Save the date for the BSA Annual Conference 2017
The date and location of the BSA Annual Conference has changed - don't forget to save the date!

Update from the BSA AGM
If you weren’t able to make the BSA Annual General Meeting but you want to know what was discussed, please click here for access to a recording of the AGM with the presentation used by the Officers in the meeting. The minutes will be added to the same page once they have been approved. http://www.thebsa.org.uk/members-pages/bsa-annual-general-meeting-monday-5th-september-2016/

Meet your new Council
At the AGM there were a number of changes to Council, we said goodbye and thank you for their hard work to Kevin Munro, David Furness, Chris Cartwright, Helen Pryce and Michael Akeroyd and welcomed new Officers and Trustees. Liz Midgley is now the BSA Chair, with Ted Killan as Vice Chair, Gareth Smith as Secretary and Imran Mulla, Carmel Capewell and Sudhira Ratnayake all taking up trustee positions. To see who is on your Council please click here [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/people/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/people/)

**Do you want to be part of the BSA Council?**

We still have up to 3 vacancies on the Council at present and are looking for people who want to help steer the direction of the BSA and help us fulfil our vision of building knowledge and empowering professionals to improve the lives of people with hearing and balance problems. For more information, click here [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/vacancies-bsa-council/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/vacancies-bsa-council/)

**New SIG on Global Outreach**

We are delighted to announce that the BSA has set up a new Special Interest Group on Global Outreach. This will be Chaired by Gemma Twitchen and the group plan to meet in the autumn. Watch this space for more information as it unfolds!

**ARIG Poster competition winners**

On Monday 5th September the Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group ran their first study day and the attending delegates judged the posters sent in by the membership. The winners were:

- Most likely to change my clinical practice – winner: Lynzee McShea for ‘Hearing Champion Training’
  - Lynzee won a £50 Amazon voucher kindly sponsored by Oticon
  - Ann-Marie won a free place for one day at the BSA Annual Conference 2017

To read these posters and see more about the day please click here [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-groups/group-ari/complex-matters-going-beyond-routine-study-day-5-9-16/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-groups/group-ari/complex-matters-going-beyond-routine-study-day-5-9-16/)

**Applications for the BSA Applied Research Grants - Deadline 30th September**

In honour of Professor Stuart Gatehouse, the BSA has available an annual fund for small research projects involving BSA members. This year there is a further opportunity 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 [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-applied-research-grant/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-applied-research-grant/)

**News**

**Consultation on Commissioner Guidance Documentation for Balance Services**

NHS England recently undertook an information gathering process on clinical audiology as part of their preparation for the Commissioning Framework document. A multidisciplinary working group was asked to provide specific information on balance disorders deemed (by NHS England) to be useful for commissioners.
Although the information was not used in the published Commissioning Framework, which concentrated on Hearing Loss in Adults, the document is a useful draft which could be further refined to reflect the multidisciplinary nature of balance disorders. The group is opening the document up for further consultation – for more information please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/consultation-commissioner-guidance-documentation-balance-services/

BSA SIG on Cognition in Hearing Survey

The BSA SIG on Cognition in Hearing would be grateful if BSA members could take a few minutes to complete two short surveys. The purpose of these surveys is to find out what issues related to cognition in hearing are of interest/concern to clinicians. We will use your responses to guide the focus of BSA workshops and conferences, CPD events and discussion/position papers.

