

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

Professor Maria Bitner-Glindzicz

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Professor Maria Bitner-Glindzicz, Professor of Clinical and Molecular Genetics. Maria was a real friend to BAPA, always willing to share her expertise with us and encourage our work.

BAPA Annual London Conference

This year's conference saw a change of venue to the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. Delegates were generally pleased with the venue and catering however, there were some issues with the time keeping as the meeting and the catering were on different floors. The breaks needed to be held in the larger ground floor room to allow room for the exhibitors without whose support we would be unable to hold the meeting. We are back in the same venue for 2019 but we will allow extra time in the programme to get between floors. The feedback regarding the content of the meeting was positive with an overall evaluation score of 3.87 (out of 4).

Next year's conference will be held on **FRIDAY 25th JANUARY 2019** at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health. 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.

SNOMED CT— VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is a new national system of coding which is being introduced across England. BAPA will be working on the codes for paediatric audio-vestibular conditions. A working group is being formed for this task. It is expected that most of the work can be done via email. Members are being asked to volunteer to help; it is vitally important that the codes are correct from the start.

Please contact Veronica.Hickson@wales.nhs.uk for further details.

Congenital CMV

The NATIONAL PROSPECTIVE CMV BLOODSPOT AUDIT is currently underway and will run for the next year. Please don't forget to record your bloodspot CMV requests for children and young people age 5-20 years as this will help provide evidence for the importance of retaining Guthrie cards.

Also, the TODDLER VALGAN Study will be closing in July 2019. Please offer referral for children age 1 month to 4 years with SNHL and congenital CMV (who haven't already received antiviral treatment) to your local Toddler Valgan Study recruiting centre asap. For further details, please see www.networks.nhs.uk/nhs-networks/dmid-11-0069-valgan-toddler-study/news/welcome-to-the-dmid-11.0069-valgan-toddler-study

Dates for your diary

Aetiology Course — 8th to 9th October 2018 at ICH

<http://www.ucl.ac.uk/ich/short-courses-events/short-courses-events-publication/aetiology/oct2018>

Masterclass: Assessment and management of children with dizziness — 31 October to 2 November 2018 London

<https://www.ucl.ac.uk/ear/study/cpd-courses>

BAPA Conference 25th January 2019, Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health

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