We have been busy and we have lots to tell you…….

ARiG poster competition

The Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group want to hear about your innovations and good practice in their poster competition. The aim is to collate these in to a website that provides easy access to information, evidence and examples of successful practice. Could your team win? To find out more and enter please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/adult-rehab-competition-team-going-win/

New Global Outreach SIG being explored

Have you ever worked abroad in Audiology? If so, please consider completing our questionnaire https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSAGOSIG

We are working with ENT UK on a new project about global outreach in Audiology and ENT and we are
proposing to develop a Special Interest Group on the topic of global health/audiology. Would you be interested in participating in that and/or taking an active role in its development? For more information, please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/want-make-difference-lives-people-hearing-loss-globally-new-work-global-outreach/

New documents and new look to resources

Have you been on our Resources website page recently? We have updated many of our procedures and alphabetised the library of resources to make it easier for you to find what you need. Take a look: http://www.thebsa.org.uk/resources/

Have you read the brand new Cortical ERA Recommended Procedure? If not download it here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Cortical-ERA.pdf

Still time to apply to be a BSA trustee

If you are considering putting yourself forward as a trustee to develop your career and the BSA then there is still time for applications. For more information, please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/trustee-can-career/ or contact Laura Turton, BSA Operations Manager on laura@thebsa.org.uk

Opportunity to help with BSA Accreditation

The Learning Events Group are looking for some new people to get involved in the BSA Accredited Courses. Do you know what types of courses we accredit? If not, then please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/bsa-accreditation-short-courses/

We are looking for 2-3 people who can support the development of these courses alongside current members of the committee. If you would like to know more then please email Laura Turton on laura@thebsa.org.uk

News

Sensory Systems, Technologies & Therapies Master of Research (MRes) Programme

For information on UCL’s course please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/sensory-systems-technologies-therapies-master-research-mres-programme/

BSA AGM announced

The BSA is pleased to announce that its Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 5th September 2016 at the Hugh Aston Building, De Montfort University, Leicester between 12.15pm and 1pm. This is part of a joint BSA event with PAIG (Paediatric Audiology Interest Group) and ARIG (Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group) on complex cases. More information on both the AGM and these events are due to be released soon, so watch this space!

‘Right from the Start’ new campaign report launched by NDCS

Events – check out all of the autumn meetings!

BSA Adult Rehabilitation: Complex Matters – Going beyond the Routine, Monday 5th September at De Montfort University, Leicester

Check out the programme and get details to register here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/adult-rehabilitation-interest-group-complex-matters-going-beyond-routine/

BSA Paediatric Audiology Interest Group: It’s not just about their little ears, Monday 5th September at De Montfort University, Leicester

Check out the programme and get details to register here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/paediatric-audiology-interest-group-not-just-little-ears/

BSA Basic Science Day, Monday 5th – Tuesday 6th September, St. John’s College, Cambridge

For more details, please click here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/basic-science-day/

BSA Balance Interest Group Conference, Friday 16th September, UCL Ear Institute, London

Check out the programme and get details to register here http://www.thebsa.org.uk/events/event/british-society-audiology-balance-interest-group-conference/

Spotlight on…. Electrophysiology

At this year’s BSA Annual Conference the BSA Electrophysiology SIG enjoyed a lively session which, among other interesting topics, included very engaging talks on Cortical Evoked Auditory Potentials.

Over recent years, interest has flourished in this topic. With wider use in both clinics and research settings the BSA recently published a Recommended Procedure for CERA, specifically written with a focus on clinical threshold measurement however CERA has multiple possible applications. For example, work continues to assess CERA’s capacity to shape management for individuals identified...
with ANSD (Sharma & Cardon 2015). Alongside the new BSA document, it would be worth reading the “Australian Hearing Aided Cortical Evoked Potentials Protocols” (King et. al. 2014). Aided CERA is now a standard part of clinical hearing aid evaluation in Australia for a wide range of patients. An exciting development in the area of CERA here in the UK is a team at the University of Manchester who are asking the questions “Can Cortical Auditory Evoked Potentials indicate audibility of speech in infants who wear hearing aids?” And “How can the test be applied clinically?”

