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**British Aphasiology Society
Biennial International Conference
9th – 11th September 2009
University of Sheffield**

CALL FOR PAPERS opened on **1st October 2008** via www.bas.org.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: 27TH FEBRUARY 2009

For guidance on the format of the abstract please go to:
www.bas.org.uk Please send abstracts to: bas2009@lists.shef.ac.uk

Invited Speakers include:

**Matt Lambon Ralph
Margaret Naesser
Ian Robertson**

**Jane Marshall
Carole Pound
Sophie Scott**

Programme includes:

UPDATE TALKS – Sentence Processing in aphasia; Social model and its application to aphasia

KEYNOTE ADDRESSES – Semantic processing deficits; TMS and anomia; Theories of brain recovery

Full package (registration, conference dinner, three nights b & b accommodation):	£340
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Late booking rate	£250
Day rate	£100
Student / unwaged	£120

To book a conference place visit www.ncore.org.uk

Venue and Social Programme:

The conference will take place at **The Edge**, the University of Sheffield's new purpose built conference venue.

Bed and Breakfast accommodation is available at The Edge. Alternative accommodation can be found via the BAS website.

Conference guests will enjoy a free **Evening Wine Reception** on Wednesday 9th September. The **Conference Dinner** will take place on Thursday 10th September.



BAS Therapy Symposium – Norwich Sept 2008

Recipients of BAS Conference Support Fund Grants, Sheffield SLTs **Caroline Haw & Sarah Ross** reflect on the recent BAS Therapy Symposium.

The contrast of stunning sculpture and architecture and the multitude of rabbits skipping about the grounds of the University of East Anglia provided a fitting setting for the mix of the formal and informal which is the hallmark of the Therapy Symposium. The BAS team, UEA and NCore should be congratulated for putting on a really well organised, slick, and friendly event. It was a hugely positive and enjoyable two days and provided an excellent opportunity to catch up with current research and practice.

Delegates were given the chance to hear in depth accounts of different approaches to therapy and discuss applications to clinical settings, both inside and outside the lecture theatre. The range of topics was broad, ranging from the nitty gritty of phonological assembly to peer led conversation groups. What was striking in both the presentations and posters was the absence of a sense of polarisation of Impairment vs. Social Model approaches. The influence of social model philosophy was embedded within all papers.

It is impossible to summarise in any depth such full a programme in one short report. All the abstracts, which give detailed information and references, are on the BAS website, and we particularly recommend looking up the first presentation: Monitoring therapy for phonological assembly difficulties: A case series by **Heather Waldron**. This is because we missed it even though we had set off at 6.00am from Sheffield. Apologies!

Heather's comprehensive abstract describes a case series design in which previously reported successful therapy was replicated across 4 subjects. The study explored whether specific factors (including non linguistic cognitive abilities) can predict who would most benefit from this therapy and examines the relationship between treatment outcome and linguistic and real-life measures.

Anne Whitworth and **Frauke Buerk** presented a detailed case study comparing word and sentence level therapy in the treatment of verb retrieval difficulties. The authors described a novel assessment 'TRAMP' (a test of Thematic Roles and Mapping Performance) and numerous other pre- and post-therapy assessments to measure change in comprehension and production of verbs at single word and sentence level. For both interventions, the client made item specific improvements. However from the patterns of improvement and differences in sentence production, it was possible to explore ideas about the therapy process and lend weight to the contention that sentence level therapy can be more fruitful.

Whitworth's second presentation (two in one afternoon and both inspired), "The use of narrative as means of generalising sentence level processes: Taking that next step" used approaches that have been successfully used with children to facilitate production of connected speech. For both studies, use was made of an outcome measure

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which considers the real-life goals of clients. Clients all reported achieving these goals negotiated at the outset, which included "talking more easily" and other increases in confidence and engagement.

Jane Mortley's strikingly clear presentation focused on a client and her husband and a therapy intervention targeting naming of family and friends. Her therapy incorporated single word and conversational approaches, and the use of therapy software. Jane's client-centred goal setting, the use of the client's own digital photographs on the Step by Step software, and her role in teaching the client and her husband to take the therapy forward made this an inspiring example of working in genuine partnership in a clinical setting.

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Gill Pearl and **Gill Jackson** presented The Personal Development Plan, a resource for working with people with aphasia who are considering volunteering. The development of the tool and its evaluation were clearly presented: this is a great example of involving clients at each stage of a project. For SLTs working with clients with established aphasia, this way of working could be used for many activities such as returning to work or leisure activities, as it focuses on the detail of setting goals and thinking through an action plan.

