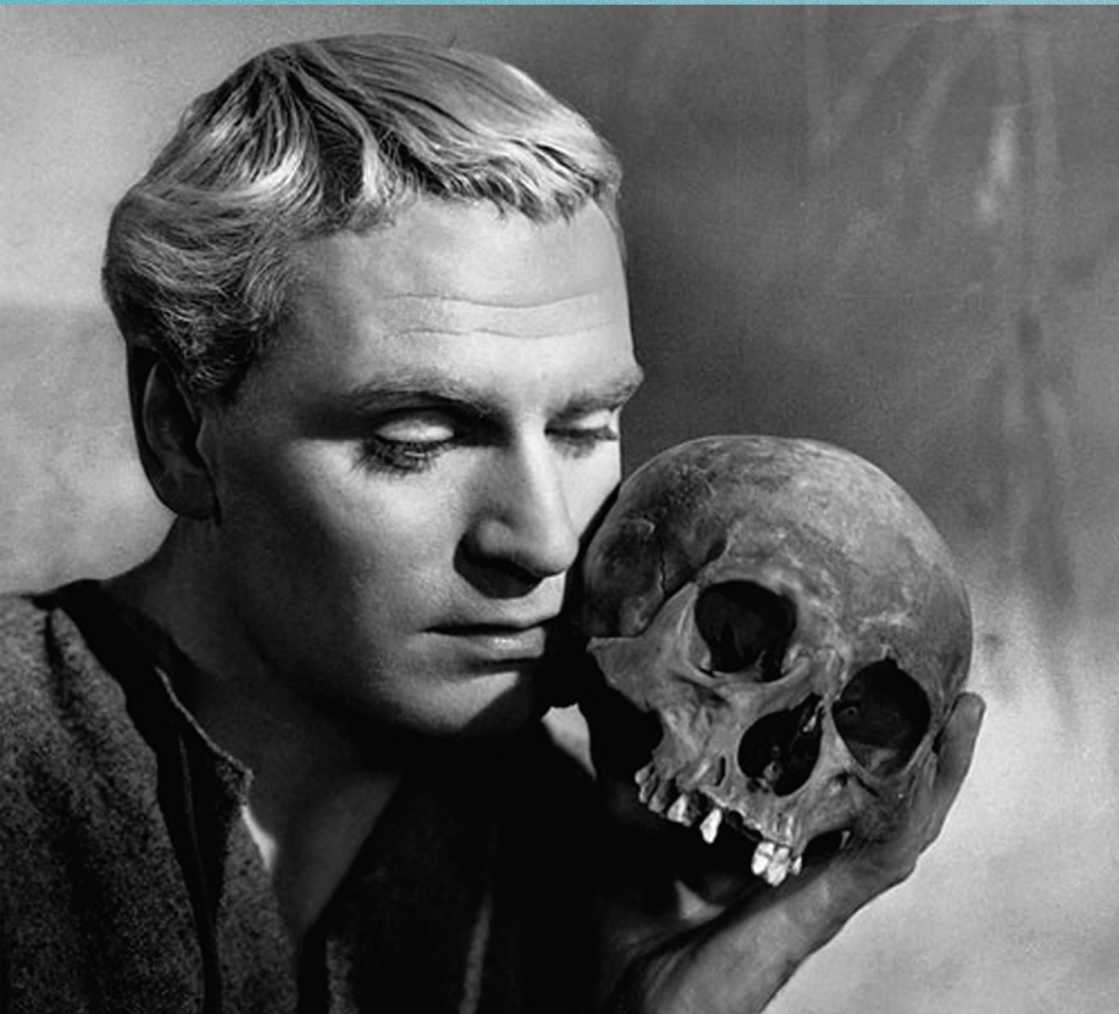


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## Front Cover

Sir Laurence Olivier as Hamlet in the 1948 film version with Jean Simmons and John Laurie

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## Editorial

“To be, or not to be: is that the question?”

It has been quite a summer of celebrations starting with the Queen’s Golden Jubilee and the royal visits to each of the regions; followed by the Olympic torch relay that also travelled across the four corners of the islands leading up to the London Olympics and most recently the Paralympics. It has been an opportunity to share in something that has brought people together even though for many of us it has only been as a spectator of others’ achievements.

