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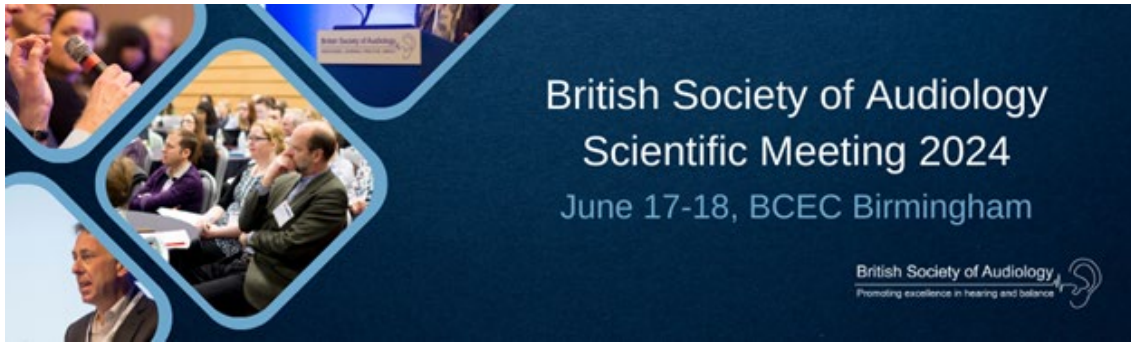
With a little over a month until the BSA Scientific Meeting, have you booked your place yet? Taking place on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th June at the BCEC in Birmingham the programme includes presentations from Dr Eithne Heffernan, Professor Steven Bell, Dr Guy Lightfoot, Dr Hannah Stewart and Dr Lauren Hadley, and, sessions including Applications of.....



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Exclusive BSA Member discount available for The BSA Scientific Meeting 2024.

Claim your 20% discount by using the code **BSAMEM24** when you register before the **17th of May 2024**.

The BSA Scientific Meeting will be taking place on the **17th and 18th of June 2024 at the BCEC in Birmingham**. The BSA Scientific meeting continues to be the leading UK scientific forum to bring together clinicians and researchers who have an interest in hearing, tinnitus and balance.

Register by clicking the button below and we hope to see you in Birmingham in June.

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BSA Notification of Annual General Meeting 2024

In accordance with the Memorandum and Articles of Association, notice is hereby given of the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the British Society of Audiology to be held at **The BCEC, Birmingham at 12:45pm on Monday, 17th June 2024**.

To view the full Notification of the AGM Agenda, submit an item for inclusion on the agenda (Inc questions), send a proxy vote or submit apologies, please the link below.

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Attention Students and Early Career Professionals!

Join us at the BSA Scientific Meeting at the **BCEC, Birmingham on Monday 17th & Tuesday 18th June 2024.**

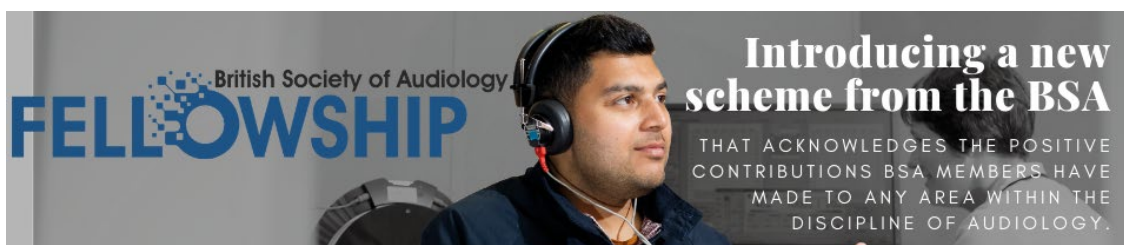
This leading UK scientific forum is where clinicians and researchers come together to explore the latest in hearing, tinnitus, and balance.

