



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Headlines

Chair's message

Dear Members,

This time of the year is always busy as we ask all our BSA leads to help prepare our Annual Report. As a registered charity, we are required to submit a report outlining our activity, income and spending to the Charity Commission each year. This involves a considerable amount of co-ordination, and effort of those involved.

At the same time (and in preparation for next year's report) we are also setting the BSA budget for.....



Read the full Chairs message below.

[Read here](#)

Headlines



Last Chance to submit an abstract for the BSA Scientific Meeting 2024

The Scientific Meeting is an excellent opportunity to share your research or findings and to network with colleagues. The closing date for abstracts is **Friday 29 March 2024**.

Students should also note the **Roger Thornton Award** is open for applications until the abstract closing date, you are encouraged to apply to help you attend the BSA Scientific Meeting and present your abstract.

Submit yours now below.

<https://fitwise.eventsair.com/PresentationPortal/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2FPresentationPortal%2Fbsa2024%2Fbsascientificmeeting2024abstractportal>

Register for the BSA Scientific Meeting 2024 below.

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BSA Fellowship

Please be advised that the **18th Fellowship cohort** closed on **Friday 1st March 2024** and we are currently reviewing the applications.

The **19th Fellowship cohort** will therefore open following these reviews, on **27th March 2024**, and will close again on **17th May 2024**.

Fellowship Testimonials



Judith Bird
Senior Fellow of the British Society of Audiology

Why did you apply for the BSA Fellowship Scheme?

"I applied for the fellowship as a sign of my commitment to the work of the BSA. I hope the scheme will encourage others to engage with the society to promote and develop the good work of our profession."

To review the Fellowship process in full and to apply, please click below.

[Read here](#)

Public Consultation – Recommended Procedure – Pure-tone air-conduction and bone-conduction threshold audiometry with and without masking

Open: 8 January 2024

Closed: 23:59, 11 March 2024

The British Society of Audiology's Professional Guidance Group (PGG) confirms that that the public consultation, **Recommended Procedure – Pure-tone air-**

conduction and bone-conduction threshold audiometry with and without masking has now closed.

We would like to thank everyone who took the time to respond.

We shall announce the updated version in due course.

To review current/past stakeholder consultations, please click below.

[Read more](#)

Recommended Procedure: Tympanometry and Acoustic Reflex Thresholds

The British Society of Audiology is pleased to advise that following consultation the Recommended Procedure - Tympanometry and Acoustic Reflex Thresholds, has now been updated and it is ready for you to access and utilise again.

To review this please have a look in the current guidance section of the BSA website, or click below.

[Read more](#)

BSA Online Learning



Laura Gaeta, PhD, is an associate professor in the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders at California State University, Sacramento, USA. She is also a member of the BSA Cognition Special Interest Group, and the Adult Rehabilitation Special Interest Group. Laura has recorded a presentation which introduces learners to the Patient Reported Outcomes in Audiology (PROTEA) Toolkit. The PROTEA Toolkit supports clinicians and researchers in selecting

patient-reported outcome measures. Topics include the use and types of patient-reported outcome measures (PROMs), description of measurement properties, and an overview of the toolkit. We hope this framework might be useful both in the clinic, for audit and other research. Click [here](#) to view.

To find out more about BSA Online Learning, please click below.

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News

ARIG is recruiting!

The BSA's Adult Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (ARIG) is a dynamic group of clinicians, researchers, educators and policy makers working actively to progress the field of adult rehabilitation. ARIG plays a crucial role in bringing together like-minded individuals to explore, discuss, and advance specific areas of interest within adult rehabilitation.

They are currently seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join the SIG as committee members. As a committee member, you will have the opportunity to contribute your expertise, collaborate with fellow professionals, and help shape the direction of adult rehabilitation within Audiology.

As a committee member, they would like you to:

- Actively participate in up to 4 committee meetings per year (usually online), providing insights, and contributing to discussions
- Collaborate with other committee members on initiatives and projects related to the SIG's focus
- Contribute to the development of resources, practice guidance, recommended procedures in the area of adult rehabilitation
- Represent ARIG at events and conferences, promoting our SIG and its initiatives
- They would also welcome applications from someone interested in the secretary role which would involve:

- Taking minutes at the quarterly meetings
- Co-ordinating dates and setting up the online meetings
- Liaising with BSA administration on group membership

By joining the SIG, you will get to benefit from:

- Networking opportunities with professionals in the field
- Professional development and learning experiences
- Recognition within Audiology and the adult rehabilitation field
- The chance to make a meaningful impact on the progression of adult rehabilitation

If you are passionate about adult rehabilitation and eager to contribute to a thriving SIG, they would love to hear from you!

For further information and for an application form, please email bsa@thebsa.org.uk by **22nd March 2024**

PGG is recruiting!

The Professional Guidance Group (PGG) is responsible for coordinating production of BSA documents prior to final sign-off by the BSA Council. This includes Recommended Procedures and Clinical Guidance. Most documents are authorised by the special interest groups (SIGs) and the PGG must work with them to agree the guidance and seek expert peer review. The PGG is also responsible for authorising some documents on general topics such as PTA, tympanometry and acoustics.

It is a the core function of the BSA to produce learned guidance, so its good international reputation is dependent on the documents it publishes. The role of the PGG is therefore crucial in coordinating production of documents and includes: review and commenting on draft guidance, ensuring that it is evidence-based, current, relevant, of high impact and quality. The PGG must ultimately uphold high standards that maintains the BSA's reputation.

