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British Aphasiology Society Therapy Symposium, 2008



University of East Anglia, Norwich
September 8th - 9th, 2008

Programme now available on **page 2**
and at www.bas.org.uk/symposia.html

Have you reserved your place yet?

BAS Members	Full Conference Fee £150
Non BAS Members	Full Conference Fee (inc. membership): £170
Students (BAS members)	Full Conference Fee: £60
Students (non BAS members)	Full Conference Fee: £70
Day rates available - check the NCORE website under 'Events'	
Accommodation: B&B in UEA ensuite rooms (on campus): £40.85 per night (single rooms) - book via NCORE	Evening meal/social 'do': Monday 8th - dinner at 'MacIntosh's canteen' - book a three course meal for £22.50

Getting there: UEA is easily accessible by road, rail or by air, with flights to Norwich from Dublin, Edinburgh, Exeter, Amsterdam and more.

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British Aphasiology Society Therapy Symposium, 2008 PROGRAMME

Monday 8th September 2008

- 10.00 am Welcome & Introductions: Chris Code to open proceedings
- 10:30 - 12:00 pm **Monitoring therapy for phonological assembly difficulties: a case series**, by Heather Waldron
- 12:00 - 12:30 pm Student Prize Presentation & BAS AGM
- 1:30 - 3:00 pm **Improving verb production in aphasia: does it matter whether we treat at the single word level or in sentences?** by Frauke Buerk
- 3:00 - 3:45 pm Poster session
- 3:45 - 5:15 pm **The use of narrative as a means of generalising sentence level processes: taking that next step...**, by Anne Whitworth

Tuesday 9th September 2008

- 9:00 - 10:30 am **"Oi, I have now got a name - use it!"**, by Jane Mortley
- 10:30 - 11:30 am Poster session
- 11:30 - 1:00 pm **The Personal Development Plan: supporting activity & participation for people with aphasia**, by Gill Pearl & Gill Jackson
- 2:00 - 3:30 pm **Co-facilitated conversation groups: What do you need to train, support, and sustain groups to run long term and at low cost?** by Sally McVicker & Kate Mitchell
- 3:30 - 3:45 pm Close

Abstracts for all talks and posters are now on our website

An invitation to join the BAS committee



September 2008 is growing closer, with the BAS Therapy Symposium to look forward to. As you can see from the programme, during the Symposium we will be holding the AGM, and this year we will be looking to appoint new members to the committee as some individuals are standing down.

It's not too late to nominate! –the deadline is **8th August, 2008**. Following a recent committee 're-shuffle', there are two positions 'up-for grabs' including Research in Progress co-ordinator, and Secretary. If you have always thought you'd like to have a go, then here's your opportunity. Alternatively, you may have a colleague who you would like to nominate. We'd love to hear from you.

The details of each role include:

Secretary

As the secretary you will work in close liaison with the Chair, gaining a good overview of the Society's work. You will arrange, minute, and distribute the minutes of committee meetings, and organise the election, and induction of new committee members.

Research in progress co-ordinator

The meetings for research in progress take place once per year. The coordinator's role is to identify host institutions, support the organisers throughout the process, and to act as a link between the BAS committee and the local organisers, to ensure that all aspects of the meeting proceed smoothly.

If you would like to make a nomination, please fill in a nomination form (overleaf).

For more information on any of these posts, you can either contact the current post holder for an informal discussion via the BAS website (www.bas.org.uk, or see contact details in the back of the newsletter), or contact Emma Eaton (publicity@bas.org.uk) who can let you have a 'job description'.

We look forward to hearing from you.



British Aphasiology Society

Committee Member Nomination Form 2008

The British Aphasiology Society exists to foster the development of the study of aphasia: encouraging the dissemination of knowledge about aphasia and its treatment, and promoting the interests of people with aphasia.

BAS will be holding its Annual General Meeting in September 2008, during the BAS Therapy Symposium in Norwich. One purpose of the AGM is to appoint new Committee Members. The BAS Committee ensures that the organisation is meeting its aims and acting within its constitution. It is responsible for managing BAS's finances, developing the programme of events, managing special schemes such as the Essay/Project prizes and the Conference Support Fund, and generating and disseminating publications (including the newsletter). The committee meets approximately 3 times a year.

