Calling all members! Help the BSA Grow – “Be one of the 300” project

Help us reach a further 300 new members by the end of this financial year (31st March 2017). There are incentives for both the new members joining and the BSA member making the recommendation. For more information, please click here [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/calling-members-help-bsa-grow-one-300-project/](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/calling-members-help-bsa-grow-one-300-project/)

The International Journal of Audiology & Open Access

In this month’s IJA there is a piece on open access and you can access this by logging on to the members part of the website and clicking on the link for the IJA. [http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14992027.2016.1211765](http://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14992027.2016.1211765)

The article was written by Kevin J. Munro and Peter West, the BSA representatives to the IJA Council, which owns the journal. The article was originally published in Audacity (2016; 8:22–23) for those of you who have not read it, it is reproduced with permission in this issue of IJA to describe what open access is, and inform readers that IJA is, indeed, an open access journal. Specific details of the levels of open access available to IJA authors are also provided.

Tell us your points of view
The BSA wants to know your views on your membership and we want you to help feed in to our plans for the next 2 years. Please take 5 minutes out of your day to complete our membership survey:

[https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSAMem16](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSAMem16)

It’s time to think of your nominations! BSA Awards – Thomas Simm Littler Prize and Ruth Spencer Prize

Every year members of the BSA are able to nominate individuals for a number of prizes. Nominations are now open for:

- The Thomas Simm Littler Prize in recognition of an academic contribution to the discipline of audiology.
- The Ruth Spencer Prize in recognition of a notable contribution to clinical services by a registered practitioner.

Please send nominations for these prizes to Ted Killan as vice-Chair at e.killan@leeds.ac.uk with a brief outline as to why you are nominating your chosen person. Please make your submission by the 30th November 2016 to be considered at the December meeting of the BSA Council.

There’s still time 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 fulfill our vision of building knowledge and empowering professionals to improve the lives of people with hearing and balance problems. For more information, click here:


Accreditation programme vacancies

After eight years supporting the work of BSA Accredited Courses we say goodbye to Wayne Ellis. The Learning Events Group and the BSA would like to thank him for all of his hard work. We are now looking for a new member of the team to join this valuable work. You will get full support in this role. So are you looking for a new challenge? Do you want to make sure that courses are able working to the minimum training guidelines set out by the BSA? Want to know more? Contact Laura Turton on laura@thebsa.org.uk

Balance Interest Group vacancies

The British Society of Audiology (BSA) Balance Interest Group (BIG) Steering Committee wishes to recruit two additional members. We are looking for individuals with a good level of experience and expertise in the management of patients with balance disorders, whether clinical, educational, or third sector; but crucially also enthusiasm, fresh ideas and commitment to contribute to the work of the committee. For more information please click here:

New Practice Guidance Documents

The Professional Guidance Group and some of our SIGs have been working hard this month and we have a number of new documents on the website:

- Common Principles of Rehabilitation for Adults in Audiology Services (authored by ARIG)
- Positioning Tests (authored by BIG)

News

Withdrawal from NICE accreditation application

In recent years, the BSA Professional Guidance Group (PGG) has been working towards an application for NICE accreditation of our practice guidance development processes. Work was well advanced on the manual which describes in great detail how we produce practice guidance in order to meet the stringent NICE accreditation criteria. Quite unexpectedly, NICE recently announced closure of its accreditation programme, setting a very short deadline for submission of final applications. Regrettably, the very short notice of this decision by NICE prevents us from completing the remaining work on the manual and we have had no option but to withdraw from the accreditation application process.