Continuing the theme of living with aphasia and participating in life, **Sally McVicker** and **Kate Mitchell** described their work in London and Cornwall with co-facilitated conversation groups. This approach sets out to train people with and without aphasia to co-facilitate conversation groups, allowing for maximum independence from the SLT.

It was interesting to hear that commissioners of services in Cornwall were keen for individuals' stories as a measure of outcome of this kind of input. Yet another firm idea for us to take home.

We are so grateful to the BAS committee for the grant which allowed us to attend the 2008 symposium. Training budgets are so constrained and without this help we would have missed a much needed boost to revive interest in all aspects of aphasia therapy. The 2 days have made us reconsider our clinical practice and will influence the approaches and range of therapy we offer clients. Thank you!

Sarah Ross & Caroline Haw

Specialist Speech and Language Therapists, Sheffield Primary Care Trust.

Thinking of attending a conference?

See page 10 for details of how to apply for financial support from BAS.



The BAS Therapy Symposium 2008 included Chair Ruth Herbert's last AGM in office, here is her report:



British Aphasiology Society

**Annual General Meeting
Norwich, 8th September 2008**

Chair's Report

Events

The latest Research in Progress day took place in Reading on 10th April 2008 where the topic was Controversies in Verb and Sentence Processing. We are grateful to Christos Salis for hosting the event and to Lisa Perkins from the BAS committee for facilitating the event. The programme and abstracts are available as downloads from the BAS website. We are looking for a host institution for the next meeting which will take place in Spring 2009. Please contact any member of the BAS committee about this.

The next conference will take place in Sheffield from 9th to 11th September 2009. Call for abstracts and registration open on 1st October 2008. Keynote speakers include: Matt Lambon Ralph, Jane Marshall, Margaret Naesser, Carol Pound, Ian Robertson, and Sophie Scott. All information will be available via the NCORE website and the BAS website. Please contact a member of the BAS committee if you are interested in hosting the next conference.

The next Therapy Symposium will take place in September 2010 and will be hosted by the University of Newcastle upon Tyne. Details to follow via the BAS website. Anyone interested in hosting this event in future please contact Claire Gatehouse.

Liaison

BAS is a member of:

- The Aphasia Alliance: this is an umbrella organisation within which all voluntary organisations concerned with people with aphasia meet and share views. The focus of the group is to support initiatives in raising public awareness of aphasia. A full time publicity officer has been appointed and is now in post. Minutes from the meetings are available to BAS members via the BAS Chair.
- The UK Stroke Forum: this is a coalition of around 20 organisations committed to stroke care and research. The third major multidisciplinary conference of the UK Stroke Forum is to be held in Harrogate in December 2008. Special rates apply for BAS members. See (<http://www.ukstrokeforum.org/events/>). For more information contact Melanie Derbyshire or BAS Chair.

Prizes

Student prize winners for 2006-2007 are as follows:

Project prize:	Essay Prize:
Lisa Clarkson Developing a test of abstract word comprehension Supervisor: Jane Marshall, City University	Lauren Haugh The causal exploration of right hemisphere pragmatic language difficulties Supervisor: Catherine MacKenzie, University of Strathclyde

Ruth Herbert
 Chair British Aphasiology Society
 8th September 2008

BAS Research in Progress day – Reading, April 2008**Christos Salis reports back on this year's event:**

The topic of the 2008 Research in Progress day was *Controversies in Verb and Sentence Processing: Assessment and therapy* and was hosted by the department of Clinical Language Sciences of the University of Reading on 10 April 2008. Six presentations of clinical and theoretical orientation provided stimulating discussions between the audience and presenters on the hot issues of assessment and treatment of verb and sentence deficits in people with aphasia.

Judit Druks (University College, London) discussed differences between nouns and verbs. Judit's research showed that the performance pattern of non-brain-damaged young and elderly participants reveals that action naming is a more demanding task than object naming. In the case of patients with selective noun impairment – fluent aphasia, semantic dementia and patients with modality specific naming deficits – the noun deficit is due to damage to temporal lobe structures while selective verb deficits are associated with more widespread and more varied lesions than selective noun deficits.

