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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](mailto: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 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

a meeting in Macclesfield. As well as Lesley 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.

Ian 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



**BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF PAEDIATRICIANS IN AUDIOLOGY**

**ACCOUNTS FOR 30 NOVEMBER 2010**

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**INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT  
YEAR ENDED 30 NOVEMBER 2010**

	2010		2009
	£	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>			
Subscriptions	7,150		7,525
Clinical meetings - delegate fees	7,554		10,095
Advertising and Exhibitors	2,168		1,645
Scotland - income	60		2,700
Other	450		531
Income from branches	-		1,292
Bank Interest receivable	26		271

**Expenditure**

**Expenses**

Secretarial	1,217		571
Room hire and refreshments	9,068		7,931
Meetings - Committee	4,287		4,443
Meetings - Other	774		1,125
Meetings - Scotland	-		1,071
Lecturers fees and expenses	-		1,434
Newsletters	1,429		1,467
Website costs	71		880
Stationery	23		36
Postage	105		257
Prizes	-		550
Subscriptions	75		75
Accountancy fees	1,721		1,651
Depreciation	18		24
Bank charges	336		375
	<u>19,124</u>		<u>21,886</u>
<b>(Shortfall in)/ Surplus of Income over Expenditure</b>	<u>(1,716)</u>		<u>2,173</u>



## BALANCE SHEET 30 NOVEMBER 2010

	2010	2009		
	£	£	£	£
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>				
Tangible Assets <small>(note 1)</small>		54		72
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>				
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>	
	<b>43,273</b>		<b>44,563</b>	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Other Creditors	6,943		6,629	
Accrued expenses	<u>1,744</u>		<u>1,650</u>	
	<b>8,687</b>		<b>8,279</b>	
<b>NET CURRENT ASSETS</b>		<b>34,586</b>		<b>36,284</b>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		<b>34,640</b>		<b>36,356</b>
<b>FINANCED BY:</b>				
Capital account		<b>34,640</b>		<b>36,356</b>

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

DR K. ABBAN - Treasurer

### 1. Tangible fixed assets

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

*Any changes?*

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### **The BAPA Annual Prize Rules**

1. The award is named the BAPA Annual Prize
  - 2. Any BAPA member (Full, Associate or Retired) will be eligible for the award apart from members of the Panel (see below)
  - 3. The award will be given for work that promotes the aims of BAPA, which are:
    - (a) The promotion of standards in both training and professional qualifications of paediatricians working in audiovestibular medicine and to contribute to the training of other professionals working in related disciplines.
    - (b) The promotion of multidisciplinary working for the benefit of children and their families.
    - (c) The promotion of multidisciplinary working by maintaining and developing links with other professional bodies.
    - (d) The holding of meetings, lectures and discussions in various regions and the publication at regular intervals of a newsletter for members.
  - 4. This work can be in the form of:
    - (a) a report or publication
    - (b) a presentation to an educational or audit meeting
    - (c) an outstanding contribution to service development and/or multi-disciplinary working.
  - 5. Candidates can themselves apply for the Prize by submitting a report or presentation. Alternatively candidates can be proposed by any full member of BAPA by submission of a citation.
  - 6. The Awards Panel will comprise three assessors, two of whom are BAPA members (one of whom is a committee member) and one non-BAPA member who is actively involved in children's hearing services. The Panel will be nominated annually by the Committee.
  - 7. Submissions should be sent to the Secretariat or Chairman by 30<sup>th</sup> September each year for consideration by the Panel. If the Panel agrees to make an award this will be presented at the next BAPA Annual General Meeting. If the recipient is unable to attend, the award will be presented in absentia.
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