Later this year I will be putting together the 50th edition of *Audiens* in readiness for publication around the time of our London conference next January (the programme of which is included in this copy and once again has a varied and interesting content). My aim will be to source articles that reflect both the history of our organisation, with an article from Lesley Batchelor as a past meeting secretary, and one on the Deaf CAMHS service by Dr Rob Walker, which reflects our present multidisciplinary role, already in the pipeline.

But what is the future for BAPA? As an association our previous census revealed that we were an ageing population of members. Our present membership has shrunk to around 150 and although we have the occasional new member joining, the continued pattern is one of a shrinking membership, which is not surprising as we have still not gained a recognised pathway for training. So I ask BAPA membership the rhetorical question regarding our future of whether to be or not to be. What do we gain by still having an organisation that some might reflect is increasingly speaking with a quieter voice? Against that David Hallworth, Senior Editor of the Centre for Workforce Intelligence has replied to Jane Lyons letter that has been included in this copy to say that her response on behalf of BAPA would be taken into consideration in the next stage of their work.

Hamlet’s utterings were a soliloquy and so our listening in to his thoughts was as a fly on the wall. How you take my “ramblings” will depend on your own personal view point and most probably the time until you too take retirement and turn to the hobbies that have been pushed to the sidelines by the never ending load of work that seems to appear on your desk- You may take my utterings to be a soliloquy but in these times of hardship and continued expectations to perform better with ever shrinking resources should that be the case then to be or not to be particularly in relation to *Audiens* is definitely my question to you all.

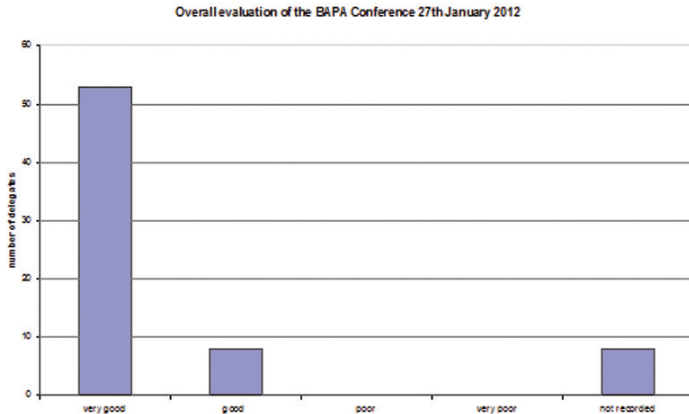
*Jeanette Nicholls, Newsletter Editor*

PS It would be really good to include membership opinion in the next copy of *Audiens* so please email me your thoughts to:

