



# MONTHLY UPDATE

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## *Headlines*

### **Monthly Chair Update**

Dear Members,

Welcome to this month's BSA e update and all the very best to students and staff who are starting the new academic year. It is a joy to welcome new students into our profession as they begin their Audiology degrees. We also delight in sharing learning with experienced professionals who are choosing to do additional modules at our universities, and through other forms of CPD.....



**Read the full Chairs message below.**

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# Headlines

## **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 Fellowship

Please be advised that the **20th Fellowship cohort** has now closed, however the **21st Fellowship cohort** will re-open from the **25th September 2024**, and will close again on **15th November 2024**.

To apply, please click below.

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## *BSA Online Learning*



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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 (ARIG), Cognition and Hearing (CH), and Auditory Processing Disorder (APD) 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](mailto: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 (ARIG) 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 lightning update.

For more information please contact: [arig@thebsa.org.uk](mailto:arig@thebsa.org.uk).

**BSA Electrophysiology SIG and BAA joint webinar.**

The BSA Electrophysiology Special Interest Group and BAA held a joint webinar entitled 'Masking the ABR'. Chair Jason Smalley and speaker Dr Guy Lightfoot discuss guidance and answer participants questions in this informative session around avoiding cross hearing during ABR testing. Dr Lightfoot will expand on the risk of cross hearing and options to confirm ear specific responses, and explain the masking decision making processes and complications arising in Newborns.

<https://bsaonlinelearning.talkingslideshd.com/view?presentation=29466>

### 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](mailto: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):

- Adult Rehabilitation Interest Group
- Auditory Processing Disorder Special Interest Group
- Balance Interest Group
- Cognition and Hearing Special Interest Group
- Electrophysiology Special Interest Group
- Paediatric Audiology Interest Group
- Tinnitus and Hyperacusis Special Interest Group

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

### Survey – Adults experiencing hyperacusis

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

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 – Have you recommended Hearing-related apps in your practice? What did you think of it?**

Researchers at the University of Manchester are investigating the factors that influence audiologists in the UK to recommend the usage of hearing health apps to their patients.

They are seeking Audiologists practising in the UK.

If you take part in this study, you will be asked to fill in some questions about your opinion regarding Hearing Health Apps and the potential barriers to using these apps. The Questionnaire consists of Open-ended and Closed-ended questions. Rest assured that all responses will remain confidential and anonymous.

The study will take no more than 20 minutes to complete.

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](mailto: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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### **BAA Conference 2024: Early Bird pricing to end this month**

Now is the time to register for the BAA Annual Conference with the early bird pricing due to finish on **24<sup>th</sup> September**. Advance your professional expertise at the UK's most anticipated audiology event each year!



On the **21st and 22nd of November, the Telford International Centre** will host two days of transformative educational sessions, the largest audiology exhibition, and an array of 100 insightful research posters. Seize this opportunity to connect with peers and expand your knowledge base.

One conference, two days, three education tracks, five keynote speakers, six awards, forty-five presentations, fifty exhibitors, one hundred posters. Totally Audiology. Come and join them; they would love to see you!

To view the programme, register or for more information, please click below.

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## *Spotlight*

### **BSA Adult Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (ARIG SIG)**

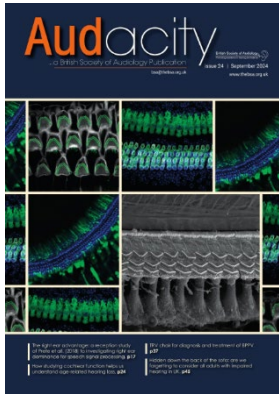
There have been a few more changes in ARIG since the last update! We regretfully said goodbye to Wendy Trump and Gaby Saunders who have stepped down from ARIG after many years of volunteering. We would like to thank them both for all their hard work and contributions over the years....

To continue reading, please click below.

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## *Audacity*

**The Autumn 2024 Audacity edition is now out!**



The Audacity issue 24 is [already released](#) and we hope you have found it interesting and informative. The Brighton team is all geared up to work on the next edition. If you would like to submit any of your work in Issue 25 of Audacity, we would love to hear from you, please email [audacity@thebsa.org.uk](mailto:audacity@thebsa.org.uk).

For inspiration, you can access past Audacity editions here: <https://www.thebsa.org.uk/news-and-publications/audacity-magazine/>.

## *International Journal of Audiology*



**International Journal of Audiology (IJA) Volume 63 2024, Issue 9**  
(members only) click on the link below

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## **BSA Accredited Courses**

To view all current BSA Accredited Courses, 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](mailto:bsa@thebsa.org.uk)

To review current job listings, please click below.

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### **Audiologist**

#### **University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)**

**Closing Date: 30th September 2024**

**Applicants must have current UK professional registration**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an audiologist to join the Audiology department at University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust to provide both adult rehabilitation and ENT support. They offer a service for adults with complex needs (patients meeting AQP criteria are supported by alternative providers) and are the regional centre for bone conduction and middle ear implants. Their work with ENT might typically involve support of specialist otology clinics and paediatric clinics. This role will be supported by a large team of colleagues and a clear management and training structure.

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

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### **Senior Audiologist**

## **University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust (279)**

**Closing Date: 7th October 2024**

**Applicants must have current UK professional registration**

An exciting opportunity has arisen for enthusiastic, hardworking and committed clinicians in the Paediatric Audiology team at the University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust Audiology service based in Brighton, in our new, state-of-the-art paediatric department.

This is a full-time post to collaboratively deliver our paediatric Audiology services.

The service focuses on the assessment and rehabilitation of patients with deafness, vestibular conditions, tinnitus and auditory processing disorder. We are the regional centre for Bone Conduction and Middle Ear Implants.

Within this role there may also be an opportunity to be involved in the adult rehabilitation team.

The successful candidate will be expected to have a high level of clinical expertise and the interpersonal skills, compassion and sensitivity to build positive and trusting relationships with patients, families and carers, and the team.

In return, we can offer opportunities for your professional development and a supportive, responsive team to work within.

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

*[Read more](#)*

**Lecturer / Senior Lecturer in Audiology**

**Lecturer: £38,205 – 41,732**

**Senior Lecturer: £42,979 – 54,395**

**Full Time/Permanent**

**Closing Date: 7th October 2024**

De Montfort University (DMU) is a vibrant, ambitious and inclusive learning institution. This is an exciting opportunity to join the Audiology team. We are growing and developing several initiatives that will drive scholarly activities, onsite clinical practice, advanced training and research.

The role is to develop and deliver primarily on the training and teaching of future Paediatric Audiologists. It is a period where we are reviewing and developing our curriculum and want a fresh look at our provision and ensure a contemporary curriculum that will be imaginative and innovative, but also engaging.

We have recently begun Paediatric clinics onsite that can be accessed by students and have excellent Paediatric facilities for training and are willing and keen to add further to them. We have links with centres of excellence and have a Professor that is nationally renowned for their work in NHSP.

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

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