

British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons

President's Newsletter



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I find it hard to believe that we are nearing the end of 2017 and I am completing my year as President of BAOMS. My wife Sue and I have just hosted the Past Presidents' Lunch and we had the chance to talk with senior colleagues who held office between 1986 and 2011.

All were in no doubt that their year as President had been a highlight of their careers, a view that I can now understand and share.

STEPHEN DOVER, PRESIDENT



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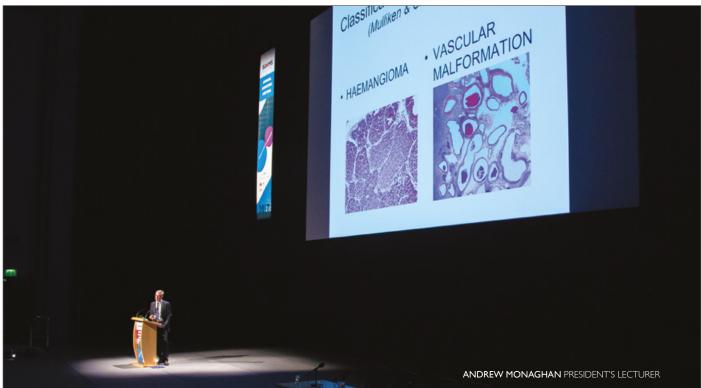
It has been a busy year, and one in which I have tried to promote the specialty and continue to raise our profile on both the national and international scene. In January, I was invited to attend and contribute to the first joint meeting between the American Societies of Paediatric Neurosurgery and Craniofacial Surgery. The conference was well organised and I had the opportunity to present and debate on the role of posterior cranial vault distraction; a technique pioneered in Birmingham and which has gained worldwide recognition. It was a chance to develop links with surgeons based in large teaching hospitals in America, which I hope will allow for exchanges in coming years. There is no doubt in my mind that the barriers that existed in the past between various 'head and neck' specialties are being broken down to the benefit of everyone, not least our patients.

I presented at the cleft and craniofacial conference in Chennai in February and also at the ICOMS meeting in Hong Kong. Both conferences were well attended and it was good to be able to meet up with old acquaintances and make new friends. I had the impression that OMFS in the UK remains a well-respected part of the world-wide community and that we continue to be at the forefront of many areas of clinical practice.

The Annual Scientific Meeting

The International Conference Centre (ICC) is a world-class venue. With considerable support from the companies who sponsored the meeting we made a profit. I am particularly grateful to Liviu Hanu-Cernat, who ran an excellent two-day cadaver workshop in Coventry

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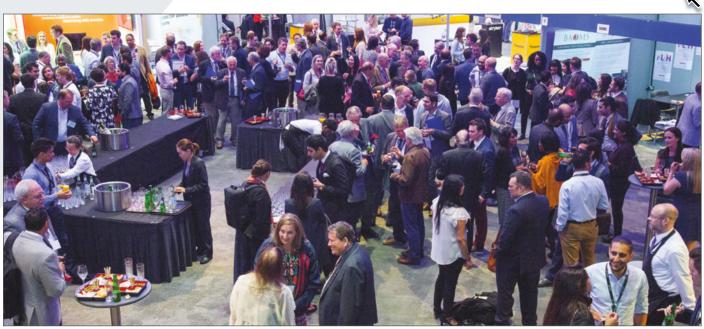




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PRESIDENT'S RECEPTION HALL 3, ICC, BIRMINGHAM

BELOW: STEVE DOVER AND DOUG FAIN

with our main sponsor – Stryker. Anthony Summerwill and Straumann ran a one day implant course, and Rob Banks and his colleagues who, with Nobel BioCare, ran an advanced implant workshop concentrating on full arch reconstructions. Nearly 600 delegates attended the three days and heard invited speakers from Europe, Australia, India and the USA. I am grateful to the invited speakers from the UK, who all gave outstanding contributions to the programme. Mike Simpson was the worthy recipient of the Down Surgical Prize, reflecting his outstanding and long serving contribution to our speciality. My colleague Andrew Monaghan was the President's speaker and gave a real masterclass on the contemporary management of vascular anomalies - a complex and under-served area of OMFS. I hope his presentation has given younger colleagues the inspiration to develop this area of clinical practice. The Norman Rowe lecture was delivered by Professor Sir Keith Porter, Chair of Clinical Traumatology at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham. His overview of military and civilian casualty management in Afghanistan and Birmingham, and how this has influenced trauma care in the UK, gave a unique insight into recent and important developments in this field.

