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Editorial

Firstly I must apologise for the delay in getting this edition out to you and also the brevity of the read; although for some who are weighed down by work that may be a benefit. There seems to be no end to the pressures experienced by us all at work. So sometimes when there are added pressures placed upon us we have to trim down what we do; and that has been the case for me with this copy of Audiens and the Midlands Multidisciplinary Deafness Group meeting set for May.

Last minute changes affect us also and that was the case with the London Conference this January. So it is all credit to Jane Dalzell, our meeting's secretary that she was able to ensure that we had a full panel of experts to discuss the hot topics around Neonatal Screening, although unfortunately some did not have the time to gather all the relevant data for the day. The questions submitted beforehand included a whole section from our Scottish delegates. Thank you for your participation as generally there are rumblings that we cover all things English and the devolved areas are missed. That said, the Royal College meeting next year is to be held at The Congress Centre in Glasgow. So watch out for the flyers and consider if you could present at our specialist interest session. With revalidation, clinical audit should be an integral part of our workload and so there must be some interesting presentations out there just waiting to be considered. Well you might say "My trust will not pay for me to attend as it is too far and too expensive", or in the case of my employers your mandatory training is not up to date. Well if that is not the case why not consider travelling up the night before and stopping over as that may be cheaper and certainly more relaxing!!

For some of our membership relaxation is becoming a daily occurrence as they have left the work place and are now enjoying retirement. As there are so many of you fitting that description I will not name you individually, but please consider changing to a reduced membership rather than leaving us all together as your many years of experience could benefit the rest of us as we soldier on.

Our front cover reflects our increasing links with the RCPCH and is now where the executive have their meetings with the assistance of Kelly Robinson who is our minute taker. She now holds the database of members and so any changes should be directed for her attention at bapa@rcpch.ac.uk

We also are developing our links with BACCH and will be contributing to their next edition of BACCH News. Hopefully many of the membership will have the opportunity to attend their Annual Scientific meeting- "Investing in Children: Size Matters" which this year is being held at Aston Business School in the centre of Birmingham on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th October.

Finally the next meeting of the Midlands Multidisciplinary Deafness Group will be on Thursday 3rd November and will explore Endocrine problems associated with Hearing Loss.

Jeanette Nicholls, Newsletter Editor



Chair's report Spring 2011

I have been privileged to be BAPA's a meeting in Macclesfield. As well as chair since the AGM in June 2011, when Adrian Dighe stepped down. Thanks to Adrian's excellent chairmanship I feel that this has been a smooth transition for me

We are fostering closer links with British Association of Community Child Health (BACCH) by forming a loose affiliation, and as chair I plan to attend the BACCH executive meetings. As part of the affiliation we have been invited to take part in the BACCH Annual Scientific meeting by providing a workshop. The 2011 meeting is scheduled for 11-12th October in Birmingham. BAPA have also been invited to provide the main contribution to BACCH news in the autumn.

As BAPA members reach retirement age our numbers are continuing to fall slightly, and this is likely to continue. There are few paediatricians trained in audiological medicine to take their place, and the medical support for paediatric audiology is at serious risk. Dr Lesley Batchelor has continued in her role as SIG (Specialist Interest Group) convenor for the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) and is active on behalf of BAPA. Following talks with Cliona Ni Brolchain who is the chair of the College Speciality Advisory Committee (CSAC) in Community Paediatrics Lesley held

Leslev and Cliona, also present were Dr Katherine Harrop-Griffiths (training adviser from the British Association of Audiovestibular Physicians - BAAP), Dr Ian Doughty (Head of Training for the RCPCH), myself and Lara Smith, also from RCPCH, who advised us on procedure and took notes.

lan Doughty took the lack of paediatricians training in audiological medicine very seriously. He listened to the concerns and has suggested a way forward. Quite a lot more discussions are required and there are further considerations, but if the suggested plan does come to fruition it could provide a rapid solution for recognised training in our speciality for paediatricians.

As well as her role as SIG convenor, since 2006 Lesley has been the RCPCH representative on the Specialist Advisory Committee Audiological Medicine (SAC Aud Med). Her term of office draws to an end, and in the College Newsletter the RCPCH will be advertising for a replacement.

BAPA had a session on Tuesday afternoon 5th April at the RCPCH Annual conference in Warwick University from 5th - 7th April 2011.

BAPA continue to foster closer links with BAAP, both through attending each

twice a year, and the Federation, and was held on Monday 7th March, have produced joint responses where following the BAPA exec meeting. We appropriate. We have drafted a joint had some useful discussions, including letter addressed to chief execs of the possibilities and difficulties of BAAP Trusts for when one of our members and BAPA merging into one medical departs from a post and is not replaced organisation. BAPA's position as a leaving no medical cover for paediatric specialist interest group and recent audiology. In response to the NHSP discussions about training mean that consultation document on minimum this is not feasible. However, we agreed numbers for ABRs and early hearing that we should consider carefully the aid fitting BAAP and BAPA produced a risks and benefits of whether to merge Federation response. I also produce a or not in the future. We discussed clinical response from our local group. I was pathways and outcomes, which may be pleased to see that all the comments a topic for the autumn BAAP meeting. had been included and collated.

others' executive committee meetings The most recent Federation meeting

Jane Lyons

Report from Yorkshire & the North-East March 2011

We had a very interesting presentation from Dr Nyunt on Auditory Neuropathy which provoked discussion. Our next meeting will be in Leeds on Monday 23rd May when Dr Glynnis Parker will give a presentation (subject not yet finalised). So far we have had sufficient volunteers from within ranks, but it is likely that we may have to look further afield for future meetings. Those attending to date have been from the Yorkshire end of the patch, I hope we may see some from the North-East in May.