*jeanette.nicholls@bhamcommunity.nhs.uk*

## BAPA London Conference 27th January 2012

### 1. Overall evaluation of the course

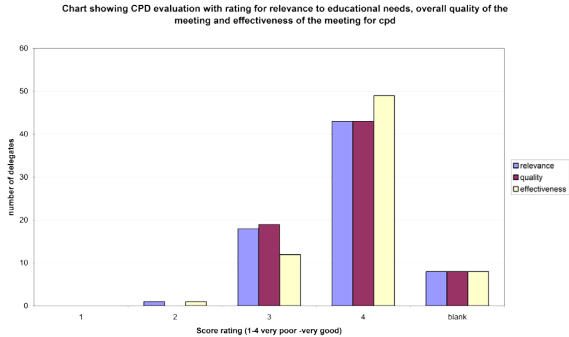


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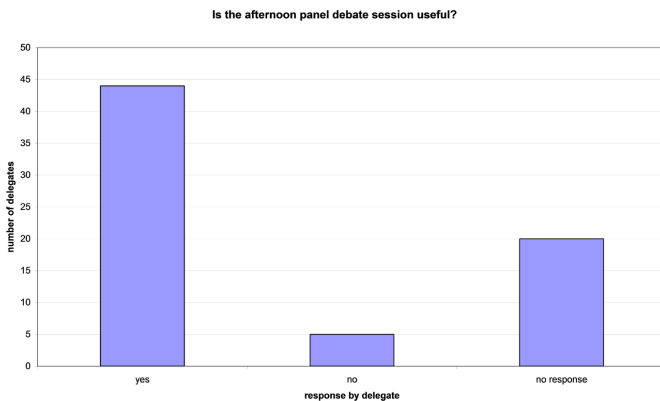
- Varied, stimulating day
- A very good programme
- Excellent and very relevant meeting
- All the speakers excellent, informative and clear. Many relevant points to clinical practice
- Very good day with excellent topics and speakers particularly morning session
- A lot of very useful clinical information to remember and use to improve our clinical practice. Although discussion of ANSD went on for a little too long it started very well and ended well
- Felt the afternoon ambitious idea, probably suffered because trying to cover so much.
- An excellent meeting very stimulating. The afternoon session was a bit long! A break would have helped
- Excellent conference one of the best BAPA BACDA I've been to
- This has been an excellent day. Every talk has been very relevant, brilliantly delivered and thought provoking. Thank you

- It was good to have a mix i.e. surgical, immunological and cochlear amplification
- One of the best BAPA conferences I have been to. Very high quality of speakers and relevance to my daily practice
- Good lunch!
- Good take home messages in all presentations

## 2. CPD evaluation



## 3. Afternoon debate session

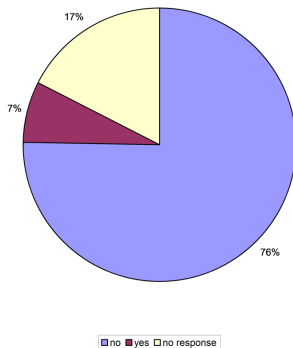


## Comments

- Particularly good when interspersed with short presentations
- Very good idea. Would it be better for each panel member to “do their bit” first then open to questions??- Lots of overlap and did get a bit confusing
- Prefer single speakers
- Could be useful but too long and unstructured
- Much better than last year
- Well chaired

## 4. Venue

Would delegates (n=69) be interested in another venue at a higher cost?



## 5. Suggestions for future topics

Auditory Processing Disorder

Management of children with Cytomegalovirus

Balance disorders

Tinnitus and hyperacusis in children

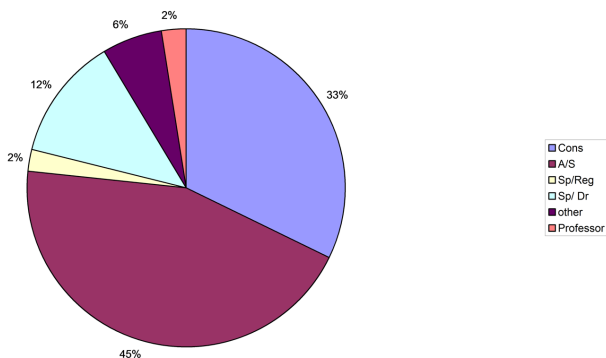
Guidelines for monitoring HI in associated conditions: yield and effectiveness

Value of a second universal screen

Audiology and Children with special needs/learning difficulties

## 6. Attendees

Job title of attendees at the BAPA London Conference on January 27th 2012



Cons

Consultant

A/S

Associate Specialist

Sp/Reg

Specialist Registrar

Sp/Dr

Speciality Doctor

Other

Audiologists, Teachers of the Deaf, Hearing Aid Specialist, Retired

Jane Dalzell, BAPA Meeting's Secretary.

**The BAPA London Conference**  
**Friday 25th January 2013**  
**School of Oriental and African Studies**  
**University of London, Russell Square, London WC1H 0XG**

**Programme**

- 09.30** Registration and Exhibition
- 09.55** **Morning Plenary Session:** Chair: TBA  
Introduction and Housekeeping
- 10.00** **Outcomes of early identified deaf children**  
*Professor Christine Yoshinaga-Itano*
- 10.40** **CMV**  
*Professor Mike Sharland, St George's Hospital, London*
- 11.10** **Coffee and Exhibition**
- 11.30** **Children with cochlear implants and CMV**  
*Jayne Ramirez Inscoc, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust*
- 12.00** **What are the outcomes of the NHSP QA process?**  
*Christine Cameron, Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust*
- 12.30** **Craniofacial disorders and deafness**  
*Dr Louise Wilson, GOSH*
- 13.00** **LUNCH** *Posters and Exhibition*
- 13.45** **BAPA AGM**
- 14.15** **Afternoon Plenary Session:** Chair: **Dr Adrian Dighe**  
Introduction  
**Let's debate:**  
**Social care and Safeguarding deaf children**  
**Panel:**  
*Professor Alys Young*  
*David Miller (NSPCC)*  
*Pat O'Brien HMI (National Adviser Social Work Practice, Ofsted)*  
**Presentations by a panel of experts**  
**A selection of questions will be considered for discussion by the panel.**
- 16.30** **CLOSE OF MEETING**