Dr Douglas Fain and Dr Brett Ferguson (President and President Elect of AAOMS respectively) and their wives joined us as guests of BAOMS and I in turn was invited to their meeting in San Francisco in October. They were very generous hosts and I had free rein to visit the various presentations, masterclasses and discussions and to wander around the exhibition hall and visit the trade stands. A significant group of OMFS surgeons in the States are developing practices similar to our own in the UK. I was particularly pleased to see how the introduction of new education tools, such as cognitive simulation led by Professor Dan Buchbinder, are becoming an important part of OMFS training. Some of you may not know that the medal of office that I am wearing in the photograph on the front cover was donated to our Association by AAOMS. There remains a close bond between our two organisations, and I am delighted to announce that we have agreed a joint meeting in Birmingham in 2019. This will be hosted by our President that year, Sat Parmar, and his American counterpart Dr Thomas Indresano, who is based in San Francisco.

The International Society of Craniofacial Surgery held its Biennial conference in Cancun, Mexico at the end of October. I now sit on Council and am the first maxillofacial surgeon to do so. This again



reflects the increasing recognition of who we are and what we do. The meeting was well attended with sessions that included cleft, facial trauma, skull base surgery and reconstruction. The European meeting will be in Athens next October and in 2019 Eric Arnaud hosts the International meeting in Paris - perhaps something for the diary if you have any interest in this field of clinical practice.

The President's Initiative

Each year the in-coming President has an opportunity to develop an initiative for the benefit of the specialty. I was very conscious, both during my time on the SAC and more recently, that a working week limited to 48 hours and a five-year training scheme impacts on how much any trainee can be exposed to. The award of a CCT denotes competence in the generality of the specialty of OMFS. Sub-specialty expertise can only come with further training. This is already acknowledged and to some extend covered with the TiG fellowships. However, I realised that significant areas of specialist OMFS practice did not easily fit into most training rotations. I therefore looked to develop post-CCT fellowships to address these shortfalls. Money has been set aside to support this initiative, which is being endorsed by the Royal College of Surgeons of England fellowship scheme. Units have come forward with proposals for TMJ management, sentinel node and skin, sleep apnoea, major trauma and endocrine surgery. Further rounds of applications will be launched in the New Year



Season's Greetings from BAOMS Council



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VINITA SHEKAR, NABEELA AHMED, ROBERT BENTLEY, IAN HOLLAND, PATRICK MAGENNIS, ROBERT BANKS IAIN HUTCHISON, AMBIKA CHADHA, KATHY FAN, STEVE DOVER, IAN MARTIN, BHAVIN VISAVADIA, DAVID KEITH

BACK ROW L/R CYRUS KERAWALA, DAVID KOPPEL, SARAH DURHAM



and with funding available for these post CCT fellowships I would encourage those nearing the end of training to consider applying.

Individual's Roles

David Koppel completes his term of office as SAC Chair at the end of the year. He is to be congratulated on all the hard work that he has put into the role. In particular he has worked with the GMC and GDC to look at ways to reduce the length of OMFS training. This is very much work in progress. I am delighted to inform you that David's successor will be Emma Woolley. Emma is a consultant in North Wales and Director of Medical Education. She has a wealth of experience in teaching and training and is a former Head of School of Surgery. I am sure you will all want to join me in congratulating her on this appointment.

Maire Morton has been leading on Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT). I would encourage those units who have yet to host a visit from her to do so. It is very enlightening to see how much disparity there is around the country, with various procedures being coded under different specialties and even the same procedure being coded differently or sometimes not at all. As these codes are used in manpower planning and the development of model hospital matrices, it is important that there is a clear understanding and recognition of what we do, how much we do and who does it.

Patrick Magennis, Chair of Council, has worked hard to promote OMFS within the Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT), with the result that for the first time a UK specialty Association has offered free e-membership to ASiT. This organisation is active in medical politics and has representatives on consultation and review bodies and at medical school, foundation, core and Deanery level. Prizes and bursaries are available to support research and travel opportunities. From our perspective, we hope that this will raise the profile of both the specialty and of BAOMS it and it should help trainees stay informed about the rapidly changing world of surgery in the UK.

