

### **March 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, People with Dementia).

**Dementia Specialist Network.** The first network event about “Communication with people with dementia” took place on Tuesday 7th February. Our guest speaker, Dr. Jackie Kindell, Head of Allied Health Professionals & Social Workers, Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust and a Clinical Research Fellow at The University of Manchester, led a discussion around communicating with people with dementia.

The next network meeting on ‘Assessment for People with Dementia’ will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Dr. Siobhán Brennan will give a presentation on the pros/cons of different ways of assessing hearing in people with dementia and lead a discussion on capacity, consent, best-interest and practicalities of testing adults who may have limited understanding of the test procedure, or who need an adapted approach to testing.

Dr. Ann-Marie Dickinson and Dr. Rebeca Millman will deliver a session on the Dementia Specialist Network at the BSA scientific meeting in June 2023.

You do not need to be a member of the Dementia Specialist Clinical Network to join our meetings. BSA members will have access to any outputs generated by this network. Benefits of joining the Dementia Specialist Clinical Network include opportunities to network with other professionals with an interest in dementia, share resources and best practice and have a say in the content of future events. Please let us know if you are interested in attending future Dementia Specialist Clinical

Network meetings and/or joining the network by getting in touch with our CH SIG secretary Jenny Douglas: [j.l.douglas@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:j.l.douglas@leeds.ac.uk)

**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 via [BSA@theBSA.org.uk](mailto:BSA@theBSA.org.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 14<sup>th</sup> April 2023.