## **Response to CfWI from the British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology**

The British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology (BAPA, which is a Specialist Interest Group within the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health) were not specifically invited to comment on the document. Dr Cliona Ni Bhrolchain (RCPCH CSAC for Community Child Health) drew our attention to it and suggested we respond, even though it is now past the deadline.

Dr Bhrolchain has neatly encapsulated many of the issues facing Paediatric Audiological Medicine (PAM) as well as Community Child Health. She has stated:

- PAM is traditionally a branch within CCH, and its needs are different from those of general paediatrics and other sub-specialities within paediatrics, and we agree that it should be considered separately. For example Paediatricians in PAM usually have a responsibility for
  - co-ordination of the multidisciplinary care of the deaf child throughout childhood. This may include the audiological assessment of children who have multiple problems (which are about 40% of the deaf childhood population) or who are difficult to test. This may also include the assessment and management of complex cases where there may be neurological or neurodevelopmental issues.
  - the development and co-ordination of vestibular assessment and habilitation services for hearing impaired children, and other children with balance problems
  - other medical referrals e.g. genetics, ophthalmology
  - monitoring a child's progress in the context of hearing, health, development, social and emotional well being or ensure it is monitored by relevant professionals
  - referral to the cochlear implant team or other tertiary centres for assessment
  - provision of medical reports for education/social services about the child and their hearing loss
  - training for staff working with children e.g. school health advisors/health visitors/paediatricians/GPs
  - audits of local services against agreed standards (NDCS/ NHSP) and in conjunction with other districts
  - high quality secondary-level audiology service place, and that systems are set up to identify children at risk of deafness and support and transition services are in place for child-adult services
  - lead role in children's hearing services working group (CHSWG)
  - advocate for the hearing impaired child and their family
- In PAM, the diagnostic requirements after Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and technological advances like cochlear implants have increased diagnostic workload and case complexity. There is a need for a Medical Lead for every Newborn Hearing Screening Programme and paediatric audiology service, and this may include the school entry hearing screen

- Dr Bhrolchain has already sent to you the report from Hearing & Balance UK, in which it expresses its concern about the future of PAM as existing consultants and Specialty, Staff and Associate Specialist Grade (SSASG) paediatricians approach retirement. Often retiring doctors are not being replaced and there is serious concern about service quality and access to specialist support.
- Paediatric Audiology is a multidisciplinary specialty and paediatricians have welcomed the development of non-medical audiologists, who have largely taken over the testing previously conducted by doctors. However, PAM is a complex discipline that requires the appropriate skill mix for the essential tasks that require medical training and expertise.

*Jane Lyons*

*Past Chair, British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology*

## **Reports from the Regions**

### **Scotland report**

BAPA Scotland has continued to meet regularly at Perth Royal Infirmary, with usually around 8 to 10 members consistently attending.

We met on 7th March 2012 for our AGM. There was no change in office bearers and I continue as Chair, Christine Niven continues as Vice-chair, and Alison Schulga and Martina Stones continue as Treasurer and Secretary respectively.

There followed a business meeting with discussion including the continuing excellent screening coverage in Scotland but concerns around the data collection system, as eSP Northgate will no longer be used in all areas. NHS Boards and screening managers are actively assessing options/systems etc.

Quality assessment visits continue annually across Scotland and paediatricians are encouraged to be involved in these visits and participate fully.

The final report of the Local Record of Deaf Children pilot project (NHS Lothian and NHS Tayside) was published in November 2011 and is moving into an implementation phase.

There was extensive discussion around the consultation document from NHSP England on targeted follow up following newborn hearing screening. (Subsequently, it has been advised that the new guidance is to be adopted across Scotland).