The first survey asks BSA members to rate their interest in the potential roles of cognition in audiology. https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NWC7T3F

The second survey focuses on the specific question of whether audiologists should carry out cognitive assessment: https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NJBRQGB

BAAP (British Association of Audiovestibular Physicians) Hallpike Prize 2016

The prize is awarded annually for the best project of the past 24 month period (research, audit or review of subject) in the area of audiovestibular medicine. For more information and to apply please click http://www.thebsa.org.uk/baap-british-association-audiovestibular-physicians-hallpike-prize-2016/

Events

BSA Balance Interest Group Conference, Friday 16th September, UCL Ear Institute, London
http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/british-society-audiology-balance-interest-group-conference/

BSA Autumn Twilight Series Meeting APD & Hidden Hearing Loss Uncovered: ‘A riddle wrapped in mystery inside an enigma?’ Thursday 24th November, Ellen Wilkinson Building, Manchester University

Spotlight on…. The Balance

From Andrew Wilkinson, Vice Chair of the Balance Interest Group

Since the last e-update, the team has been raising its profile on social media, particularly Facebook and Twitter. At the time of writing (early September), the Balance Interest Group is in the final throws of organising the 2016 Conference, which will take place at the Ear Institute on Friday 16th September. In particular, Katy (Chair) has been very busy recently with finalising programmes, contacting speakers, sponsors, and delegates, co-ordinating catering, finances and all those other small details which add up to a never ending list!

(Incidentally, this is whilst settling into her new audiology post in Suffolk at the same time). The Conference should prove to be a fascinating and enjoyable variety; we are lucky to have guest speakers covering topics including (but not only): physiotherapy, biomechanics, Meniere’s self-management, online tools, and mindfulness in chronic dizziness.

The group has been busy on writing and reviewing Recommended Procedures (RPs). Following the finalised procedure for ‘Vestibular assessment – eye movement recordings’, we are planning to launch the
document for Positional Tests at the Conference. This should hopefully be available for online access in the very near future. We are currently in the process of writing a document on ocular VEMPs. The Calorics RP is undergoing review. The team has been commenting on the recent NICE falls consultation, and preparing articles for Audacity on service provision.


The following titles are in this month’s issue:

- "The impact of tinnitus upon cognition in adults: A systematic review." Susan Tegg-Quinn, Rebecca J. Bennett, Robert H. Eikelboom & David M. Baguley
- "Sudden sensorineural hearing loss with positional vertigo: Initial findings of positional nystagmus and hearing outcomes." Chang-Hee Kim, Jung Eun Shin, Young Soo Yang & Donghyuk Im
- "Speech perception in medico-legal assessment of hearing disabilities." Ellen Raben Pedersen, Peter Møller Juul, Randi Wetke & Ture Dammann Andersen
- "Does clinician continuity influence hearing aid outcomes?" Rebecca J. Bennett, Carly Meyer & Robert H. Eikelboom
- "Audiology patient fall statistics and risk factors compared to non-audiology patients." Robin E. Criter & Julie A. Honaker
- "Extended bandwidth real-ear measurement accuracy and repeatability to 10 kHz." Jonathan M. Vaisberg, Ewan A. Macpherson & Susan D. Scollie
- "Hearing thresholds, tinnitus, and headphone listening habits in nine-year-old children." Sara Båsjö, Claes Möller, Stephen Widén, Gørán Jutengren & Kim Kähäri
- "Book review - Comprehensive handbook of pediatric audiology - second edition." Traci Flynn
- "Letter to the Editor - Paediatric tinnitus: The unmet clinical need." Rachel Humphriss, Amanda Hall & David Baguley
- "Letter - Comment on 'The effects of frequency lowering on speech perception in noise with adult hearing aid users'." Jason A. Galster & Kelly Fitz

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External Events

British Academy of Audiology

Only a few months remaining until the British Academy of Audiology 13th Annual Conference on the 10th -11th November at the SECC in Glasgow. The conference promises to be a significantly different experience from previous years, taking advantage of the European Capital of Culture and the host of expert speakers packed into the academic programme. On both days, the programme features a series of new talks entitled ‘All You Need to Know’ with the aim of providing clear information about a variety of topics, with resources being available live on the website for you to view and download whilst you are in the sessions. Don’t forget that if you register before the 2nd October you will received the early bird discount. To find out more please visit: www.baaudiology.org/conference
Full details of upcoming events can be found at: [www.thebsa.org.uk/events/category/meetings/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/category/meetings/)

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