This year some of the current committee members will be stepping down and a number of these members will be standing for re-election.

We are now seeking nominations for new committee members, in particular for the posts of BAS Secretary and Research-in-Progress co-ordinator. Nominations are sought from the variety of disciplines associated with the study of aphasia (including psychology, speech and language therapy, anthropology, sociology, linguistics etc), from both clinical as well as research personnel, so as to maintain the balance between these fields.

If you wish to nominate someone please use the form below. Nominators, seconders and nominees must be BAS members. Nominations must be received by the BAS Secretary by **Friday, 8th August 2008**.

I wish to nominate.....as a BAS Committee member

Name of Nominator:.....Signature:.....

Name of Secunder:..... Signature:.....

I confirm that I am willing to stand for the BAS Committee in one of the following roles: *(please tick which of the roles which you would be willing to take on)*

Secretary

Research in Progress co-ordinator

Signature of Nominee:.....

Address and contact telephone number of Nominee:

Return to: Frauke Buerk, BAS Secretary at Newcastle General Hospital, Westgate Road, Adult Speech and Language Therapy, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE4 6BE

Constitution changes

The committee has identified various changes to the Constitution. The Constitution states that changes must be voted in by members at a meeting of the Society. We have posted the previous and the revised Constitution on the BAS website, with all changes clearly marked. **Please can members check these documents online.** We will not be issuing paper copies of these. At the next Research in Progress meeting in Norwich on **8th September 2008**, we will take a formal vote to accept or reject the proposed changes.

BAS Membership is now due for renewal – ENSURE YOU ARE PAYING THE CORRECT AMOUNT

Rates for the coming 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 see the Membership section of the BAS website.

If you have any queries, please contact BAS membership secretary Annette Cameron: Speech and Language Therapy, Aberdeen Royal Infirmary, Foresterhill, AB25 2ZN.
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Please receive the BAS newsletter by e-mail!

Everyone who has an e-mail address will now receive the newsletter via e-mail, unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

If you currently receive the newsletter by post but have an e-mail address, please help to reduce costs by contacting Annette Cameron, BAS Membership Secretary with your e-mail address at membership-secretary@bas.org.uk.

Join the BAS Discussion Group

BAS has a new online forum where any member of BAS - clinician, researcher, student, person with aphasia or carer - can view and contribute to online discussions about aphasia. **Current topics being discussed 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.

Research Round Up

Emma Eaton

Measuring social participation in people with aphasia: What's out there?

This study examines different instruments to measure social participation in order to identify those that may be of most relevance to people with aphasia. Speech and language therapists evaluated 12 such instruments and identified just two that were judged as suitable for use with people with aphasia. The Community Integration Questionnaire (CIQ) was identified as the instrument that came closest to the concept of participation

Dalemans, R., de Witte, L. P., Lemmens, J., van der Heuvel, W. J. A. (2008) Measures for rating social participation in people with aphasia: a systematic review. *Clinical Rehabilitation* 22, 542-555

Improving discourse with semantic feature analysis

This article examines the use of semantic feature analysis to improve the discourse of 3 individuals with non-fluent aphasia in selected contexts (story-telling and describing procedures). Pre-treatment, post-treatment and follow-up language samples were taken. All 3 participants improved their production of treated words, but there was no generalisation to untreated words. In addition, there was an increase in the number of target words used, but no increase in lexical diversity. Improvements were maintained for 2 of the participants. Implications and ideas for further study are discussed.

Rider, J. D., Wright, H. H., Marshall, R. C., Page, J. L. (2008) Using semantic feature analysis to improve contextual discourse in adults with aphasia. *American Journal of Speech – Language Pathology* 17 (2), 161-172

Homophones: Shared or independent phonological representation?