Jon Hunt (Southmead Hospital, Bristol) explored the role of pragmatics in language therapy. Jon presented the treatment of a woman with aphasia using a conversational approach. Improvements in language ability and confidence were reported after treatment. Jon emphasised the use of pragmatics in aphasia therapy.

Clare McCann (University of Auckland, New Zealand) presented a study (co-authored with Jon Doleman) with the title *Verb retrieval in non-fluent aphasia: A clinical study*. Three people with non-fluent aphasia took part who received twice-weekly single verb retrieval therapy over approximately eight weeks. All participants demonstrated improved verb retrieval to varying degrees and there was a statistically significant improvement in grammatically well formed sentence construction for one participant.

Christos Salis and **Susan Edwards** (University of Reading) reported on an experiment where they compared the performance of 10 people with aphasia across 3 tasks of sentence comprehension, sentence-picture matching (4 and 2 pictures) and enactment. The general finding was that the two-picture sentence-picture matching and enactment tasks were more discriminating than the four-picture condition. These findings suggest that language abilities are assessed in more than one task before starting treatment.

Rosemary Varley and her co-workers (Carrie Ankerstein and Vitor Zimmerer) (University of Sheffield) examined the evidence for retained grammatical competence in severe aphasia through: word monitoring and artificial grammar learning. The word monitoring task is an on-line method that taps, in particular, the ability to parse incoming sentences. Artificial grammar learning involves detecting the rules that govern the structure of a sequence of stimuli. The

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results revealed differences in performance that might indicate that their asyntactic comprehension might stem from different sources. The results also provided evidence of profound deficits in sequence learning indicating that severe aphasia can represent a loss of grammatical competence.

Anne Whitworth (University of Newcastle) highlighted the importance of predicate-argument structure (PAS) in the treatment of sentence production deficits. Anne presented a successful treatment comprising two phases.

Each phase used 50 different two-argument verbs. Following treatment, sentence production increased equally with all 100 verbs. The improvement in sentence production involving treated and untreated verbs suggests that the gains were (a) attributable to something other than the semantic or phonological representations of verbs and (b) likely to involve a general mechanism involving the creation of the PAS.

Christos Salis
University of Reading

Abstracts for both the Research in Progress day and Symposium can be found at www.bas.org.uk

The Spring 2009
BAS Research in
Progress day will be
held at University
College London

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Join the BAS Discussion Group

BAS has an online forum where any member of BAS - clinician, researcher, student, person with aphasia or carer - can view and contribute to online discussions about aphasia. **Previously discussed topics include the Mental Capacity Act and Outcome Measurement.**

As it is based online you will need access to the internet to view and post messages and discussion threads. See the Membership Information section of the BAS website to join and for more details.

Introducing your new BAS Chair: Frauke Buerk

At the 2008 BAS AGM Frauke was elected as our new Chair. Here we find out a little more about her as we welcome her into the role:



What does your current work involve?

I am working as a Speech and Language Therapist with adults in the community in Newcastle PCT. As the aphasia specialist I also work in close collaboration with the School of Education Communication and Language Science at Newcastle University, and together we are currently in the process of applying for funding in order to carry out some research.

How did you get into working with people with aphasia?

When I first trained as a Speech and Language Therapist I thought I might be working with children. However, two particularly fabulous placements (with respectively two fantastic SLTs) working with people with acquired speech and language difficulties (both acute as well as on a rehab ward) changed my outlook. I remember finding it very challenging to communicate with people with aphasia, and at the same time being fascinated by the complexity of how the speech- and language system might be organised. After having worked a few years and realising that I had many unanswered questions in terms of treating people with aphasia, I decided to do a Masters degree at Newcastle. This triggered my enthusiasm for cognitive neuropsychology and helped me begin to tackle some of my queries concerning clinical management...

Where do you think the greatest challenges in aphasiology will be over the next 10 years?

I think the greatest challenge concerns the constant struggle between the desire to improve services for people with aphasia and their families and the tighter funds available to us in the NHS and in research. Both the Darzi report and the National Stroke Strategy stress the need to drive improvement in quality of care and to invest in new ways of delivering services, but these aims will be a real challenge in terms of funding and the often reduced resources within Speech and Language Therapy departments. For BAS and others who work in aphasiology it will be a challenge to promote, foster and support research in aphasia rehabilitation, and develop high quality services for people with aphasia and their families.

Who has inspired/ influenced you most in your working life?

