Cognition in Hearing Special Interest Group Spotlight

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The CH SIG steering committee grew by two new members this year, Nasir Rashid joined in May, and Lynzee McShea in November. Welcome to you both!

Our Dementia Network continues to go from strength to strength! Led by Rebecca Millman and Ann-Marie Dickinson, the network provides a community of practice for those working with, or with an interest in, people living with both dementia and hearing conditions. Regular meetings with invited speakers and discussion sessions support best practice in assessment, communication, and intervention, with nine recorded meetings available to members via the BSA website: CLICK HERE. Please email CHSIG@thebsa.org.uk if you'd like to be added to the network mailing list.

For those with interests in hearing and dementia, we also encourage engagement with the top 10 priority research questions identified by the James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership in coexisting dementia and hearing conditions published earlier this year. The open access article is AVAILABLE HERE.

Auditory training has been another key feature of our work in 2025. CH SIG chair, Dr Helen Henshaw has led an international collaborative issue of Seminars in Hearing which can be viewed HERE.

Contributors have since been invited to speak at a BSA CH SIG sponsored special session at the Hearing Across the Lifespan (HEAL) conference in Italy, 4-6 June 2026: HeAL 2026 – we hope to see some of you there!

CH SIG members continue to work on join practice guidance for Assistive Listening Devices (ALDs) in adults, in collaboration with the Adult Rehabilitation Special Interest Group (ARIG). As we move into 2026, please look out for opportunities to engage with the CH SIG. The steering committee plan to reach out to our wider membership for several activities to help shape our action plan and future activities.

Please get in touch at CHSIG@thebsa.org.uk if you have any questions for us, 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 a student and would like to become a member of the CH SIG steering committee, then please get touch – we'd love to involve you!

Best wishes

Dr. Helen Henshaw
Chair of the Cognition in Hearing Special Interest Group