

Jan 2022 BSA Cognition in Hearing Special Interest Group (CH SIG)

The CH SIG is a multi-disciplinary group with overlapping interests in the cognitive processes that are involved in listening to and understanding sounds, including attention, memory, learning and decision making. The current CH SIG committee have specific interests in dementia and cognitive decline, tinnitus and hyperacusis, listening effort and improving access and clinical practice for underserved patient groups (Adults with Intellectual Disabilities, patients with Autism Spectrum Disorder).

CH SIG held our first online event with our wider membership in August 2021. One of the aims of this event was to develop a two-way dialogue with regards to future strategy and directions of the CH SIG. Members who attended the online meeting requested links to relevant online talks / presentations and updates on clinical tools, clinical resources and changes to clinical guidance. We have initiated a number of new projects in response to this feedback.

CH SIG intend to propose the development of new practice guidance based on the scientific evidence underpinning the use of Assistive Listening Devices in audiological rehabilitation. Nina Sivan is leading on the proposal for these guidelines and will be supported by Rebecca Millman, Siobhan Brennan and Jenny Douglas. **We would like ask our members to join us in creating a larger working group to take this project forward.** Please get in touch with the SIG secretary if you are interested in collaborating with us and tell us why you would like to join the working group: j.l.douglas@leeds.ac.uk

CH SIG have given several presentations at the recent BSA and BAA conferences. We are in the process of updating the CH SIG BSA online learning platform to include training about these presentations (and more).

We are looking to recruit a new member to our steering group. Please note that this role does require a commitment in terms of time and effort e.g. attendance at our SIG quarterly meetings and responsibility for delivering on SIG activities and outputs. Please get in touch with our CH SIG

secretary Jenny Douglas j.l.douglas@leeds.ac.uk to find out more about being involved in our SIG activities. The deadline for submitting applications to join the CH SIG steering group is 31st January 2022.