

## **June 2023 BSA Balance Special Interest Group (BIG)**

BIG have been working hard behind the scenes on the combined C and OVEMP document which we hope to be out for public consultation within the next several months. Additionally, Simon Howe and Darren Wheelan with the help of experts within the vHIT field, have been working on the first vHIT recommended procedure. We hope this will provide guidance and reassurance in clinic for a test we use daily. Our session at the recent BSA Scientific meeting had a successful showcase of the reality of paediatric vestibular assessment and rehab highlighting the importance of taking each patient on a case by case basis and doing what you can in clinic with what you have; networking within your locality to set up pathways with paediatric physiotherapy and /or occupational therapy and the importance of education and reassurance to families. A big thank you to our MDT panel (Dr Veronica Kennedy, Dr Rosa Crunkhorn, Dr Waheeda Pagarkar and Dr Sam Lear) for all the work you put in to the talk. Additionally, Ariel Sereda (UCL PhD student), gave us a fascinating overview of her work within AI and the potential benefits of AI and avatar technology to help patients with PPPD. It is a really exciting time to be working within vestibular science.

Furthermore, we are recruiting to the Balance Interest Group steering committee!

Some members of the committee are coming to the end of their term of office and we are looking for enthusiastic new members to replace them! We would particularly encourage applications from early career professionals with an interest in balance who might wish to gain experience of serving on national committees and be involved in projects with a wider reach. Please contact the BSA at [BSA@theBSA.org.uk](mailto:BSA@theBSA.org.uk) for an application, if you wish to join us!