We want your views on our Learning Events

Please take a few minutes to let us know what priorities you have for your CPD over the next few years. We would encourage you to share this survey with your colleagues so we can get a good representation of all professions and all levels of staff.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/BSALEG2016

See you next month at the BSA Annual Conference

Please click here www.eventsforce.net/bsa2016

More information has been added to Day 1 of the programme which is our Basic Science Day https://www.eventsforce.net/FITWISE/media/uploaded/EVFITWISE/event_323/BSA_Programme_5th_February_v2.pdf
The Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group would like your input, they have recently updated the "Common principles of rehabilitation for adults with hearing- and/or balance-related problems in routine audiology services" and have renamed it “Common Principles of Rehabilitation for Adults in Audiology Services”. This Practice Guidance presents principles on effective rehabilitation in adults. Comments and feedback on this document are encouraged and welcomed from all members of the BSA.

This document is now open for consultation.

To access this document please click here BSA Adult Rehabilitation Guidance Draft

Please send any comments you have to Laura Turton (BSA Operations Manager) at laura@thebsa.org.uk by Friday 8th April 2016

News

NICE developing guidance on adult onset hearing loss – your comments welcome

NICE is developing key UK guidance on the assessment and management of adult onset hearing loss. This is a long awaited piece of work that is about to commence by engagement with stakeholders and is planned to complete in May 2018. Outcomes will be highly influential in shaping the delivery of adult rehabilitative 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.

If you wish to comment on consultation documents you would need to be registered before each consultation closes. 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

CLICK HERE for copy of the draft scope for the project is attached for information. I understand that there will be a consultation exercise on the scope document from 29 March to 26 Apr 2016.

John Day, BSA Trustee

Important information on Commissioning Framework

The BSA are currently working with other members of the Hearing Alliance to advise NHS England on providing a commissioning framework which has come from the work done on the Action Plan for Hearing Loss. The aim of this work is to provide commissioners with a structure to consider resourcing their hearing and balance services.

This is a vital piece of work as it will influence how hearing and balance services will work for patients. So please have your say.

A number of frameworks (containing information on pathways, outcomes and key performance indicators) are being developed:

- Paediatric hearing
- Adult hearing
- Tinnitus
- Balance

We are also trying to provide examples of new innovations within pathways in Audiology which are examples of good practice. All of this work is being coordinated by the Hearing Alliance with sub-committees on each of the above from the NDCS, the BAA and the British Tinnitus Association with the BSA’s Special Interest Group and the BSA Council support.

International Society of Audiology Student Scholarships

As an affiliated Society of the ISA, we have been asked to share this opportunity for a small number of students to gain a scholarship (of $1,500) for the 33rd World Congress of Audiology, to be held from September 18 to 21, 2016 in Vancouver. For information on who is eligible please, click here: download

Events

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
Spotlight on…. Tinnitus & Hyperacusis

From Tendai Ngwerume, Chair of the Tinnitus & Hyperacusis Special Interest Group (TH SIG)

In December 2015, the British Society of Audiology formed a new Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Special Interest Group. The group, made up of professionals from a wide range of sectors, elected as its Chair Tendai Ngwerume, an Audiologist working at Derby Teaching Hospitals. Derek Hoare, Senior Research Fellow at the NIHR Nottingham Hearing Biomedical Research Unit was elected to serve as Vice Chair and Alice Davies, Lecturer at Swansea University elected to serve as Secretary.

The BSA approved the following main objectives set out by the SIG:

1. To develop evidenced based assessment and management practice guidance for tinnitus and hyperacusis
2. To raise the standards across the private and public sector in tinnitus and hyperacusis management
3. To promote relevant research, disseminate commentary on new studies and provide lifelong learning for professionals through a range of CPD activities
4. To promote tinnitus and hyperacusis awareness to the professional community, particularly at primary care level
5. To advise professionals of onwards referral options and signposting.

The first TH SIG meeting, intended to discuss a strategy for the group, was held on the 23rd of February at the Royal Derby Hospital.

