



MONTHLY UPDATE

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Monthly Chair Update

Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's BSA e-Update after what we hope was the opportunity to take a breath and have a break this summer. As we step off our sun loungers and take off our sunglasses there are lots of exciting audiology events and activities to look forward to in the autumn!

It is lovely to share congratulations with long term BSA member Dr John FitzGerald for receiving an MBE for

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Read the full Chairs message below.

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BSA Award Nominations have now reopened, March 2024 – March 2025

It is a great honour to be nominated for and to receive a BSA prize so please take time to think about who you know that deserves this recognition.

Nominations are now invited for:

1. The Thomas Simm Littler Lecturship Prize in recognition of an academic contribution to the discipline of audiology.
2. The Ruth Spencer Prize in recognition of outstanding undergraduate Audiology work.
3. The George Harris People's Choice Award nominated by a service user or a family member or friend of a service user, this award is in recognition of significant impact to a service user or contribution in the field of adult rehabilitation or paediatric habilitation. Consider advertising this award to your service users and how they can nominate members of your team.
4. The Denzil Books Award in recognition of a significant contribution to the promotion of excellence in audiological practice throughout their career. This could include promotion of excellence through leadership, development of guidance or contributions to clinical education.
5. David Baguley Mentorship Award in recognition of those offering excellence in mentorship and supporting the development of others.
6. Honorary Life Membership in recognition of long-standing BSA members who have significantly contributed to the aims of the BSA.

*With the notable exception of the George Harris People's Choice award, please note that for other awards both nominee and nominator must be a member of BSA.

For more information and to nominate an individual, please click below.

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BSA Trustee Vacancy – Membership Communications Lead

The British Society of Audiology is looking for an enthusiastic and experienced individual to become our new Membership Communications Trustee.

If you are interested in shaping the future of the BSA and the wider field of audiology and have experience with social media and website communications or have ideas to enhance our current comms, please consider taking on this important role.

We would be extremely happy to speak to anybody interested in the role to discuss things further before completing this [application form](#).

Please complete the application form in full and return to bsa@thebsa.org.uk by Wednesday 26th June 2024, we are extending this deadline, therefore do submit your interest ASAP.

Please note the 3-year term will begin formally at the AGM in June 2025.

For more information and to apply, please click below.

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BSA Fellowship

Please be advised that the **20th Fellowship cohort** is now open, from the **19th June 2024**, and will close again on **30th August 2024**.

To apply, please click below.

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News

Adult Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (ARIG) – Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) in Adults

The British Society of Audiology's Adult Rehabilitation, Cognition and Hearing, and Auditory Processing Disorder Special Interest Groups are currently drafting practice guidance for Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) in Adults.

ALDs can refer to any device that can amplify sounds that an individual wants to hear. ALDs can be used with or without hearing aids/cochlear implants and include hearing loop (or induction) systems, wireless systems, and infrared systems, as well as personal amplifiers.

As part of this process, ARIG would like you to explore the current service provision and variations in practice with regards to ALDs in the UK.

For more details and to complete this survey, please click below.

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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.

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.

Updating your BSA Profile – Joining a BSA Special Interest Group (SIG)

When you first applied to become a BSA member you may remember ticking boxes that related to the SIGs you were interested in joining. However, due to changes in data protection legislation, we now need you to log into your BSA profile and tick an additional box to give us permission to share your contact details with the individual SIGs so that they can keep you updated with those specific SIG activities. Also, feel free to update your SIG preferences if these have changed since you first applied for BSA membership. Please login to the BSA website and update within your members profile or contact bsa@thebsa.org.uk to amend for you.

Special Interest Groups	
Are you interested in becoming a member of any of the following special interest group?(please tick any of interest)	<input type="checkbox"/> Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group
	<input type="checkbox"/> Auditory Processing Disorder Special Interest Group
	<input type="checkbox"/> Balance Interest Group
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cognition and Hearing Special Interest Group
	<input type="checkbox"/> Electrophysiology Special Interest Group
	<input type="checkbox"/> Paediatric Audiology Interest Group
	<input type="checkbox"/> Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Special Interest Group
<input type="checkbox"/> I give permission for my contact details to be shared with the relevant Chair(s) of Special Interest Group(s) I have indicated an interest in	

Research Study/Interview – UCL Ear Institute Research Project- Audiologist’s experience of taking part in NIHR portfolio research

Hei Yung Tang a BSA member and MSc Audiological Science with Clinical Practice student from the UCL Ear Institute requests your assistance.

Are you an audiologist with experience working on an National Institute of Health and Social Care Research (NIHR) audiology-related portfolio study? If so, they would like to interview you for a study conductive by UCL Ear Institute.

NIHR portfolio studies include studies like COACH, BEARS, FAMOUS, CAVA.

This project aims to explore the barriers and facilitators of taking part in research in the UK, specifically the experiences within the context of NIHR portfolio studies.

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

For more information and to take part in this study, 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 – 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 some sensitivity to sound to fill in an online questionnaire.

Alternatively, if you are a clinician specialising in paediatric hyperacusis, please promote this research by handing out flyers to parents following your appointments. Please email Iskra.potgieter@nottingham.ac.uk and a pack of these can be posted to you to distribute.

The closing date is **31st January 2025**.

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

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NDCS Webinar – how they support parents of deaf children with any level of hearing: Introducing the My NDCS app

The National Deaf Children's Society would like to invite you to their free audiology webinar. This session is for audiology professionals working with children and young people who have any type or level of hearing loss.