Alongside benefiting from the exciting and stimulating programme, you will have the chance to meet our Early Career Professionals Trustee during the **'Refreshments and Exhibition Viewing' at the BSA stand between 15:45-18:45 on the first evening.**

You will also be able to cast your vote for the best BSA poster, chosen by students and early career professionals like yourself, so head over to the BSA stand to scan the QR code to vote. Don't miss out on this exclusive opportunity to connect, learn, ask questions and shape the future of our field.

To register, click [here](#). If you are an early career professional, we are delighted to offer free membership, if you are not yet a BSA member, by signing up to this event!

See you there!



BSA Fellowship

Please be advised that the **19th Fellowship cohort** opened on **27th March 2024**, and will close again on **17th May 2024**.

To apply, please click below.

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BSA Online Learning



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

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News

BSA Cognition in Hearing Special Interest Group (CHSIG) Dementia Network

The 5th network event about “Supporting the professional and informal carers for people with dementia” will take place on **Friday 17th May**.

Dr. Hannah Cross will discuss her research with the families of people with dementia and hearing loss living in long term care, and Emma Smith from Age UK (Salford) will lead a discussion about best practices for supporting families and carers for people with dementia.

Masking the ABR - Joint British Academy of Audiology (BAA) Webinar with BSA Electrophysiology Special Interest Group (EPSIG)

12th June 2024, 12:30 - 13:30

Join Dr Guy Lightfoot and Jason Smalley from the BAA SQC to discuss masking the ABR.

The webinar will cover the new changes to the masking calculator, practical tips for using the masking calculator and how to avoid the need for masking"

To register follow the link below.

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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.

The BSA Balance Interest Special Interest Group (BIG) are recruiting!

If you have an interest in vestibular science and clinical practice and are keen on promoting quality in vestibular practice they would love to hear from you.

BIG meet quarterly over MS teams and are a very friendly group with varied interests and experience.

They would particularly welcome candidates in the early stage of their career.

If you are interested in joining the BIG steering committee please get in touch with bsa@thebsa.org for the application forms.

New opportunity to join the Research Development Group

Are you interested in research? Are you interested in supporting BSA members to be more involved in research? We have positions on our committee to work in a small friendly group to progress the following areas:

- developing a support network for those new to research
- running regular research seminars on getting started in research

- working with the professional guidance group on identifying and collating evidence gaps

Please email Amanda Hall, RDG Chair (rdg@thebsa.org.uk) if you are interested and would like to find out more.

We are also setting up a **research interest group** for those that don't have time to be actively involved but would like to be kept up to date with RDG activities and act as an advisory group for our ongoing projects.

Please email bsa@thebsaorg.uk if you would like to be added to this group.

Survey - Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss research priority setting partnership

Do you work with children with hearing loss? The James Lind Alliance (JLA) need your input to help them identify the research priorities around childhood deafness and hearing loss.

The James Lind Alliance (JLA) brings together patients, carers and clinicians within Priority Setting Partnerships (PSP) to identify and prioritise areas of research uncertainty.

The Childhood Deafness and Hearing Loss PSP was launched in November 2023 by researchers in the University of Manchester, Aston University and Lancaster University.

They are currently collecting the initial priority questions via a survey. The team will use the evidence gathered to compile a 'Top 10' of the most important questions researchers should be trying to answer about childhood deafness and hearing loss.

A child-friendly version for children to fill in will be launched on **21 May 2024**. All surveys will close at midnight on **31 July 2024**.

For more information and to take part in this survey, please click below.

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Survey – Traumatic Brain Injury and Audiology Research

BSA Student member and PHD student Kübra Bölükbaş from the University of Nottingham requests your assistance in reaching out to a minimum of 20 audiologists residing in the UK, who are clinically qualified in audiology and experienced in assessing, diagnosing, or managing auditory and/or vestibular symptoms in non-blast related Traumatic Brain Injury adults.

This Delphi study aims to bring together audiologists who are currently employed by a public or private institution with specific experience with traumatic brain injury (TBI) to collectively define and establish a consensus on a standard test battery for audiological assessments in this specific patient group. Kübra believes that your valuable insights and experiences can significantly contribute to this important undertaking.