Update on hearing research funding in UK

The main funder of NHS research, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), has funded three Biomedical Research Centres for hearing research: UCL, Nottingham and Manchester. Some £15m will be spent over the next five years on translational hearing research that will benefit adults and children with hearing loss and hearing-related disorders. For further details click here [https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-816-million-investment-in-health-research](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-816-million-investment-in-health-research)

Hear the World Foundation welcomes Professor Kevin Munro to its Advisory Board

Audiology Professor Kevin J. Munro from the University of Manchester, a high-profile figure in the field of audiology, has been elected to the Advisory Board of the Hear the World Foundation effective August 2016. With his outstanding track record, he will add greatly to the foundation’s specialist expertise. For more information, please click here [htwf_kevin-munro_advisory-board_en_final](htwf_kevin-munro_advisory-board_en_final)

New film documentary – In Pursuit of Silence

The film “In Pursuit of Silence” is about our relationship with silence, sound and the impact of noise on our lives. It looks and sounds beautiful and is interesting and engaging – as its selection for the prestigious Sheffield International Documentary Festival earlier this year proves. The film is a big wake up call to the public and politicians to take the subject of noise seriously. The film will be in cinemas all over the country from October
21st onwards. Full details are on the website [http://inpursuitofsilence.co.uk](http://inpursuitofsilence.co.uk), where there is also a trailer for the film.

**Updates from the British Tinnitus Association - First edition of the Annual Tinnitus Research Review**

The BTA is delighted to announce the publication of the first edition of the new Annual Tinnitus Research Review. It can be viewed online at the BTA site [www.tinnitus.org.uk/ATRR2016](http://www.tinnitus.org.uk/ATRR2016).

**British Tinnitus Association creates a new resource to help you ‘Take on Tinnitus’**

New online help for people new to tinnitus is now available at [www.takeontinnitus.co.uk](http://www.takeontinnitus.co.uk) Take on Tinnitus is a new website aimed at people who have just begun to experience tinnitus and can be helpful to students and other professionals who don’t regularly see tinnitus patients.

**British Tinnitus Association creates Easy Read Guides**

The British Tinnitus Association (BTA) is pleased to announce the publication of the four BTA information leaflets in Easy Read format. These guides are on:

- All about tinnitus
- Hearing aids and tinnitus
- Self-help for tinnitus
- Tinnitus services

For more information on the BTA updates please click here [http://www.thebsa.org.uk/6507-2](http://www.thebsa.org.uk/6507-2).

**Events**

**BSA Annual Conference 2017**


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


Two for the price of one this month in the International Journal of Audiology Volume 55, Issue 11, 2016
The following titles are in this month’s issue:

- Open access’ and the International Journal of Audiology. Prof Kevin Munro & Dr Peter West
- Anxiety and depression, personality traits relevant to tinnitus: A scoping review. Mithila Durai & Grant Searchfield
- Hearing impairment, cognition and speech understanding: exploratory factor analyses of a comprehensive test battery for a group of hearing aid users, the n200 study. Jerker Rönnberg, Thomas Lunner, Elaine Hoi Ning Ng, Björn Lidestam, Adriana Agatha Zekveld, Patrik Sörrqvist, Björn Lyxell, Ulf Träff, Wycliffe Yumba, Elisabet Clason, Mathias Hällgren, Birgitta Larsby, Carine Signoret, M. Kathleen Pichora-Fuller, Mary Rudner, Henrik Danielsson & Stefan Stenfelt
- Current process in hearing-aid fitting appointments: An analysis of audiologists’ use of behaviour change techniques using the behaviour change technique taxonomy (v1). Fiona Barker, Emma Mackenzie & Simon de Lusignan
- Amplification of transcutaneous and percutaneous bone-conduction devices with a test-band in an induced model of conductive hearing loss. Marn Joon Park, Jae Ryung Lee, Chan Joo Yang, Myung Hoon Yoo, In Suk Jin, Chi Ho Choi & Hong Ju Park
- A qualitative investigation of decision making during help-seeking for adult hearing loss. Helen Pryce, Amanda Hall, Ariane Laplante-Lévesque & Elizabeth Clark
- Experiences of hearing loss and views towards interventions to promote uptake of rehabilitation support among UK adults. Crystal Rolfe & Benjamin Gardner
- Adjustments of the amplitude mapping function: Sensitivity of cochlear implant users and effects on subjective preference and speech recognition. Femke L. Theelen–van den Hoek, Monique Boymans, Bas van Dijk & Wouter A. Dreschler
- Hearing protector fit testing with off-shore oil-rig inspectors in Louisiana and Texas. William J. Murphy, Christa L. Themann & Taichi K. Murata