So many of the people with aphasia and their partners I worked with in the past have given me insight and taught me a great deal. As I've already mentioned the two Speech Therapists I worked with on placement both showed integrity and respect in their interaction with people with aphasia and their families. I was also impressed by the fact that they remained inquisitive and open to new thoughts and ideas in their clinical management and constantly reflected on their own practice.

Three things that would make the greatest difference to your life right now...

(i) a big garden to give me a feeling of space and living in the country side (ii) my friends and family living closer (or flying being both less damaging to the environment and cheaper), and (iii) having less items on my 'to-do-list'

Three frivolous things that help you get through the day...

(i) a foot massage; (ii) a glass of wine, and (iii) the Archers

Where do you see yourself in 10 years time?

No idea (I'm glad to say)

One piece of advice you would give to someone starting out in the field of aphasiology...

Talk to as many people in the field as you can about your experiences, observations and thoughts, in order to help you explore your ideas, whether clinical or research.

13th International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference Ljubljana, Slovenia, July 2008

Recipients of BAS Conference Support Fund grants **Janet Webster** and **Chris Code** reflect on their experiences:

This conference was held in Ljubljana, a picturesque and vibrant little city. Slovenia apparently has less than 10 speech and language therapists working in aphasia, so to host the conference was seen as an opportunity to raise awareness of aphasia and to enhance support for people with aphasia in clinical practice and society.

Delegates were welcomed by the Deputy Minister for Health, the Mayor of the city and the head of the Institute for Rehabilitation. The delegates represented 24 countries and the conference was an opportunity to gain an international perspective of work promoting our understanding of aphasia and the challenges facing those involved in aphasia rehabilitation. It brought together speech and language therapists, linguists, neuropsychologists and rehabilitation specialists.

A feature of the meeting was a range of international key note speakers and keynotes spanning diverse areas. The conference kicked off with a history of the IARC, now in its 26th year, by Ilias Paphanasiou. Leslie Gonzalez-Rothi gave a fascinating overview on neuroplasticity, drawing on a wide range of animal and behavioural studies which have investigated changes in the brain as a consequence of experience and learning. Her excellent case for the effects of a combination of behavioural and physiological treatments on neural reorganisation in acute and chronic aphasia seemed to set a positive and exciting tone for the whole conference. Her powerful message that good and effective treatment can harm, as well as help, is something we all need to keep in mind. Cynthia Thompson's address focused on sentence production, emphasising the interdependence between using linguistic theories to describe patterns of observed deficit and using data from people with aphasia to provide support for the theories. Anna Basso from Italy presented an introduction to the cognitive neuropsychological model of lexical access and its relevance to treatment. Wolfram Ziegler talked about the relationship between phonology and articulation and the possible nature of phonological and articulatory plans.

Travis Threats discussed evidence based practice, its importance, the possible dangers of poor use of EBP and the integration of EBP and the International Classification of Functioning, Disability and Health. Finally, Madeline Cruice talked about the practicalities associated with assessing and measuring change in quality of life.

The addresses promoted discussion and provided a forum for the varied oral and poster presentations. Of the oral presentations, particular highlights were Anna Correll's presentation on transaction and interaction in aphasia and Simon Horton's talk on 'effort and 'error' during language impairment therapy. Both of these talks offered new perspectives and frameworks with which to consider what was happening during aphasia therapy.

Most of the treatment studies we read or hear about are conducted with chronically aphasic people, and most of the papers and posters presented at the conference were concerned with chronic aphasia. In a dedicated symposium, 'A Chronic Need,' the 4 studies included a case study (Stark), an intensive one-month group study (Code) and a computer treatment study (Cherney). These demonstrated that many people with very long established aphasia can benefit significantly from treatment for their impairments.

The conference was superbly organised by Nada Zemva and her team, with Ilias Paphanasiou heading up the Scientific Committee. It would have been really useful to have a list of delegates email addresses so that delegates can contact presenters to get copies of their presentations, as well as other delegates that they met.

One hopes to leave a good conference feeling positive and with new ideas and an improved appreciation of the range of treatments and therapies for aphasia. That's the impression with which we left Ljubljana, along with a large list of reading to keep us occupied for another year!

Janet Webster – University of Newcastle
Chris Code – University of Exeter

Speakability



Melanie Derbyshire, Speakability Chief Executive recently joined the BAS committee. Here she introduces the work of the charity:

Speakability (Action for Dysphasic Adults) is the national charity set up to support and empower people with Aphasia, and their relatives and carers. It was founded in 1979 by a truly remarkable person called Diana Law who had personal experience of Aphasia. Today, nearly 30 years later, the charity continues to follow the same ethos and people with Aphasia have key roles as Trustees, volunteers, staff and Group Members.

