



# TWITTER OF THE MONTH

@MPOrthoptics (Dr. Marianne Piano, University of Surrey)

**December was a busy month for research orthoptist Marianne Piano (@MPOrthoptics), who attended and live-tweeted two conferences aimed at promoting national/international collaboration and networking for early career researchers.**

**AVICCS 2017** – UK-China British Council Researcher Links Workshop: Auditory and Visual Impairments, their Impact and Community Care.

December 1st-3rd 2017, Shenzhen, China #aviccs17

This workshop was jointly coordinated by Prof Shahina Pardhan, the Director of Vision and Eye Research Unit (VERU), Postgraduate Medical Institute of Anglia Ruskin University and Professor Fei Chen from the Department of Electrical and Electronic Engineering of Southern University of Science and Technology. It aimed to bring together early career researchers and experts in the areas of vision and hearing research, with backgrounds ranging from clinical ophthalmology, orthoptics, optometry, audiology, and psychology, to fundamental sciences including auditory and visual psychophysics, and

engineering. As such, the packed programme of talks covered a wide array of medical conditions impacting both hearing and vision, including diabetes, Meniere's disease and dementia.



## Women in Vision UK Inaugural Meeting

December 15th 2017, London, UK #womeninvisionuk

The Women in Vision UK Network was set up with the vision of promoting connections between women working in the vision and eye research fields, fostering collaborative efforts and mentoring opportunities, and increasing the profile of women in this area. Marianne attended on behalf of the British and Irish Orthoptic Society Research Committee, but the meeting was open to anyone working in and around vision and eye health, and a large cross-disciplinary group attended, including orthoptists, ophthalmologists, optometrists, psychologists, histopathologists, paediatricians and journal editors. The meeting had an inspiring list of speakers, including Michele Acton, CEO of Fight for Sight; Professor Shahina Pardhan, first female UK Professor of Optometry and head of Anglia Ruskin University's Vision and Eye Research Unit; and Professor Sarah Coupland, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Vice President and head of the North West Cancer Research

Centre. All had insights and advice for early career researchers – stay tuned for more information about future meetings and how to join the network.