- A review of the perceptual effects of hearing loss for frequencies above 3 kHz. Brian C. J. Moore
- Knowledge and attitude of parents/caregivers towards hearing loss and screening in newborns – a systematic review. Rohit Ravi, Dhanshree R. Gunjawate, Krishna Yerraguntla, B. Rajashekhar & Leslie E. Lewis
- Functional hearing in the classroom: assistive listening devices for students with hearing impairment in a mainstream school setting. Julien Zanin & Gary Rance
- Insights on different analysis techniques in the monothermal and bithermal caloric test – which parameter should we use to quantify vestibular function? Paul Radomskij, Samantha Smith & Sudhagar Kuttva
- Perceived listening effort and speech intelligibility in reverberation and noise for hearing-impaired listeners. Henning Schepker, Kristina Haeder, Jan Rennies & Inga Holube
- Estimating audiometric thresholds using simultaneous acquisition of ASSR and ABR from QASSR in patients with sensorineural hearing loss. Magdalena Lachowska, Jorge Bohórquez, Özcan Özdamar & Kazimierz Niemczyk
- Simulated patients versus seminars to train case history and feedback skills in audiology students: A randomized controlled trial. Jane Hughes, Wayne J. Wilson, Naomi MacBean & Anne E. Hill
- A tool for assessing case history and feedback skills in audiology students working with simulated patients. Jane Hughes, Wayne J. Wilson, Naomi MacBean & Anne E. Hill
• **Objective assessment of subjective tinnitus through contralateral suppression of otoacoustic emissions by white noise; suggested cut-off points.** M. Riga, A. Komis, P. Maragkoudakis, G. Korres & V. Danielides
• **A comparison of an audiometric screening survey with an in-depth research questionnaire for hearing loss and hearing loss risk factors.** Emily Mosites, Richard Neitzel, Deron Galusha, Sally Trufan, Christine Dixon-Ernst & Peter Rabinowitz
• **Provision, perception and use of trainable hearing aids in Australia: a survey of clinicians and hearing impaired adults.** Els Walravens, Gitte Keidser & Louise Hickson
• **Practical considerations for the application of ear simulators in the calibration of audiometers in the extended high frequency region.** Richard Barham

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**External Events**

**British Academy of Audiology**

Only one month remaining until the **13th British Academy of Audiology Annual Conference**. This year’s conference will be held in Glasgow on the **10th and 11th November** which will welcome over 600 delegates and 50 exhibitors. The programme will feature four thought-provoking keynote speakers, including: Professor Adrian David, Professor Kevin Munro, Carol Flexer and Curtis Alcock. In addition to the main programme, there will be three breakfast workshops running along with additional tracks for assistant and associate audiologists on Thursday and the student workshop on Friday. What's more is there will be Sponsor's Track running on both days with the BAA Conference Platinum Sponsors and their invited speakers delivering a range of topics from the forefront of research and clinical trials. Make sure and visit [www.baaudiology.org/conference](http://www.baaudiology.org/conference) to view the programme and register your place at this year’s not to be missed conference!

**Distinguished Lecture: Prof. C Petit, Institut Pasteur, Paris – Hearing mechanisms & genetic disorders**

The University of Southampton is very pleased to announce a **Distinguished Lecture given by Professor Christine Petit from Institut Pasteur, Paris, France** on “Understanding hearing mechanisms in light of genetic disorders of this sensory system: from sound detection to auditory perception”

**Date:** Thursday 27/10/2016

**Location:** University of Southampton Lanchester, Building 7 Room 3031

**Time:** 17:30-19:00 (Teas and coffees are served from 17:30, the lecture begins at 18:00)


**Jobs**

**Clinical Audiologist – London Harley Street**

**The Tinnitus Clinic**

**Closing Date:** 31st October 2016

**Salary:** Dependant on location and experience. Basic salary plus bonus

We are looking for experienced audiologists to join our team. We have an immediate need in London but are keen to hear from anyone who’d like to work with us to change the lives of people with tinnitus for the better.