The closing date is **30th June 2024**.

For more information and to take part in this survey, please click below.

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Survey – Is your child sensitive to sound?

Iskra Potgieter a BSA member and PhD student at The University of Nottingham is looking for the parents of children (aged 2-11 years) with a sound sensitivity (hyperacusis) to take part in a 30 min virtual interview to complete an online questionnaire and comment on its ease of use.

To promote the research, Iskra requires clinicians specialising in sound-sensitivity/hyperacusis to hand out flyers to parents in their clinics.

The closing date is **31st August 2024**.

For more information and to take part in this survey, please click below.

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Survey – Adults experiencing hyperacusis

University of Nottingham is looking for adults experiencing hyperacusis to take part in a new online research study in hyperacusis.

This online study is evaluating the current hyperacusis questionnaires to make sure that they are relevant, useful, valid and reliable to use in clinic and online with adults living with hyperacusis. They are looking for adults experiencing hyperacusis to complete the questionnaires and tell them what they think of these questionnaires and whether they feel it is relevant to their experience.

This study will help the University of Nottingham to identify which questionnaires are most relevant and appropriate to use in clinic and help them to better identify and diagnose hyperacusis.

The closing date is **30th October 2024**.

For more information and to take part in this survey, please click below.

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Survey – Communication strategies for increased social participation

Gemma Perfect a BSA member and Research Audiologist at The University of Manchester is conducting a study to better understand clinical practices around giving advice to hearing aid patients about communication strategies. They are also interested to better understand how effective this is at improving communication in the real world.

They are looking for practicing audiologists who provide adult hearing rehabilitation who are willing to complete a short online survey about their communication strategies counselling in the clinic.

The study will involve you completing an online questionnaire that will take no more than 15 minutes to fill in.

The closing date is **31st December 2024**.

For more information and to take part in this survey, please click below.

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ENT - The sun is shining and the issue is sweet!

The warm weather has brought out our social side, and in our May/June issue we feature some fantastic interviews along with our usual top-notch articles.



We begin by venturing into the realm of music and auditory science, as [Marshall Chasin](#) discusses the evolution of techniques and technology throughout his esteemed career, offering a unique perspective shaped by decades of dedication to musicians' hearing health.

Then we speak to [Annelies Kusters](#), a pioneering deaf scholar whose global research journey has spanned two decades, immersing her in diverse deaf communities worldwide.

Elsewhere in this edition, [Crystal Rolfe](#) delves into RNID's dedicated campaign aimed at reinstating essential NHS earwax removal services across the UK, and [Tamsin Holland Brown](#) explores Hear Glue Ear, a non-profit initiative offering simple and affordable bone conduction hearing solutions for children affected by glue ear.

We also explore the profound artistic journey of the late [Anita Ford](#) as she confronts the challenges of deafness through her 'Cacophony' series.

We hope you enjoy this issue – read it [here](#) now. Don't forget to sign up for your free print copy and/or digital content [here](#)!

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Publication of "Healthcare Science in Scotland: Defining our Strategic Approach Paper"

Chief Scientific Officer – Scottish Government, Professor Catherine Ross CSci CBiol FRSB FESC recently published the first paper in our 'Healthcare Science in Scotland' series.

To view this paper, please click below.

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Audacity

The Spring 2024 Audacity edition is now out!



The Brighton editorial team have been editing the excellent new pieces we have received for the autumn 2024 Audacity magazine. Issue 24 will cover basic science projects, translational work, as well as clinical trials articles. If you would like to get in touch with the Audacity team, please email audacity@thebsa.org.uk. In the meantime, you can access past Audacity editions here: <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/news-and-publications/audacity-magazine/>.