The BAPA study day in January 2012 was attended by 6 BAPA Scotland members and feedback was uniformly positive.

BAPA Scotland is organising a study day in 28th November 2012 for BAPA Scotland members, plus an invited guest for each member. The topic is to be a review of aetiology with invited speakers covering radiology, genetics, virology, and neonatology.

*Ruth Henderson*

## **Report from the North West Region**

I am now the BAPA Executive representative for the North West region since the beginning of this year.

Our last meeting was held on 22nd June 2012. This was essentially educational but I allocated 20 minutes to discuss “business” matters. This was to see how best this section should function, frequency of meetings, consider if a “sub-committee” might be helpful and perhaps fundraising.

The meeting was an ‘Introduction to Mental Health in Hearing Impaired Children and their Families’.

*Dr Dolores Umapathy  
Consultant Audiovestibular Physician  
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust*

## **Report for North East and Yorkshire**

Since March 2012, I have taken over from Kathleen Coats as the BAPA executive representative for the North East and Yorkshire.

This group continues to meet every 6 months and our last BAPA networking meeting took place on 21st March. Six of us managed to attend to hear two very informative presentations.

The first presentation ‘Social Care Involvement for Children with a Hearing Loss’ gave us lots of food for thought. This is an area where we all have difficulty in involving social services and it was heart warming to see that professionals in Leeds, with the help of the NDCS representative, had put in a lot of hard work to get things moving forward in this area.

Further presentations were on ‘Audiology Input in Special Schools’ this led to a debate on different reasons for and against, going into special schools to perform hearing tests. For some children such as those with autism, they perform much better in their familiar environment, whereas we all know that the environment in schools is sometimes not at all conducive to obtaining reliable hearing test results. These presentations again made us all think about improvements we could make to our own services.

We concluded by talking about auditory processing disorder and some research in this area taking place in Sheffield. As well as, which professionals are best placed to manage this disorder. Some of us had been at the PAIG conference in Sheffield a few days earlier, where many aspects of auditory processing disorder had been discussed at length.

Our next meeting will be on Monday 22nd October 2012

*Dr Winifred Baddoo, Associate Specialist Paediatrician  
Doncaster Royal Infirmary*

## Some Key points from HAB-UK meeting 31/05/12

### AQP:

- concerns re fragmentation of services-if hearing aids are farmed out what will happen to balance/tinnitus/children's services?
- If fragmented then cost per item will go up
- Need to know cost of specialist services
- NDCS has written guidance that will be sent to commissioners
- If services are going to tender then should alert NDCS
- Cochlear implants will be commissioned nationally
- Adrian Davis would like national commissioning for Children
- ? need a risk assessment of going to AQP

### Clinical Commissioning:

- List of groups now decided
- "Clinical commissioning groups" meant to be Doctors & Patients
- Lack of knowledge among the public about clinical commissioning
- Need to encourage people to get involved
- Need multi-disciplinary network groups
- Suggested an article to all magazines

### Paed Audiological Medicine:

- Responses received from Scottish Government, Welsh Government
- Me to request permission to circulate correspondence between Jane Lyons & Cliona Ni Brolchain
- This is I think coming up as an agenda item at our BAPA meeting
  
- Changes in Education:
- Schools will be responsible for radio aids
- A quarter of councils have cut services to deaf children
- Government wants to get rid of "Statements"
- NDCS going to write guidance for report writing

**British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology  
Accounts for the Year Ended 30 November 2011**

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SK4 2H

Chartered Accountants' Report to The Board of Trustees on the Preparation of the Unaudited Financial Information of British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology

In accordance with the engagement letter we have prepared for your approval the financial information of British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology for the year ended 30 November 2011 which comprises the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes from the entity's accounting records and from information and explanations you have given us.

As a practising member firm of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales (ICAEW), we are subject to its ethical and other professional requirements which are detailed at [icaew.com/membershandbook](http://icaew.com/membershandbook).

This report is made solely to you, in accordance with the terms of our engagement letter. Our work has been undertaken solely to prepare for your approval the financial information of British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology and state those matters that we have agreed to state to you in this report in accordance with the guidance of ICAEW as detailed at [icaew.com/compilation](http://icaew.com/compilation). To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the trustees for our work or for this report.