The Tinnitus Clinic has expanded rapidly from its first clinic in Harley Street in 2011 and is now providing services at 14 sites across the UK. As a fully independent company, we are able to select the very best evidence-based technologies on the market to use alongside supporting therapies, in our own clinical pathways. We are a BUPA registered facility and a CQC registered service, and have won a number of awards for our services and our scientific writing and education work.
The successful candidate will need to demonstrate technical ability, perhaps gained in fitting and repairing technologically advanced hearing aids, as well as the softer skills required to support anxious patients with tinnitus. Ideally, we’re looking for a person with both NHS and private audiology experience.

While it isn’t necessary for you to have clinical experience in treating and managing tinnitus, you must be able to demonstrate interest in this challenging condition. In addition to treating tinnitus, we also treat hyperacusis successfully, and work closely with ENT consultant partners where an onward referral or complex medical investigation is required.

Above all, we are looking for a solution-focused, team member who, as a sales-orientated audiologist, is able to successfully balance the first essential of clinical need against the business need.

Applications are by CV and covering letter, outlining why you are the best candidate for the job. Your application should be sent either by post to Josephine Swinhoe, Managing Director, The Tinnitus Clinic, 121 Harley Street, London, W1G 6A or email j.swinhoe@thetinnitusclinic.co.uk. Applications should arrive no later than 31st October 2016.

Visit http://thetinnitusclinic.co.uk/healthcare-professionals/careers for more information

Audiology Job Opportunities In Rural And Metropolitan Australia
Neurosensory
Closing Date: 31st October 2016
Salary: Dependant on location and experience

Neurosensory has a number of positions available in regional and metropolitan Australia for enthusiastic and motivated audiologists to join our growing clinical team. At Neurosensory we believe in enriching the lives of every client, by improving how they interact with the world around them.

We are looking for clinicians who are committed to providing the highest standards of care for their clients; who enjoy a busy, dynamic work environment; and who thrive on developing new skills.

Why choose Neurosensory?
A career with Neurosensory offers something different.

- Our independence allows our clinicians to fit whatever device they believe best meets their clients’ needs.
- Our broad scope of services allows our clinicians to develop specialised skills across a range of areas including paediatric assessments and auditory processing, electrophysiology and balance, implantable hearing devices, and tinnitus management.
- We pay a competitive fixed salary which is based on your experience and expertise, and not the number of hearing aids you fit.

The successful applicant must have:

- A minimum 2 years experience in working as an audiologist.
- A commitment to providing the highest standards in audiology.
- A positive, fun and hard-working attitude.

All applicants must be, or eligible to be a full member of Audiology Australia Ltd. We will assist with the application of the appropriate visa required to work and live in Australia.

To find out more about this opportunity please contact Angela Maher via email angela.maher@nsu.com.au or phone +61 7 3835 8836.

Applications close 31st October 2016.

Audiologist (Paediatric) Band 5
Paediatric Audiology Department - Lancashire Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust
Closing Date: 6th November 2016
Salary: £21,909 - £28,462 pa

This is an exciting new post with a view to expanding and developing the Paediatric Audiology Department.
We are seeking a well-motivated audiologist to join our small but growing department devoted to providing the best audiological care to hearing impaired children in an extensive area of Lancashire (1,000,000 population).

This forward thinking department is devoted to a 'whole-child' approach and has a well-established multi-disciplinary team. The successful applicant will support and/or liaise with a consultant audiological physician, a chief audiologist, audiology specialist health visitors, educational audiologists, advisory teachers for hearing impaired children, speech and language therapists, a clinical scientist and hearing therapist.

Situated in north Preston, the department is easily accessible from the motorway network and presents no parking difficulties. Preston City offers a huge variety of interests both locally and throughout Lancashire. For those who like exploring, the coast, the Bowland Fells and even the Lake District is only a hop and a skip away!

The applicant must have BSc (Hons) in Audiology or equivalent and Professional Registration with appropriate body (RCCP state registration). The applicant must have some post qualification experience and be enthusiastic to work in a paediatric setting. Experience of working with children is desirable but training will be given where required.

A full driving licence / ability to travel is necessary.

A full job description and online application form is available from http://jobs.lancsteachinghospitals.nhs.uk/job/v571419

For further information, please contact Michelle Simey, Chief Paediatric Audiologist on Tel: 01772 401310.

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