This study investigates whether homophones share a phonological representation, and if this is the case, whether this applies to heterographic homophones (e.g. knight/night) as well as homographic homophones (e.g. ball- dance event/ball- sports equipment). The picture naming of an individual with impaired word retrieval is examined, with one item of a homophone pair being treated in a therapy task and the other left untreated. It was found that there was a significant improvement in both treated and untreated homophones, whether they were homographic or heterographic. This supports a model in which homophones share a phonological form, even when the orthographic form is not shared. Possible mechanisms for the success of the treatment are discussed.

Biedermann, B. and Nickels, L. (2008) Homographic and heterographic homophones in speech production: Does orthography matter? *Cortex* 44, 683-697

The Communication Disability Profile: Can it be useful in a post acute neuro-rehab setting?

Merridy Moore, Charlotte Bishop & Claire Axton
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The Communication Disability Profile (CDP) offers clinicians and researchers a means of exploring, and rating, a person's experience of living with aphasia. It comprises a set of picture resources, test material and a comprehensive manual. The structure and content of the resource make it clearly relevant for people living in the community and reintegrating into society. But is it relevant to a person living with aphasia who has not yet left hospital?

The Regional Rehabilitation Unit (RRU) is a 22 bed ward offering post-acute inpatient neuro-rehabilitation to working age people with complex disabilities following brain injury.

The CDP was purchased to enable the impact of aphasia to be captured in a structured way at an activity and participation level. It has been successful in enabling us to gain a greater understanding of a patient's experience of living with aphasia, how this impacts on their mood, and perceived 'barriers' and 'facilitators' to everyday life.

For people with concomitant cognitive difficulties the CDP offers an objective means of assessing their perspective and comparing it with that of the clinician. Results and the resulting discussions inform goal setting; enabling the team to offer appropriate therapeutic input.



Unexpectedly, the CDP has proved a useful tool in addressing patients' expectations in returning to previous roles (such as parent, partner and provider). For example, a patient was able to identify specific challenges of returning to work as a Police Officer.

In our experience, the therapist needs to select relevant sections dependent on a particular patient's experience and abilities, especially in situations where the person with aphasia needs to imagine their capabilities in a setting they have not yet encountered. Other challenges include a person being able to report specifically on the impact of aphasia (rather than other impairments) on their mood.

Although there are aspects of the CDP that are not directly relevant to our patient population, on balance the benefits far outweigh the challenges. It has enhanced our assessment and understanding of our patients' abilities as well as facilitating further discussion with both the team and the person living with aphasia.

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The Communication Disability Profile is available from Connect
ISBN 78-0-9536042-6-5 Published price:£125 (+£10 p&p)

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Travel to make a difference in 2009

The **Winston Churchill Memorial Trust** is a living memorial to Sir Winston and gives grants to enable British Citizens, resident in the UK and from all walks of life, to travel overseas to acquire knowledge for the benefit of their community and their country.

The 2009 Categories were published on 2 June, with applications in by **14 October 2008** and include, amongst others: Mental Health and Care in the Community, Science & Technology, Treatment and Rehabilitation of Traumatic Injuries, and Young People. The Trust reports: "The experience will make Churchill Fellows more effective at work and will enable them to make a difference to others in the UK, as well as promoting a greater understanding between peoples". Approximately 100 awards are made annually with duration overseas averaging six weeks, with all travel and related expenses paid.

For more information, visit www.wcmt.org.uk or call 020 7584 9315.

BAS Events Diary

September 8th-9th 2008

BAS Therapy Symposium

University of East Anglia, Norwich

Book now via www.ncore.org.uk

December 2nd-4th 2008

3rd UK Stroke Forum Conference

Harrogate International Centre See www.ukstrokeforum.org . You can register interest in the conference at ukstrokeforum@stroke.org.uk

September 9th-11th 2009

BAS Biennial International Conference

University of Sheffield

Check the newsletter and website for updates!

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.

Included in the Autumn 08 issue

- Feedback from the **Research in Progress Meeting** in Reading
- Reports from the forthcoming **BAS Therapy Symposium** in Norwich
- Reports from the recent **13th International Aphasia Rehabilitation Conference**, Slovenia.