We held a group discussion about the current situation in tinnitus practice, research and education in the UK. It was a good opportunity for members, all from different sectors, to share their wide-ranging concerns. We compiled a list of nearly 40 issues, which we categorised into broad themes of work, including:
Driving better access to mental health for patients
Raising professional awareness of tinnitus and hyperacusis in primary and secondary care - we particularly focused on a grassroots movement that might involve promoting research in tinnitus and hyperacusis at undergraduate level
Promoting research in clinical practice
Generating procedures and guidelines in a wide range of topics from using outcome measures to fitting ear level devices

Unsurprisingly, these broad work themes fit in with the main objectives of the SIG. In generating an action plan for the future output of the group, we identified two priorities for the group to work on over the next twelve months.

Our first priority is to produce a foregrounding position statement on the principles of professional practice in tinnitus and hyperacusis. As there is variability in consensus and disagreement in this field, the group agreed of a general need to professionalise practice, enabling a reflexive, rather than a protocol driven approach to patient care. A first draft will be ready for the group to discuss at our next meeting in May.

Our second priority is to implement a survey of practice in hyperacusis management. The group felt that not enough is known about the state of practice in this area. This topic will be top of the agenda for our next meeting.

Having identified an opportunity to form the TH SIG in December, there was certainly no doubt of the need for this SIG to raise the standard of practice in tinnitus and hyperacusis in the UK.


The following titles are in this month’s issue:

- *Prevalence and risk factors for reduced sound tolerance (hyperacusis) in children.* - Amanda J. Hall, Rachel Humphriss, David M. Baguley, Melanie Parker & Colin D. Steer
- *Prevalence and characteristics of spontaneous tinnitus in 11-year-old children* - Rachel Humphriss, Amanda J. Hall & David M. Baguley
- *Feasibility of conducting a randomized controlled trial to evaluate the effect of motivational interviewing on hearing-aid use* - Hashir Aazh
- *A demonstrated positive effect of a hearing conservation program in the Swedish armed forces* - Per Muhr, Ann-Christin Johnson, Björn Skoog & Ulf Rosenhall
- *Knowledge, attitudes, behaviors, and noise exposure of baristas* - Alyssa J. Pursley & Gabrielle H. Saunders
Motion sickness and sopite syndrome associated with parabolic flights: a case report - Angelique Van Ombergen, Ben D. Lawson & Floris L. Wuyts

Book review: Hearing assistive and access technology - Brian Taylor (editor)

Book review: Core Clinical Concepts in Audiology - Jaimie Gilberta


Daily music exposure dose and hearing problems using personal listening devices in adolescents and young adults: A systematic review - Wen Jiang, Fei Zhao, Nicola Guderley & Vinaya Manchaiah

Normative data on audiovisual speech integration using sentence recognition and capacity measures - Nicholas Altieri & Daniel Hudock

Using probe-microphone measurements to improve the match to target gain and frequency response slope, as a function of earmould style, frequency, and input level - Kevin J. Munro, Reema Puri, Judith Bird & Mark Smith

Initial classification of pediatric hearing impairment using behavioral measures of early prelingual auditory development - Siyu Liang, Sigfrid D. Soli, Yun Zheng, Gang Li & Zhaoli Meng

Smartphone threshold audiometry in underserved primary health-care contexts - Josefin Sandström, De Wet Swanepoel, Hermanus Carel Myburgh & Claude Laurent


Efficacy of earphones for 12- to 24-month-old children during visual reinforcement audiometry - Allyson D. Weiss, Roanne K. Karzon, Banan Ead & Judith E.C. Lieu

Danish reading span data from 283 hearing-aid users, including a sub-group analysis of their relationship to speech-in-noise performance - Eline Borch Petersen, Thomas Lunner, Martin D. Vestergaard & Elisabet Sundewall Thorén

Adaptation of the STARR test for adult Italian population: A speech test for a realistic estimate in real-life listening conditions - Hilal Dincer D’Alessandro, Deborah Ballantyne, Elio De Seta, Angela Musacchio & Patrizia Mancini

Comment on ‘International collegium of rehabilitative audiology (ICRA) recommendations for the construction of multilingual speech tests’, by Akeroyd et al - Cas Smits

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