

BAA President Blog – 9th June 2025

I'm not sure how we have collectively managed it, but we are almost halfway through 2025. Which means we can legitimately think about summer holidays, warm summer evenings, day trips with the kids, ice cream, and spending two days with our colleagues and peers in a conference centre in Telford this coming November. Yes, conference 2025 is launching later this week.

We appreciate that now, more than ever, it can be hard to justify coming out of the department for two days. However, maintaining your CPD is a requirement for your registration. We try to provide you with many opportunities to access CPD, from regional meetings to webinars and e-learning. Still, sometimes nothing ticks the box quite like an in-person conference. The high-quality, concentrated CPD available over the two days is second to none. The exhibition offers opportunities to discover new products, and learning from the companies, charities and universities who come along to interact with you. There is a chance to present your work in poster form or by delivering a talk; abstract submission will open this week for you to submit yours. There is a chance to network with various people, such as clinical audiologists, research professionals, and manufacturers. This can often be the fastest way to develop your career, gain support, and, if nothing else, find out it is not just you struggling with a particular gritty issue. Then, there are the talks, and the conference team has yet again developed an incredible array of high-quality speakers to cover the whole range of audiology. They always try to ensure that each speaker offers something you can take away and immediately put into practice. We are excited about a couple of new additions to the conference, a collaboration between BAA and the RNID in the exhibition hall is one not to miss, and a pod in there too, offering a few more presentations explicitly aimed at those of you who practice outside of the NHS.

Look at the programme when it's online later this week and see what is available. If you need to put a case of need to your employer to request study leave, it helps if you can show what you will bring back to benefit everyone on your return. Be specific about why you think it is beneficial for you to attend. Do you want to develop a new service or improve your current one? Do you need to discover the available equipment or learn about new hearing aids? Explain how you will put into practice what you learn or how you will disseminate your learning to your team, again, be specific.

The other opportunity at the conference is to come and chat to your Board, hear what has been going on throughout the year at the AGM, and give feedback to us about what we do.

Utilise the discount you get as a member on your registration fee, and don't forget to register when the Early Bird offer is on. I'll see you there.

We continue to be more transparent about many aspects of our work on your behalf. To this end, we share some insight into the meetings in which we are invited to participate. If you scroll down the page, we also include overviews of our monthly Exec Board and quarterly Board meetings: [BAA Board Meetings](#).

As always, you can contact me or any of our board directors here: admin@baaudiology.org

Take care

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