registering on behalf of your organisation (e.g. NHS trust or health board or university) rather than as an individual. You therefore need to be mindful that any contributions that you make may be labelled as coming from your organisation.

The BSA is also registered as an organisation but in this instance we feel that our collective impact will be greater if members contribute directly as indicated above. However, you are invited to copy your contributions to me in order that I can reinforce collective points. (john.day@wales.nhs.uk)

Register through the following link: http://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-cgwave0833

See also http://www.nice.org.uk/Get-Involved/stakeholder-registration
Update: Once registered as a stakeholder you are now able to comment on the draft guideline scope, which can be found at: https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-cgwave0833/consultation/html-content

John Day, BSA Trustee
NICE recruiting professional and lay members for Hearing loss (adult onset) guideline committee – deadline 5pm, Tuesday 26 April 2016

Positions particularly relevant to BSA members are:

- 1 x audiovestibular physician
- 2 x healthcare professionals with expertise in the assessment and management of hearing loss in adults
- 1 x ear, nose and throat surgeon
- 1 x scientist specialising in hearing research

For more information click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/nice-recruiting-professional-lay-members-hearing-loss-adult-onset-guideline-committee/

NHS England is calling on female healthcare scientists to apply for one of four unique places on its fellowship programme

As part of a joint initiative between the Office of the Chief Scientific Officer and WISE – the campaign to promote women in science, technology and engineering – the bespoke opportunity is available to mid-career healthcare scientists who wish to gain invaluable leadership experience and act as role models to inspire the next generation of female scientists. For more information see: http://www.thebsa.org.uk/nhs-england-calling-female-healthcare-scientists-apply-one-four-unique-places-fellowship-programme/

Ida Institute - Fit for the Future?

Ida Institute Readies Hearing Care Professionals for 2016 and Beyond. The newest addition to the Ida Institute’s comprehensive collection of resources aims to inspire hearing care professionals (HCPs) to think about what is needed to future-proof their practice for the changing world of audiology and technology. For more information please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/Fit-for-the-Future-FINAL.pdf

Events

BSA APD Update for Professionals

On Thursday 19th May 2016, in Princess Elizabeth Orthopaedic Hospital, Exeter there will be an exciting day on APD including: What is APD? Noise and Hearing, the importance of a good acoustic environment to understand speech, APD in Schools & Teaching and Learning Strategies. To register or get more information please click here https://www.eventsforce.net/fitwise/frontend/reg/thome.csp?pageID=145944&eventID=360&eventID=360&CSPCHD=0030033100004Nzae8PnEWCYi_kDc5oijnqV6Uhq2FoGFUdbv7

BSA SUMMER TWILIGHT SERIES MEETINGS - Are two ears really better than one?

On Thursday 9th June 2016, we will hold our summer Twilight meeting at the Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. For more information on the day and the provisional programme please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/bsa-summer-twilight-series-meetings-are-two-ears-really-better-than-one/

Hearing and Learning Disabilities (HaLD) Special Interest Group Re-Launch – Wednesday 18th May 2016 at BILD, Birmingham, for more information please see
Spotlight on.... Adult Rehabilitation

From Mel Ferguson, Chair of the Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group (ARIG)

It’s all change on the ARIG front. We say goodbye to Lucy Handscomb (Chair), Amanda Casey, Helen Pryce and Beth-Ann Culhane, and thank them for their contributions to ARIG over recent years. In particular, for the revision of the 2012 practice guidance now known as the Common Principles of Rehabilitation for Adults in Audiology Service. This document has been out for public consultation and comments have been sought from international opinion leaders in the field. Overall, responses have been very positive, and the document will be published sometime in the next couple of months.

So as the lone survivor of the previous ARIG outfit, I’m delighted to welcome the new crowd who bring forth a range of experiences from audiology, speech and language therapy, and the independent, third and commercial sectors (http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-groups/group-ari/who-we-are/). Laura Turton, the ARIG secretary, played a blinder getting such a great group of people together, and Jane Wild agreed to be Vice Chair. The first meeting of the new group was held on 13th April in Nottingham with a packed agenda, and a number of agreed actions that address the group’s revised objectives:

1. To review and promote patient centred rehabilitation interventions and the supporting evidence
2. Advise on the holistic application of the evidence based rehabilitation interventions
3. To advise on the evaluation of these interventions and the patient journey
4. To forge links between clinicians, researchers, policy makers and educators to promote and support current and future best practice in adult rehabilitation

Firstly, a meeting on Complex Adult Rehabilitation will be held in September at De Montfort University, which will run in parallel with the PAIG meeting. Then following discussions on priorities within AR, we agreed on two pieces of work for starters. The first will be a practical “what works” companion to the more theoretical common principles practice guidance. We will seek and compile examples of best practice and service innovations, supported where possible with an evidence base. The second, will be to identify a toolkit of outcome and assessment measures for services - a what, why, how, when and for whom. It looks like the start of some promising, necessary and exciting work.
The following titles are in this month’s issue:

- **D-methionine (D-met) significantly reduces kanamycin-induced ototoxicity in pigmented guinea pigs** - Kathleen C. M. Campbell, Seth M. Martin, Robert P. Meech, Tim L. Hargrove, Steven J. Verhulst & Daniel J. Fox
- **Comorbidities and recurrence of benign paroxysmal positional vertigo: personal experience** - P. M. Picciotti, D. Lucidi, E. De Corso, D. Meucci, B. Sergi & G. Paludetti
- **Predicting three-month and 12-month post-fitting real-world hearing-aid outcome using pre-fitting acceptable noise level (ANL)** - Yu-Hsiang Wu, Hsu-Chueh Ho, Shih-Hsuan Hsiao, Ryan B. Brummet & Octav Chipara
- **The effect of fluctuating maskers on speech understanding of high-performing cochlear implant users** - Stefan Zirn, Daniel Polterauer, Stefanie Keller & Werner Hemmert
- **The effects of frequency lowering on speech perception in noise with adult hearing-aid users** - Christi W. Miller, Emily Bates & Marc Brennan
- **Objective detection of auditory steady-state evoked potentials based on mutual information** - Gavin M. Bidelman & Shaum P. Bhagat
- **Muscle strengthening activities and mortality with considerations by hearing sensitivity** - Paul D. Loprinzi

To access the IJA please log on to the BSA website and put in your membership details