

BSA APD SIG July 2023 e-Update

We are delighted to have welcomed 6 new members (including 2 early career professionals) to our group in recent months. They are Silvia Bonaventura, Rachel Crum, Rebecca Johnson, Dr Christina Murphy, Dr Chrysa Spyridakou and Dr Hannah Stewart. They bring with them a wealth of expertise, different professional backgrounds, and new ideas.

The BSA Scientific Meeting, 5-6 June 2023, was a popular event which showcased the work of the BSA Special Interest Groups (SIGs). For the APD session we invited Prof Harvey Dillon (Macquarie University, Australia) to be our keynote speaker. His excellent presentation "*Separating the causes of listening difficulties in children*" was well received by delegates. We also provided an update on the work that the APD SIG is doing.

We are pleased to share that we have two new recordings for BSA Online Learning. The first "*Another kind of Noise*" by Prof Stuart Rosen is already available on the BSA website. The second, "*Option of co-morbidities for APD reference standard*" by Dr Ansar Ahmmed will be available imminently. These recordings join our bank of recordings which includes: "*Neural basis of central auditory system function and disorder*" by Prof David Moore, "*APD: Overview and assessment*" and "*APD Management*" by Prof Nicci Campbell. Further recordings planned include "*APD in adults*" by Dr Nehzat Koohi, and "*The ToD and APD*" by Pauline Grant.

We are making progress with the new *BSA APD Position Statement and Guidance* document which will replace the current document, due for review in 2023. Our previous documents have focused largely on children with developmental APD, but the new document will address APD in both children and adults, as well as the different types of APD. The BSA document development process is robust, involving both (inter)national peer review and public consultation.

We are collaborating with BATOD and the Assistive Listening Technology Group to improve access to technology in the UK for those with APD. We are writing a joint guidance document: "*Acoustic environment and technology for individuals with APD and difficulty hearing speech-in-noise despite a normal audiogram*". Our plan is to invite other audiology associations/societies, stakeholders, and groups to join us. The goals of the document are to improve access to assistive listening devices in the UK and offer guidance regarding candidacy and methods for assessing benefit. We invite you to be part of this process.

Finally, we are collaborating with two other BSA SIGs, namely the Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group and the Cognition in Hearing Group. Together we are writing a new BSA Practice Guidance called "*Assistive Listening Devices for Adults*". The proposal for this guidance document was recently approved by the BSA's Professional Guidance Group.

If you would like us to add your APD service to our list on the BSA website, please contact me (n.g.campbell@soton.ac.uk)

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