PGG are seeking individuals who can give some of their time to this important and influential role. It is critical to the BSA's function and supports the whole of the

audiology profession. The PGG meets every quarter but PGG members will review (or occasionally author) documents between meetings as they are produced. Documents cover all areas of audiology, so volunteers may be generalists or specialists in any area. The PGG is responsible to the BSA Council.

Please consider joining the PGG. All applicants must be a member of BSA, and PGG will consider members with all levels of experience. For further information and for an application form, please email bsa@thebsa.org.uk.

The BSA Accreditation Group are recruiting!

The Accreditation Group plays a key role in defining the standards for audiology courses and accrediting courses that meet the requirements, providing BSA certificates for a range of audiological procedures. This is a crucial aspect of the BSA's role in supporting audiology services in the UK and depends on the commitment of our members.

If you would like to have an influence on audiology training in the UK, and are able to give us some of your time, then please contact bsa@thebsa.org.uk for more information.

Save the date: Thursday 11th July, Quality in vestibular practice event at Aston University

The Balance Special Interest Group are working towards hosting a small learning and networking event, free for BSA members with an interest in vestibular assessment.

This will include a combination of interactive lectures and workshops.

Please keep your eyes out [here](#) for further communication from the BSA with information on how to register.

Call for BSA student members - Lightning Update Opportunity

Would you like the opportunity to share your work with the wider audiology sector?

The adult rehabilitation special interest group are looking for student members to submit mini literature reviews on subjects of their choice or pick from a recommendation list. This could include a summary of your current dissertation, a subject you are passionate about or one that you feel deserves the spotlight. The article will be shared on our social media channels and in the BSA magazine, Audacity.

Members of ARIG will be happy to offer guidance and support to student members who volunteer to write a lightening update.

For more information please contact: arig@thebsa.org.uk.

Audacity

The Spring 2024 Audacity edition is now out!



The Brighton editorial team's first Audacity aired in time for the World Hearing Day at the beginning of March. You can follow this link to access it: <https://cloud.3dissue.net/30176/30074/30346/107048/index.html>.

Keep an eye out for the Jos Millar award announcement, for authors who submitted informative, transferable, well-structured, and engaging articles to Audacity over the last year.

If you would like to get in touch with the team, please email audacity@thebsa.org.uk.

Spotlight

March 2024 BSA Electrophysiology Special Interest Group (ESIG)

The group has gained some new members recently and the meetings have been very lively. It's great to be part of a group where debates can be stimulating and at the same fostered in an inclusive environment of mutual respect.

The Paediatric Hearing Services Improvement Programme, steered by NHS England, is well underway and the EPSIG is well represented in its meetings, as one of the stakeholders.

We've been reviewing the ABR testing in babies and the principles of external peer review of ABR testing for the past few months.

Please click below to read this months spotlight in full....

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Global Outreach



Volunteer role for literature search project

An opportunity has arisen to shape how journal articles are systematically identified on the topic of audiology in low-resource settings internationally.

Full guidance provided and minimal prior experience needed; just an interest in further developing related skills or interest in the topic.

The role can be tailored as preferred - from a simple short literature search taking a couple of hours, through to leading related guidance with possible liaison with a university.

This will feed into the new Global Outreach Resource Hub at <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/international-links/global-outreach-resources-hub/>

To find out more or express interest, contact outreach@thebsa.org.uk

International Journal of Audiology



International Journal of Audiology (IJA) Volume 63 2024, Issue 3

(members only) click on the link below

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Events

BSA Accredited Courses

To view all current BSA Accredited Courses, please click below.

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Advance your career with the UCL Ear Institute

UCL Ear Institute provide world-leading teaching in audiology, and their courses are delivered by some of the most influential researchers and clinicians in the field. The courses draw on the expertise of senior clinicians from the NHS and private sector, including the Royal National Ear Nose & Throat and Eastman Dental Hospital.

Join their information session to hear firsthand from their academics and current students.

UCL Ear Institute Graduate Information Session (Zoom)

Wednesday 20 March 2024, 5-6pm (UK time)

They have a variety of courses depending on your experience and qualifications:

- **Advanced Audiology MSc**

If you have a BSc in Audiology or equivalent and would like to study for a postgraduate qualification, then the Advanced Audiology MSc is for you. They have a variety of specialist modules for you to choose from and their part time and flexible options mean you can study while working.

- **MSc Audiological Science with Clinical Practice**

If you are an ATO or Associate Audiologist and would like to qualify as an audiologist their MSc Audiological Science with Clinical Practice is for you if you have an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline.

Scholarships

UCL are pleased to offer four UCL Ear Institute MSc Excellence Scholarships, worth £3,000 each, for 2024 entry.

For more information and to register, **by 31 July 2024**, please click below.

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Jobs



Salary: Competitive Salary

Hours: Flexible Hours

Location: Based around the Nottingham area

Closing date: Friday 29th March 2024

Holt Hearing and Balance Services, have an exciting opportunity for an Audiologist or an Audiological Scientist, based around the Nottingham area to join their team. The successful candidate would have the opportunity to partake in our quality private services offering assessments and rehabilitation for hearing tinnitus and balance difficulties (depending on experience).

Working with Holt Hearing provides the benefit of:

- Flexible hours

- Working as part of a friendly team
- Provision of quality services, underpinned by training and development opportunities
- Working with a wide range of patients where no day is the same
- Competitive salary
- Excellent holiday allowance and social opportunities

For more information and to apply, please click below.

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Full details of upcoming events can be found at: <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/events-and-online-learning/>

If you have any problems logging on to the website or changed any of your details, please update BSA Admin Office by email at bsa@thebsa.org.uk

Membership Fees: You can renew/pay your membership online <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/>

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