And finally...

BAOMS is only as successful and as representative as the individuals who support it. The officers work hard to promote the specialty and I am grateful to them for their continuing efforts, particularly when there are challenges and pressures from all quarters of the NHS that impact on the time they have to give to the Association. There are a number of vacancies due to arise on Council over the next year or so as existing members complete their term of office. Could I ask all those of you who are eligible, to consider applying? It will give you a chance to better understand what we are trying to achieve as an Association and more importantly to influence what we do and how we do it.

I should like to say a few thank yous; to the consultant colleagues and trainees with whom I work in Birmingham and who have been unfailingly supportive of my commitments; to Sarah Durham and Susan Bailey in our BAOMS office - they organise the national conference with amazing efficiency and skill and this year have had to juggle this around moving offices as the Royal College of Surgeons undergoes a period of major refurbishment; and last but not least to my family, who have put up with years of late nights, early mornings and time away from home.

The role of President is transient but the memories and the privilege of holding this office are not and I remain deeply honoured to have been elected. I wish lan Martin every success in his coming year and look forward to attending his conference without the pressures of hosting the event myself!

My best wishes to you all for Christmas, New Year and 2018.

Winners of BAOMS prize draws

BAOMS Workforce Survey

We are pleased to announce that Mr Grigore Mihalache won the workforce survey competition for completing the workforce survey following the Annual Conference in Birmingham. In addition, a prize of a case of champagne has been won by Arrowe Park Hospital which was the first unit to have all their substantive staff members add their details.

The online ASM 2017 survey

The winner was Conor Carroll.

News roundup



SIÂN EVANS BAOMS MEDIA CONSULTANT

It has been an active news year for BAOMS, particularly supporting the 2017 Annual Scientific conference Opportunities and Challenges in Birmingham, where President Stephen Dover said in the news release that he wanted the event to: "Find new ways of raising the profile of OMFS (oral and maxillofacial surgery) with medical and dental students, and inspire the consultants of the future to look at the full scope of our speciality when they consider their careers." During the conference there was live Twitter feed and reporting for the BAOMS website from as many of the key presentations as possible.

Stories reported during the year covered the work of OMFS in caring for the victims of terrorist attacks, innovations in facial reconstruction, the positive impact of mentorship on young people from the inner cities, supporting the Oral Health Foundation's November oral cancer month, the appointment of the new OMFS Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) chair and the newly agreed three-year pilot of free ASiT membership for all BAOMS members.

Kathleen Fan, OMFS consultant at King's College Hospital, sits on BAOMS Council and is the media lead for stories that support and promote the work of the speciality and its members, trainees and trainers. It's good to hear from members throughout the country when something excellent is happening in OMFS practice.

To contact Kathy Fan with a story idea e-mail her at office@baoms.org.uk or e-mail the BAOMS media consultant Siân Evans at sian@goodevansmedia.co.uk

NOTICE

We are sad to report the deaths of two Past BAOMS Presidents this year. Mr Ian H Heslop was President of the Association in 1979 and Mr Maurice S Jones was the President of BAOMS in 1982.



Chair's Report

PATRICK MAGENNIS Chair, BAOMS Council



Workforce Survey 2017 – have you clicked the link?

Thanks to those who have already added their details to the survey using the link from their profile page on the BAOMS website. An Amazon e-voucher has been sent to Mr Grigore Mihalache, winner of the draw for completing the survey during the ASM (pictured below). Another prize of a case of champagne is off to Arrowe Park Hospital, the first unit to have all their substantive staff members add their details. Carl Jones, Stanley Parikh, Anne Donnelly and Rob Williams will have to argue about who gets the other two bottles.



The Workforce Survey is one of our most important activities this year. Accurate data will help address inequalities of care provision and support our activity. Please take the time (less than a minute) to click the five questions. Our regional reps have been charged with the task of getting 100% data returns so if you don't do it now, they will be hounding you over the holidays. Please log in to your profile tonight and click the link.