You have approved the financial information for the year and have acknowledged your responsibility for it, for the appropriateness of the financial reporting framework adopted and for providing all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

We have not verified the accuracy or completeness of the accounting records or information and explanations you have given to us and we do not, therefore, express any opinion on the financial information.

**British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology  
Approval of financial information**

In accordance with the engagement letter, We approve the financial information which comprises the Profit and Loss Account, the Balance Sheet and the related notes.

We acknowledge our responsibility for the financial information, including the appropriateness of the applicable financial reporting framework as set out in note 1, and for providing Hallidays LLP with all information and explanations necessary for its compilation.

The financial information was approved by the trustees on .....

**British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology**  
**Profit and Loss Account for the Year Ended 30 November 2011**

	£	2011	£	2010	£	£
<b>Turnover</b>						
Subscriptions			6,870		7,150	
Clinical meetings - delegate fees			6,565		7,554	
Advertisers and exhibitors				2,370		2,169
Scotland Income			-		60	
Other			<u>595</u>		<u>450</u>	
			16,400		17,383	
<b>Expenses</b>						
Room hire and refreshments			5,445		9,068	
Meetings - committee			3,793		4,288	
Meetings - other			461		774	
Newsletters			531		1,429	
Secretarial			1,337		1,217	
Website costs			-		71	
Printing, postage and stationery			264		128	
Trade subscriptions			236		75	
Sundry expenses			109		-	
Accountancy fees			1,721		1,721	
Bank charges			204		336	
Depreciation of office equipment			<u>13</u>		<u>18</u>	
			(14,114)		(19,125)	
<b>Interest receivable</b>						
Bank interest receivable			<u>21</u>		<u>26</u>	
<b>Net profit/(loss)</b>			<u>2,307</u>		<u>(1,716)</u>	

**British Association of Paediatricians in Audiology**  
**Balance Sheet as at 30 November 2011**

	Note	£	2011	£	2010	£
<b>Fixed assets</b>						
Tangible assets	2			40		54
<b>Current assets</b>						
Cash at bank and in hand			45,636		43,272	
<b>Current liabilities</b>	3		<u>(8,729)</u>		<u>(8,686)</u>	
<b>Net current assets</b>				36,907		34,586
<b>Net assets</b>				<u>36,947</u>		<u>34,640</u>
<b>Financed by:</b>						
<b>Current accounts</b>						
As at 1 December 2010		36,356		-		
Capital introduced		<u>-</u>		<u>36,356</u>		
		36,356		36,356		
		<u>36,356</u>		<u>36,356</u>		

## 1 Accounting policies

### Basis of preparation

The accounts have been prepared under the historical cost convention.

### Turnover

Turnover represents the invoiced value of sales of goods, net of value added tax.

### Depreciation

Depreciation is provided on tangible fixed assets so as to write off the cost or valuation, less any estimated residual value, over their expected useful economic life as follows:

Plant and machinery	25% NBV
Fixtures and fittings	25% NBV
Office equipment	25% NBV

## 2 Tangible fixed assets

	Plant and machinery £	Fixtures & fittings £	Office equipment £	Total £
<b>Cost</b>				
As at 1 December 2010 and 30 November 2011	<u>2,400</u>	<u>113</u>	<u>301</u>	<u>2,814</u>
Depreciation				
As at 1 December 2010	2,394	84	282	2,760
Charge for the year	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>
As at 30 November 2011	<u>2,396</u>	<u>91</u>	<u>287</u>	<u>2,774</u>
Net book value				
As at 30 November 2011	<u>4</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>40</u>
As at 30 November 2010	<u>6</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>19</u>	<u>54</u>

## 3 Current liabilities

	2011 £	2010 £
Other creditors	6,922	6,943
Accruals	<u>1,807</u>	<u>1,743</u>
	<u>8,729</u>	<u>8,686</u>

### 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.
- 8. The award will be in the form of tokens of the recipient's choosing. The value of the award is currently £250.

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15th November  
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.*



Any changes?

If any of your details have changed, please let BAPA know by sending your details to Kelly Robinson : [bapa@rcpch.ac.uk](mailto:bapa@rcpch.ac.uk)

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