The study aims to recruit 200 hearing-impaired babies from around England and Wales and the first patients are booked in. 60 centres are fully approved and 24 awaiting local R&D approval. All of the sites that have full approval should now have received study information packs to distribute to eligible families.

If you are interested in more information on this study or information about acting as a Participant Identification Centres the person to contact is Anisa Visram at anisa.visram@manchester.ac.uk.

If you would like to be involved with the special interest group for electrophysiology, please contact Siobhan.brennan@manchester.ac.uk

From Siobhan Brennan, Chair of the Electrophysiology Special Interest Group (EP SIG)


The following titles are in this month’s issue:

- Development and psychometric evaluation of a health-related quality of life instrument for individuals with adult-onset hearing loss. Carren J. Stika & Ron D. Hays
- Developing an assessment approach for perceptual changes to tinnitus sound characteristics for adult cochlear implant recipients. David Greenberg, Leah Meerton, John Graham & Deborah Vickers
- The correlation between ECochG parameters and early auditory behavior after cochlear implantation in children. Konrad Johannes Stuermer, Dirk Beutner, Barbara Streicher, Astrid Foerst, Moritz Felsch, Ruth Lang-Roth & Martin Walger
- Labyrinthine concussion following gunshot injury: A case report. Jamie M. Bogle, David Barrs, Matthew Wester, Laurie Davis & Michael J Cevette
- Book review: Hearing assistive and access technology. Samuel R. Atcherson, Clifford A. Franklin & Laura Smith-Olinde

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

External Events / Course Listing

British Academy of Audiology
Registration is now open for the British Academy of Audiology 13th annual conference! This year, the BAA conference will be in Scotland at the SECC in Glasgow from the 10th – 11th November. The programme has been refreshed and streamlined as it explores the theme of People Make Audiology. For the programme information, registration, abstract submission and award nominations please visit www.baaudiology.org/conference

The British Academy of Audiology is holding a series of events throughout the year. For more information on all BAA events, please visit the website: http://www.baaudiology.org/events

UCL invites applications for the innovative new Sensory Systems, Technologies & Therapies Master of Research (MRes) programme.

https://www.ucl.ac.uk/sensyt/mres-sensory-systems

This interdisciplinary MRes is designed to produce "scientists with an edge"; researchers capable of working at the interface between scientific disciplines and trained to understand the clinical and commercial as well as scientific issues surrounding development of technologies and therapies for disorders of sensory systems. Through a major year-long research project and supplemental coursework, students will learn to conduct cutting-edge research aimed at understanding fundamental principles of sensory systems function and/or developing novel technologies and therapies for sensory systems dysfunction.

The Sensory Systems, Technologies and Therapies MRes was devised in consultation not only with academic scientists pursuing cutting-edge research in sensory systems and therapies, but also with representatives from industries interested in developing new treatments for sensory disorders. The programme has therefore been designed with the intention of ensuring that successful graduates will be attractive candidates either for further PhD research or for jobs in the commercial sector (for example, in companies developing or marketing novel treatments for visual impairment or hearing loss).

UCL is among the world's top universities for biomedical research, with particular strength in neuroscience, sensory systems research, and translational studies. Students will take core modules at the UCL Ear Institute, an internationally recognised centre for auditory research, and at the UCL Institute of Ophthalmology, one of the world's major centres for vision research. MRes students will have access to potential research supervisors from across all UCL, and will benefit from interaction with students on the Sensory Systems, Technologies and Therapies MPhil/PhD introduced in 2014. The Sensory Systems, Technologies and Therapies MRes will therefore provide students with outstanding opportunities to learn from and network with scientists, engineers, clinicians and students throughout the UCL community.

Successful applicants will normally have a *minimum* of an upper second-class UK Bachelor's degree or an overseas qualification of an equivalent standard in the following areas: life sciences, biomedical sciences, bioengineering, biophysics or related fields. The student with the strongest application will be awarded a £2000 scholarship discount on the tuition fees.

The application deadline is 29 July 2016, but applications will be considered on a rolling basis before the deadline. The £2000 scholarship for the top applicant will be awarded after the closing date for applications.
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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