You will need you username and password to log in to the members' secure area. The BAOMS office can provide your username and you can reset your password at the members' login page. A password will be generated and sent to your registered email address.

SAS colleagues – are you a Member or Associate Fellow?

There are two elected Associate Fellow (AF) representatives working hard to improve the resources and support that BAOMS gives to our SAS grades. Many of our SAS grades are currently Members of BAOMS rather than Associate Fellows. There used to be a price penalty for being an Associate Fellow rather than a Member but now the subscriptions are the same. To change category, you just need to let the BAOMS Office know you are in a substantive/career post of any type in an OMFS department (we know these posts have lots of names). Benefits of AF grade of membership include voting in BAOMS elections, access to travel

grants and, most importantly, being kept informed by our AF reps of the forthcoming activities/web resources etc. Please make sure you have completed the Workforce Survey (see previous).

BAOMS Council Activity Calendar – check out what your representatives are doing on your behalf

Andrew Baker (Honorary Web Editor) and Andrew Bylo (Technical Web Editor) continue to work enthusiastically updating and maintaining the BAOMS website. www.baoms.org.uk

One of the most active and regularly changing parts of the website is the **BAOMS Council activity calendar** which lists forthcoming meetings which will be attended on your behalf. Meeting agendas are posted and after the meeting the minutes uploaded (provided their circulation is not restricted). If the 'official' meeting documents cannot be posted on our website, a summary report and outline of the issues discussed will usually be available.

If you have never heard of FSSA or CORESS see later in this newsletter. Take a few minutes now and again to check out what is happening. It is thanks to this contemporaneous record of our activity that the Chair's report at the AGMs can be brief!

If you want any issues to be raised at any meeting, or want to react to a meeting report, please get in touch with the BAOMS office or with me directly.

CORESS – COnfidential REporting System for Surgery

Thanks to the three OMFS surgeons who have submitted reports to CORESS in the last 12 months. Learning from other people's mistakes and near misses is always educational. Submitting a report on-line takes a few minutes at http://www.coress.org. uk/ and can be added to your appraisal or ISCP or TURAS as a "quality improvement activity". Don't just talk about it in the pub or moan to your significant other, send in a report.

Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations (FSSA)

The Federation is the corporate body of the Specialty Surgical Associations, through which it represents and coordinates the views, aims and policies of surgeons from across the United Kingdom and Ireland. As Chair, I attend FSSA on behalf of BAOMS. It is a very active organisation and in the last 12 months it has generated two new (separate) organisations, Surgical Expert Ltd and the Confederation of British Surgery - a surgical trade union. Medical Experts aims to create an organisation to protect patients and colleagues against 'hired guns' by requiring their experts to be in relevant practice, have appropriate training, and to submit two author reports. More information on both will be circulated to BAOMS members as it becomes available.



Elections and appointments

Following a recent nominations process for a place for one Fellow on Council there were no eligible nominations received. Therefore the process is being re-run. Many thanks to Mr Robert Bentley who demits in December 2017 following his three year term but will be President Designate in 2018.

Associate Fellow on Council

There is currently one vacancy on Council for an Associate Fellow and the nomination process is currently underway.

Fellows in Training Representative and Deputy

Mr Alexander Hills was nominated and appointed to be the Deputy Fellows in Training Representative and will take over from Ms Ambika Chadha, who moves to the role of Fellows in Training Representative in January 2018. Many thanks to Ms Nabeela Ahmed, who demits from that role in December 2017.

Junior Trainees and Members' Representative

Following a nomination and election process Ms Alexandra Thompson has been appointed as the Deputy Junior Trainees and Members' Rep in 2018 and will work alongside Mr Shadi Basyuni. He takes over from Mr Jim Higginson, who demits from his role on Council in December 2017. Many thanks to him.

President 2021

Result not available at time of going to press. Please visit the website for the outcome. Thanks to all those who participated in the process of submitting nominations and voting for representatives.

Prizes awarded at the BAOMS 2017 Annual Scientific Meeting in Birmingham



66 I would like to offer my congratulations to the following prize winners at the meeting in Birmingham this year. These will be awarded at the meeting in Durham 20-22 June 2018

President's Prize 2017

Awarded to: Mr Jag Dhanda

For paper: iKnife Rapid Evaporative Ionisation Mass Spectrometry (REIMS) Technology In Head and Neck Surgery. An Ex Vivo Feasibility Study.