Speakability offers impartial information through its Helpline, publications, communication and training tools and Website. Calls to the Helpline are FREE and all callers receive a basic information pack without charge.

Speakability also empowers people with Aphasia through a national network of Self-Help Groups – run *by* people with Aphasia *for* people with Aphasia. The charity has 90 active Groups in England, Scotland and Wales currently supporting more than 2,500 people with Aphasia. Naturally, these Groups also offer positive benefits to the families and carers of people with Aphasia.

Self-Help Groups are a crucial part of the life journey of someone with a long-term communication disability so, Speakability wants to re-vitalise its links with Speech and Language Therapists and other allied health professionals to

ensure that these long term needs are taken into account. Our Group Members are also fully involved in consultations about NHS services and help the charity to campaign for greater understanding of Aphasia and how all of us can make a difference to the quality of life that a person with Aphasia experiences.

Speakability offers a very individual service and excellent value for money. Our funding comes from individuals, Charitable Trusts and fundraising events and activities. We are not currently supported by the Department of Health, yet we provide vital information and offer a peer-led service which reduces dependency on the use of drugs for depression and the difficulties associated with low mood. Speakability Group members thrive and the vast majority gain sufficient confidence to take back control of their lives and to look forward with hope in their hearts.

Please do consider becoming a supporter of Speakability – now more than ever we need to raise funds to further develop our Self-Help networks. Please visit our new Website on **www.speakability.org.uk** or to talk about starting an Aphasia Self-Help Group in your area, email the charity's Chief Executive, Melanie Derbyshire **melanie@speakability.org.uk**.

Are you thinking of attending a conference? Do you need financial support?**If so, look no further. BAS has two funds:**

- **BAS Events Grants** support people attending the BAS International Conference or Therapy Symposium. You may apply for up to £200.
- **The Support Fund for Conferences (non-BAS)** supports members attending other conferences. You may apply for up to £400. Overseas members may only apply to attend UK conferences.

NB This fund is only available to people who have been BAS members for at least a year.

Funding is available whether or not you are presenting work, but priority is given to presenters. Awards can cover registration, accommodation, travel expenses and other essentials. Applications are considered by the BAS Committee in June. You may submit a retrospective application for a conference you have already attended this year. BAS is particularly keen to support members who have limited access to funding from other sources.

NB: If you have previously received funding, you may not re-apply for at least 2 years.**For further information and an application form:** Visit www.bas.org.uk or contact:

Deborah Cairns, BAS Conference Support Fund Organiser

Email: conference-support-fund@bas.org.ukThe deadline for applications is **Friday 29th May 2009**

The 39th Annual Clinical Aphasiology Conference May 26-30, 2009

Keystone, Colorado, USA
CALL FOR PAPERS

The Clinical Aphasiology Conference (CAC) is an annual forum for clinicians and researchers engaged in the study and clinical management of persons with acquired neurologic language disorders. At CAC, participants present their recent research and engage in extensive discussions with colleagues. The 2009 Conference Chairperson is Carl Coelho; the Program Chairperson is Leora Cherney.

To Attend the Clinical Aphasiology Conference

If you wish to attend, you must submit a summary of an original paper or poster no later than Friday, January 16th, 2009. Two authors from each accepted proposal will be invited to attend the conference. As space permits, first authors of proposals that are not accepted for presentation also will be invited to attend. A number of student fellowships are available on a competitive basis to students who have earned authorship on a paper submitted to CAC.

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Research Round Up

Emma Eaton

Semantic Dementia vs. Progressive Non-Fluent Aphasia: how can we tell them apart?

Traditionally, a complicated battery of assessment has been used in order to differentiate between semantic dementia (SD) and progressive non-fluent aphasia (PNFA). These authors argue that their simple 10-item "Repeat and Point" test can discriminate between groups of people previously diagnosed as having either SD or PNFA. People with SD (involving the deterioration of verbal and non-verbal conceptual knowledge) performed better on the "Repeat" component of the task than on the "Point" (comprehension- picture selection) component, while those with PNFA (involving a phonological/syntactic deficit) performed better on the "Point" component relative to the "Repeat" component.

