

BAA President Blog – 13th April 2026

Whilst for many October feels a long time away, for the BAA conference team it can feel quite close indeed. Excitingly, we already have 4 out of the 5 Keynote speakers confirmed, the team are now whittling down the themes and topics for the other invited speakers. This year we will also see the return of the pod, where we focus on topics likely to be of interest to independent audiologists. So, if you have seen anything new, innovative, clinic-changing or indeed life-changing let us know. We are always on the lookout for new speakers to wow our delegates with, they need not necessarily be from within Audiology either. We have also booked the venue for the party night, which this year is going to be spook-tacular! We are aiming to launch conference by the end of May, so not long now.

World Congress of Audiology in Seoul

Before we get to October, other events are happening. In May a small team of us are going to the World Congress of Audiology in Seoul to begin to promote the next Congress for 2028 in Edinburgh. We must present our plans and progress to the International Society of Audiology's exec Board and take questions from them on all the logistics and content. We will be producing a trailer for Edinburgh for the Grand Assembly for ISA members that takes place during congress. BAA are also hosting a special session within the programme, where myself, Saima Rajasingam as Vice President, and a special guest Nicole Eglinton from Australia talk all things quality and workforce. We are also joined by BAA conference favourite David Maidment who will moderate the session and lead the Q&A at the end. Preparations for Edinburgh 2028 have now begun in earnest.

Extreme Day Trips & BAA Meetings

In May I'll be going to the annual Northern Ireland regional meeting, giving the BAA update and another talk on paediatric tinnitus. This is usually a great event, so I am looking forward to that – I think this counts as an 'extreme day trip' these days.

So once the travels of May are over, it will be straight into the Heads of Service meeting in June. Thank you to all of you who have already registered for this. We are finalising the agenda and will have that published soon. It is going to be a jam-packed day; the coffee will need to be strong and plentiful that day.

Webinars for Members

Whilst attending a face-to-face meeting is still tricky for many, we have now scheduled seven of our professional development webinars, so check out our events page and get yourself registered for those. The variety that the committee have organised this year means there really is something for everyone. Remember every webinar is recorded and then available in the members section of the website.

Finally, April marks the start of a new membership year for many of our members, so thank you for staying with us, and a warm welcome to all our new members.

With best wishes,

Claire Benton
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