Kathleen Coats

The copy dates for the next editions of Audiens are: 15th September 2011 and 15th March 2012 Articles, letters or adverts etc. to the editor by those dates please. All submissions must at least be typewritten, and preferably on disc or by Email.

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ACCOUNTS FOR 30 NOVEMBER 2010

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INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2010

Turnover	£	2010 £	£	2009 £
Subscriptions Clinical meetings - delegate fees Advertising and Exhibitors Scotland - income Other Income from branches Bank Interest receivable		7,150 7,554 2,168 60 450 - 26		7,525 10,095 1,645 2,700 531 1,292 271
Expenditure				
Expenses Secretarial Room hire and refreshments Meetings - Committee Meetings - Other Meetings - Scotland Lecturers fees and expemses Newsletters Website costs Stationery Postage Prizes Subscriptions Accountancy fees Depreciation Bank charges	1,217 9,068 4,287 774 - 1,429 71 23 105 - 75 1,721 18 <u>336</u>	<u>19,124</u>	571 7.931 4,443 1,125 1,071 1,434 1,467 880 36 257 550 75 1,651 24 <u>375</u>	<u>21,886</u>
(Shortfall in)/ Surplus of Inco Expenditure	me over			<u>2,173</u>

BALANCE SHEET 30 NOVEMBER 2010

	2010		2009	
	£	£	£	£
FIXED ASSETS				
Tangible Assets (note 1)		54		72
CURRENT ASSETS				
Prepayments	-		2,197	
Building Society Deposits	6,722		6,704	
Bank Deposits	15,931		15,923	
Cash at Bank	20,319		19,439	
Cash in Hand	<u>301</u>		<u>300</u>	
	<u>43,273</u>		<u>44,563</u>	
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Other Creditors	6,943		6,629	
Accrued expenses	1,744		1,650	
·	8,687		8,279	
NET CURRENT ASSETS		<u>34,586</u>		<u>36,284</u>
NET ASSETS		<u>34,640</u>		<u>36,356</u>
FINANCED BY:				
Capital account		<u>34,640</u>		<u>36,356</u>

There accounts are approved, all records and information for their preparation having been made available.

DR K. ABBAN - Treasurer **1. Tangible fixed assets**

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C	Office		Audio	
Equip	ment	Computers	Equipment	Total
	£	£	£	£
Cost at 1 December 2009	1			
& 30 November 2010	<u>301</u>	<u>2,400</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>2,814</u>
Depreciation at 1 December 2009 Charge for the year At 30 November 2010 NET BOOK VALUE	276 <u>6</u> 282	2,392 <u>2</u> <u>2,394</u>	74 <u>10</u> <u>84</u>	2,742 <u>18</u> <u>2,760</u>
at 30 November 2010 at 30 November 2009	<u>19</u> 25	<u>6</u> 8	<u>29</u> 39	<u>54</u> 72

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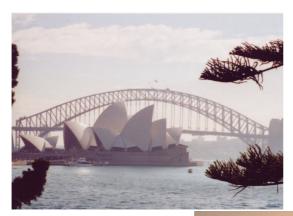
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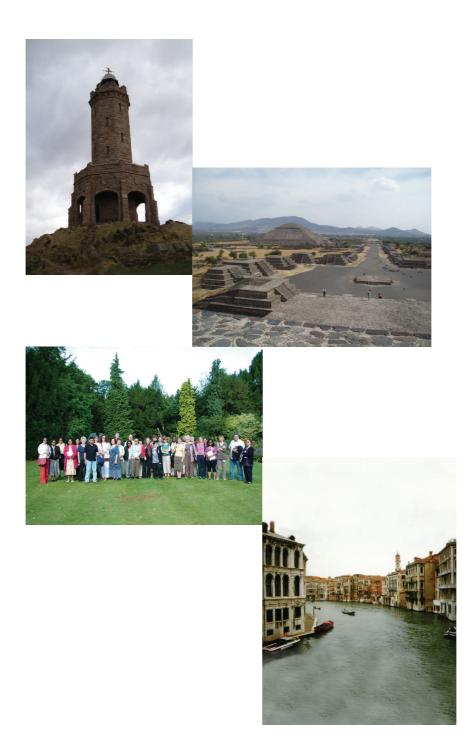
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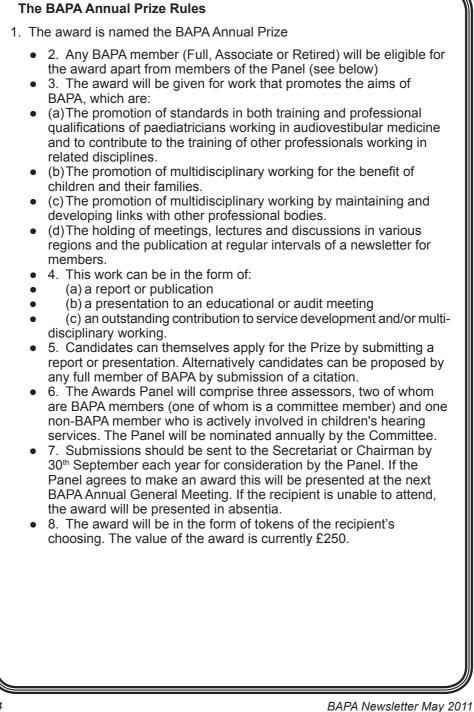
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