Spotlight

May 2024 BSA Tinnitus & Hyperacusis Special Interest Group (TH)

The TH SIG steering committee has been through some membership changes. We have said goodbye to our founding member Peter Byrom and Joanne Goss, who have contributed to many tinnitus projects, including authoring clinical guidance on tinnitus in adults' and updating the recommended procedures for Uncomfortable Loudness Levels, and e-learning on NICE guidance. We wish to thank them for all the hard work and support on the SIG. We are also delighted to welcome new members

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International Journal of Audiology



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Advance your career with the UCL Ear Institute

Are you thinking about improving your knowledge and skills? At the UCL Ear Institute we provide world leading teaching in audiology, and our courses are delivered by some of the most influential researchers and clinicians in the field of audiology, hearing and deafness.

Our programmes draw on the expertise of senior clinicians from the NHS and private sector, including the associated Royal National Ear Nose & Throat and Eastman Dental Hospital.

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

- If you have a BSc in Audiology or equivalent and would like to study for a postgraduate qualification, then our **Advanced Audiology MSc** is for you. We have a variety of specialist modules for you to choose from and our part time and flexible options mean you can study while working.
- If you are an ATO or Associate Audiologist and would like to qualify as an audiologist our **MSc Audiological Science with Clinical Practice** is for you if you have an undergraduate degree in a relevant discipline.

UCL Ear Institute Excellence Scholarships

Four scholarships, worth £3,000 each, are available to exceptional postgraduate students applying for 2024 entry.

To find out more and to apply, please click below.

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The Leicester Balance Course at De Montford University

11 – 13 September 2024

The 3-day intensive course promotes a multidisciplinary approach to the dizzy patient and is designed to appeal to all those who have an interest in balance including managing balance patients. The course would be relevant to ENT and medical consultants and trainees, audiologists, clinical scientists and physiotherapists. We always welcome colleagues from other medical backgrounds, and from around the world, with an interest in the balance patient in a relaxed and interactive environment.

To review the programme in full, to find out more information, or to register, please click below.

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Jobs



Lecturer/Associate Professor in Audiological Sciences

About the Role

The UCL Ear Institute is seeking a highly motivated Lecturer (Grade 8) or Associate Professor (Grade 9) in Audiological Sciences to undertake and advance audiological research and teaching. The grade of the appointment will be determined based on the level of experience and seniority of the candidate offered the post.

The post holder will be expected to deliver a programme of research that integrates with the Institute's current research profile and advances basic and/or translational research related to audiology. The post holder will also be expected to contribute to audiology teaching and assessment at the Ear Institute, leading on specific modules, supervising research projects, and working with team members to improve quality and effectiveness of clinical theory and practical training for undergraduate and post-graduate Audiology programmes. Additionally, the post holder will provide tutorial and pastoral support for students and may deliver other teaching across UCL.

The post holder will also be expected to promote interaction between research and teaching staff at the UCL Ear Institute and clinicians at the Royal National ENT Hospital and other NHS hospitals, including via engagement with the NIHR-UCLH Biomedical Research Centre 'Hearing Health' Theme.

Salary: UCL Grade 8 -9, £65,698–£71,357

Duration: Permanent (Either Full time 1.0 FTE or Part-time 0.8 FTE)

To find out more information, or to apply, please click below.

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Lecturer (Teaching) Audiology

About the Role

The UCL Ear Institute is seeking a highly motivated and proactive Lecturer (Teaching) in Audiology (Grade 8) to contribute to our undergraduate and post-graduate teaching programmes in Audiology. The post holder will undertake leadership roles, for example as a BSc or MSc Programme Director, and will also contribute to teaching and learning as a Module Co-ordinator and Personal Tutor. They will deliver high quality evidence-based teaching and learning with constructively aligned assessment to undergraduate and postgraduate students. They will supervise student research projects relevant to their areas of specialist knowledge and provide pastoral support to students as a personal tutor. They will also promote positive working relationships with members of the public, clinicians, researchers, professional organisations and other stakeholders.

Salary: UCL Grade 8, £51,474–£60,521

Duration: Permanent/Part Time (0.8 FTE)

To find out more information, or to apply, please click below.

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