Norman Rowe Clinical Prize 2017

Awarded to: Mr Matthew Idle

For paper: Detection of secondary pathology on staging and follow-up PET scan for patients with head and neck cancer.

Paul Toller Research Prize 2017

Awarded to: Miss Harlene Kaur

For paper: Maxfax SHO - How is it going? A survey of the experiences

and perceptions of new-starter dental foundation trainees, two months into commencing their first posts as SHOs within Maxillofacial Surgery.

Members' Prize 2017

Awarded jointly to: Dr Drazsen Vuity

For paper: Changes in the Primary Tumour Staging for Oral Cancer validation of the 8th UICCTNM staging

And to Miss Laura O'Sullivan

For paper: Dental pain – a benign process or cause of crisis?

Clinical Poster Prize 2017

Awarded to: Ms Aisling Cant

For paper: What do patients say about facial skin cancer surgery? Analysis of aspects of quality using a new tool to measure patient reported experience and outcome in the Surgical Management of Non-Melanoma Skin Cancer of the Head and Neck (NMSC)

Associate Fellows' Prize 2017

Awarded to: Mr Mohamed Imran Suida

For paper: Pilot experience of acupuncture in ameliorating the gag reflex in posterior tongue and oropharyngeal biopsies

Research Poster Prize 2017

Awarded to: Mr Greg Knepil

For paper: Social Return on Investment (SROI) methodology applied to patients following orthognathic surgery

SHO / Iunior Trainee Poster Prize 2017

Awarded to: Miss Shaira Kassam

For paper: Can we use social media to educate patients?

Intercollegiate Prize for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

BAOMS has also been notified by the Intercollegiate Specialty Board in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery that the Intercollegiate Prize for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery has been awarded to Mr Shiva Shankar Subramaniam (RCSEng) for outstanding performance in the Intercollegiate Specialty Examination.

Down Surgical and BAOMS Surgery Prizes

I am also pleased to announce that following the recommendation of the Endowments Sub Committee, Council has approved the award of the Down Surgical Prize jointly to Mr Michael Fardy and Mr Paul Johnson and the BAOMS Surgery Prize to Mr Rajiv Anand.

Winner of the Trainer of the Year 2017

The winner of the BAOMS Trainer of the year was Miss Anne Begley and the runner up was Mr Tim Blackburn.

The winner of the BAOMS Trainers' Trainer of the year was Mr Jason Green and the runner up was Mr Phillip Ameerally.



Secretary's Update

AUSTEN T SMITH Honorary Secretary



Are you artistic? - 2018

Following the response at the first call from our multi-talented membership we intend to run the competition in 2018 with a view to wider exposure of the contributions.

The winner from the first competition in June 2017 was Ms Deepshika (Dee) Kumar a DCT from South Yorkshire whose piece, which can be interpreted from two viewpoints received a clear majority of votes and was awarded the £100 prize.



The submitted pieces embraced anatomical cross sectional diagrams, graphic representations of familiar structures and a fascinating 3 dimensional working marionette representation of Orthognathic surgical technique.

For the coming Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) in Durham 2018 we intend to provide wider exposition of any work you submit.

The Honorary Treasurer has kindly agreed a continuation of the Art Prize fund. BAOMS invites submissions with the intention of increasing our in house graphical resource for reports, webpages and key documents, to avoid the stereotyped internet white coats.

We ask that you undertake to allow BAOMS to use the submitted images for our purposes but this does not rule out your own title to the piece and any fruit from it in terms of royalties etc.

The artwork can be in any form - pen, chalk, photo, collage, sculpture, limited only by your own imagination. The actual submission should be a high resolution electronic graphic file. The higher the resolution the better, please, and definitely over 4 MB.

Please supply a short (50 words) text outline of your piece's concept and motivation to be displayed with the piece. Please email entries to office@baoms.org.uk with email subject title of BAOMS 2018 Art Competition.

A deadline of 31 May 2018 will apply in order to allow preparation for presentation by the President at the BAOMS Annual Conference at the Gala Theatre in Durham.

