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August 2024 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 hearing loss and cognition, and will also be presenting on 'Hearing assessments for people with dementia'. If you are attending WCA it would be great to see you at these sessions!

We are currently prioritising work on joint practice guidance for Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) in Adults, with the Adult Rehabilitation special interest group (ARIG). If you have time, please contribute by taking part in the ALD survey by the end of August: https://loughboroughssehs.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8qNuUNxNkKBXdNs. The Dementia Network also continues to go from strength to strength. The sixth online network event on 13th August focused on 'Dementia and Learning Disabilities'. BSA members can access recordings of past Dementia Network meetings via the website: <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/dementia-network/>. You do not need to be a member of the Dementia Network to join our meetings. However, only BSA members will have access to any outputs generated by this network.

Please get in touch at CHSIG@thebsa.org.uk if you have any questions for the CH SIG steering committee, or if you have an idea for a new resource or project that we could undertake, to help support your practice.

Finally, if you are interested in joining CH SIG, we welcome applications from across the BSA membership. Please get in touch via bsa@thebsa.org.uk.