NDCS is there for all families, no matter their child's type or level of hearing loss. They know that audiology professionals have a huge impact on deaf children and their families. They're here to support your work:

- They provide information and advice to families, to reinforce what they learn during audiology appointments and to answer the questions they might not think to ask.
- They offer CPD-accredited training and information to support your career progression.
- They've recently launched My NDCS, a free app for parents of deaf children. My NDCS features helpful information, stories from other families, and upcoming events – all tailored to location and child's age.

You'll leave this session with a clear understanding of how their services can support your work in clinic and how you can signpost families to NDCS.

Join them on **Tuesday 17 September, from 12 to 12.45pm** with an optional Q&A for 15 minutes till 1pm.

For more information and to register, please click below.

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Register now for BAA Conference 2024

Registration is now open for the **British Academy of Audiology Annual Conference 2024!** Join them on the **21st and 22nd November 2024** at the **Telford International Centre** for their **20th annual conference and exhibition.**

The meeting will feature a mix of keynote presentations, invited speakers and free papers, chosen from your abstracts. Keynote speakers include Dr Brent Edwards, who will present the Adrian Davis Lecture – ‘Revolutionising Audiological Care Through Innovation in Clinical Tools and Treatment Strategies’. Professor Manohar Bance will present the Bamford Lecture, ‘A new era in the treatment of genetic hearing loss - genomic therapies’.

Abstract submission is also open for those wishing to share a poster or present a free paper. Up to 100 poster spaces are available and nine free paper presentations will be chosen to feature in the conference programme.

For more information and to register, please click below.

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Wales Paediatric Audiology Quality Assurance Report

The Chair of the Welsh Audiology Standing Specialist Advisory Group (ASSAG), Jane Deans contacted us recently to share a comprehensive piece of pan-Wales work that has been completed to ensure the robustness of paediatric services that are provided in Wales.

Wales has already followed up one of the report recommendations and has developed a pan-Audiology QA strategy and framework document, that is awaiting Welsh Government endorsement

The document has been endorsed by the all-Wales Heads of Service Group, ASSAG and the Welsh Scientific Advisory Committee.

To review this document, please click below.

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Spotlight

BSA Cognition in Hearing Special Interest Group (CH SIG)

The CH SIG steering committee has recently said goodbye to Siobhan Brennan, who is settling in well as our new BSA Chair! We thank Siobhan for her hard work within the SIG and wish her every success in her new role.

CH SIG have had a busy summer, with an invited speaker and workshop at the BSA Scientific Meeting in Birmingham. Both focused on the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership for Co-existing Dementia and Hearing Conditions: <https://www.jla.nihr.ac.uk/priority-setting-partnerships/coexisting-dementia-and-hearing-conditions/>. The JLA PSP will conclude in mid-September: and the 'Top 10 priorities for future research in co-existing dementia and hearing conditions' will be presented at the World Congress of Audiology (WCA) in Paris the following week. Rebecca Millman will take part in a WCA roundtable on...

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Audacity

The Spring 2024 Audacity edition is now out!



The final touches are being applied to the autumn Audacity issue, which should be with you shortly! We hope you enjoy this edition of Audacity, which you will be able to access it here: <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/news-and-publications/audacity-magazine/>. If you have any feedback, suggestions, or would like to contribute to the spring 2025 edition, please do get in touch with the editorial team by emailing audacity@thebsa.org.uk.

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Events

BSA Accredited Courses

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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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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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UCL Ear Institute - Advanced Adult Rehabilitation

Dates: 23 October – 20 November 2024 (every Thursday for 5 weeks)

Location: This course takes place in person at the UCL Ear Institute

This masterclass is ideal if you have some experience working with people with hearing loss and want to improve your knowledge and rehabilitation skills.

This course explores the following themes:

- Cognition and hearing
- Hearing therapies
- Innovative technologies and treatments

The Advanced Adult Rehabilitation course will give you the opportunity to participate in discussions with leading experts in the field from universities in the UK and overseas, clinical audiology services and voluntary organisations. Throughout the course period there will be opportunities to interact with like-minded colleagues and the course organisers, Dr Hannah Cooper and Dr Lucy Handscomb.

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

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UCL Ear Institute - Advances in Auditory Implants

Dates: Tuesday 19 November & Tuesday 26 November 2024

Location: This course takes place in person at the UCL Ear Institute

This course is designed for all those who wish to get involved or are already currently involved in cochlear implants, at all levels and in all disciplines.

Attending the course will provide the delegate with an understanding of auditory implants and an insight into the auditory implant team and the individual professional roles. The course focusses on current research and the impact on clinical practice. Delegates will gain insight into key issues currently debated in the field of auditory implantation and understand the clinical approaches taken with the different auditory implant systems.

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

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UCL Ear Institute - Paediatric Assessment

Dates: 23 January – 20 February 2025 (every Thursday for 5 weeks)

Location: This course takes place in person at the UCL Ear Institute

This five-day course covers the theory and practice of hearing assessment in infants and children as the basis for appropriate audiological management.

The course combines theoretical evidence with practical knowledge and skills which you'll be able to apply immediately in whatever clinical setting you work in and is updated annually to reflect the latest trends in technology and clinical practice.

You'll also have an opportunity to network with a range of professionals from different backgrounds.

This course is suitable for:

- audiologists
- teachers of the deaf and educational audiologists
- speech and language therapists
- general practitioners with a special interest in audiology
- Audiovestibular doctors and other health professionals

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

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Jobs

For details on how to advertise job roles and for pricing, please contact bsa@thebsa.org.uk

To review current job listings, 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/>

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