Membership update

The Honorary Secretary of BAOMS traditionally provides an annual update on membership status at each AGM, the current approximate situation is given below:

Fellows	315
Associate Fellows	35
Fellows in Training	140
Junior Trainees and Members	350
Overseas Members	140
Students and Student Associates	150
Retired Fellowship categories	110

In general our membership recruitment has seen a steady year on year improvement. Our aim is for all active OMFS clinicians in the British Isles to be BAOMS members. If you change job, move between categories of clinician, or become a Consultant, please update your personal details and advise the BAOMS office.

There are positive incentives, with favourable packages for nearly all levels of membership. Membership application forms are available on the **BAOMS website**.

The BAOMS membership subscription year runs from 1 July to 30 June. BAOMS subscription rates remain unchanged for the year 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2019.

The bonus of ASiT membership is a real feather in your Council's cap and represents great value and positive benefit, so please take advantage of it. All you need to do is visit your profile in the members' area of the website and tick the appropriate box. We will then send your name and email address to the team at ASiT and they will provide you with e-membership of ASiT. To date 160 members have signed up.

Finally, we as an organisation are only as good as the engagement of our peers. Please encourage your colleagues to join up, get involved and put some zip into our specialty's representative Association.



Deadline for receipt of all abstracts: 12 noon GMT, Tuesday 16th January 2018

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INTRODUCTION from Ian Martin, BAOMS President 2018

BETTER TOGETHER - SCIENTIA IN UNITATE

It is with the greatest of pleasure that I invite you to Durham, where our BAOMS conference will be held from Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd June 2018.

The conference will be held in the Gala Theatre, right at the heart of the city centre. We will be using two lecture theatres, which will permit a good number of oral presentations, in addition to the electronic posters. There is therefore ample opportunity for trainees, trainers and scientists from the UK and across the world to present their work covering the wide spectrum of our specialty.

Durham is a cathedral city, with one of the oldest and most prestigious collegiate universities in Britain. Situated on the banks of the meandering River Wear, the Gala Theatre is surrounded by numerous hotels in all price ranges, including the designated conference hotel, the Radisson Blu, which is five minutes' walk from the conference centre. Durham is easily accessible by train on the East Coast or Cross Country mainline services, by car just off the A1, or a 30 minute taxi ride from either Newcastle International or Durham Tees Valley Airports.

Durham cathedral is designated as a world heritage site, and will be the location for our opening reception on Wednesday 20th June. The black tie gala dinner and dance will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel in Durham on Thursday 21st June.

Durham is surrounded by beautiful countryside, close to Hadrian's Wall, and the beautiful unspoilt beaches and castles of the North East's coast line. Close by are the vibrant cities of Newcastle and Sunderland, a candidate for City of Culture.

The success of any conference is determined by the contribution of all who attend, so I hope you will submit your abstracts to share your work with your colleagues. Live up to our motto "Scientia in Unitate" and make your BAOMS conference a huge success.

ONLINE SUBMISSION OF ABSTRACTS AND REGISTRATION

Free paper and poster abstract forms are now available. Please submit online via the BAOMS website at: http://baoms.meeting.org.uk/abstracts

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Online registration will be available via the BAOMS website in February 2018. There will be preferential rates for all BAOMS members, and special rates for BAOMS members who are Fellows in Training, Junior Trainees and Students. IMPT members and OFMS nurses will also have special rates.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Social events

Wednesday 20th June 2018

President's Reception: 1830-2030 at Durham Cathedral. All registered delegates and exhibitors welcome – guest's tickets are available at £25.00 each.

Thursday 21st June 2018

Annual Black Tie Dinner and Dance in Durham – 1930 for 2000 to include pre-dinner drink, three course meal with wine/drinks. Tickets: £70 per person.

Medical Exhibition

The medical exhibition will run alongside the scientific programme. Please contact the BAOMS office for further details about the medical exhibition and sponsorship opportunities.

Accommodation

Booking instructions for the various hotels are available on the BAOMS conference website. The conference hotel will be the Radisson Blu Hotel, a five minute walk from the Gala Theatre.

Durham County Cricket will be hosting the 4th One Day International between England and Australia on Thursday 21st June 2018. Therefore we anticipate heavy demand for hotel rooms. Please book early to ensure you get the best rates. See accommodation booking link on the BAOMS website.

