

PAIG eUpdate Sept 22

PAIG have seen several membership changes over the summer months. Following a successful recruitment campaign, Naomi Elliot (Lead Paediatric Audiologist, Hounslow and Richmond Community NHS Trust), Verity Langlands (Principal Audiologist, Seashell Trust) and Helen Martin (Teacher of the Deaf, Ewing Foundation) have joined the Steering Committee. It is great to have involvement from different sectors and we welcome them warmly. They bring a range of knowledge, experience and all-important enthusiasm and have dived head-first into our current projects. We still have one vacancy on the Steering Committee, so if you would be interested in leading the activities of PAIG and can attend quarterly meetings, please email bsa@thebsa.org.uk for an application form by the end of September.

The team continues to work on the Infant Fitting Guidance and the Visual Reinforcement Audiometry Recommended Procedure is now with external peer reviewers. We are also developing some online learning materials for impression taking in children under 5 and for speech testing, with the help of our Reference Group. Being in the Reference Group is a great way to get involved in working on projects with PAIG on a more flexible basis, without needing to attend regular meetings. If you would be interested in being part of these or future projects, please email bsa@thebsa.org.uk so your details can be forwarded to PAIG.

Just this week, as chair of PAIG, I attended a two-day BSA meeting which brought together, amongst others, all of the chairs of BSA's Special Interest Groups (SIGs). This was a great opportunity to discuss the work of all of the SIGs and immediately opportunities for collaboration became apparent. There was great sharing of ideas and everyone's passion for their work across all areas of Audiology was inspiring. One consensus through-out discussions was that it would be great to have more involvement from students and early career professionals, and there will be some great opportunities for getting involved in BSA and the SIGs in the near future. Volunteering with BSA is a brilliant way to meet like-minded professionals and develop further in your area of interest, fresh eyes and fresh ideas are always welcome!