Hodges, J. R.; Martinos, M.; Woollams, A. M.; Patterson, K. and Adlam, A. R. (2008): Repeat and Point: Differentiating semantic dementia and progressive non-fluent aphasia. *Cortex* 44 1265-1270

Improving informativeness in connected speech

SentenceShaper® is a computer program allowing the user to build up sentences and narratives. Previous studies have found that listeners rate the informativeness of the narratives of people with aphasia higher with the use of SentenceShaper® than without it, and that there is a topic-specific carry-over effect. This study uses a different method of assessment, the Correct Information Unit analysis, to find similar results (although with less of a topic-specific carry-over effect). Further research is needed to determine the language profile of the people for whom this technology may be most useful.

Fink, R. B.; Bartlett, M. R.; Lowery, J. S.; Linebarger, M. C. and Schwartz, M. F. (2008): Aphasic speech with and without SentenceShaper®: Two Methods for assessing informativeness. *Aphasiology* 22 (7-8) 679-690

Does anomia therapy have an effect on everyday communication activities?

Eight people with aphasia participated in eight weeks of cueing therapy followed by a further eight weeks of therapy targeting the treated words in connected speech and conversation. Overall, naming was found to have improved. It was also found that the participants' ratings of their communication activity (measured using the Communication Disability Profile, or CDP) had improved over this period. The correlation between changes in word-finding and changes in CDP activity rating approached significance, although there was considerable individual variation.

Best, W.; Greenwood, A.; Grassly, J. and Hickin, J. (2008): Bridging the gap: can impairment-based therapy for anomia have an impact at the psycho-social level? *International Journal of language and Communication Disorders* 43 (4) 390-407

The Road to Recovery: Aphasia in Scotland



A research project has recently been completed in Scotland which focuses on current aphasia treatment and the impact of aphasia on individuals and families. *Aphasia in Scotland* was commissioned by NHS Quality Improvement Scotland and involved consultation and discussion with people with aphasia, carers and healthcare professionals. The report includes:

- the level and the nature of the speech and language therapy and other services offered to people with aphasia following stroke
- the current and emerging models of practice for the management of aphasia following stroke, and
- the impact of aphasia on the individuals with aphasia and on their families.

NHS QIS have now published a further report which builds on this research and provides actions and advice for future work in aphasia. A self-assessment tool to facilitate local evaluation of aphasia services, based on the findings from the *Aphasia in Scotland* research, is also included.

An accessible version of this report is also currently being developed.

You can access the reports here:

Aphasia in Scotland report
www.nhshealthquality.org

NHS QIS response
http://www.nhshealthquality.org/nhsqis/files/Stroke_AphasiaReport_JUL08.pdf

Accessible version (Winter 2008)
www.nhshealthquality.org

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We want to hear your views....

Please tell us what you would like to read in future BAS newsletters.

Let us know if you would like to review a book, assessment, or other aphasia-related resource. Alternatively, you may like to report back on a conference or research day.

If you have ideas for future issues or would like to discuss an article, please contact newsletter@bas.org.uk. We look forward to hearing from you.

During the AGM held at the last Therapy Symposium several new committee members were elected. These are Clare Telford, Heather Waldon, Christos Salis and Fiona Stewart. We would like to welcome them to the committee and look forward to working with them. Sadly we also saw some committee members leave as their terms came to an end. Ruth Herbert stepped down as Chair of the committee. Ruth did a wonderful job as chair and organized an outstanding Edinburgh conference. Lisa Perkins had been our Research in Progress Co-ordinator. Under her guidance we had some very successful research days. We wish them both all the best and will miss them!

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BAS Membership Rates – Please ensure you are paying the correct amount

Rates for this year (1st April 2008 – 31st March 2009) are:

**Basic rate: Standing order £15
Cheque £20**

**Student rate: £10
People with aphasia: £10**

For application and standing order forms please contact BAS membership secretary Annette Cameron: Speech and Language Therapy, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Foresterhill, AB25 2ZN. E-mail: membership-secretary@bas.org.uk Tel: 01224 552966.

Congratulations to the BAS 2007/08 Project Prize Winner!

BAS would like to congratulate **Claire Rossiter** from University College London on her project entitled **Penguins don't fly. An investigation into typicality and its effect on naming in aphasia**. Claire's supervisor was Dr Wendy Best. We look forward to hearing more in a future newsletter.

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Spring 2009

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University College London

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