

Welcome to the latest BAPA newsletter. I would be grateful for your feedback and suggestions for future editions. Please send any comments to: ahayden@doctors.org.uk

BAPA Annual London Conference

This year's conference was held on 25th January at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. The meeting opened with talks on auditory neuropathy including aetiology and genetics. This was followed by vision care in children with multisensory impairment and then Stickler Syndrome. The ever popular Members' presentations and audits closed the day. It was good to see trainees being given the opportunity to present. In addition to the talks there were poster presentations to view in the breaks. We ran a 'Bring your Trainee for Free' deal which 4 trainees took advantage of. It's important that we encourage our future members. Lessons were learnt from last year and extra time was allowed for delegates to get between floors in the breaks. The feedback regarding the content of the meeting was excellent with an overall evaluation score of 3.96 (out of 4).

Planning is underway for next year's conference using the ideas and feedback from this year's meeting. It will be held on

FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 2020

at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health again. Book your study leave now!

Prizes

Each year the BAPA Annual Prize is awarded to a BAPA member for work that promotes the aims of BAPA. The value of the award is currently £250. In addition, at each year's conference we welcome applications of audits, case studies and posters to be presented at the meeting. Full details of all the prizes and how to apply are on the BAPA website, please click on the following links:

[BAPA Annual Prize](#)

[Conference Prizes](#)

YOUR EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

BAPA's Executive Committee currently has vacancies for Deputy Regional reps (for all regions), Meetings' Secretary and Consultations' Secretary. In addition to overseeing the day to day running of the organisation, the committee contributes to national guidelines and consultations and is involved in shaping the future of training to ensure a future workforce. Current consultations include Suicide prevention and Sickle Cell Disease. We have also contributed to the House of Parliament Petition Committee on Fireworks. The Executive Committee meets 3 times a year but keeps in touch regularly by email. Copies of the meeting's agendas giving an insight into some of the items discussed can be found on the website.

For further information about joining the committee, please contact winifred.baddoo@nhs.net

Dates for your diary

BACCH Annual Scientific Meeting — 10th to 11th September 2019, Manchester

<http://www.bacch.org.uk/conferences>

Aetiology Course — 30th September to 1st October 2019, ICH

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/child-health/events/2019/sep/aetiological-investigations-hearing-loss-children>

Some part sponsored places available for trainees— please contact srangan@nhs.net for more details.

Alder Hey Paediatric Vestibular Course — 23rd to 24th September 2019, Liverpool

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/3rd-alder-hey-paediatric-vestibular-course-tickets-62135618307>

BAPA Conference — 31st January 2020, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

<http://www.bapa.uk.com/conferences>