

President's Newsletter



IAN MARTIN , PRESIDENT

I can still recall why, back in 1976, in my first year as a clinical dental student at King's on Denmark Hill, I decided I wanted to be an oral surgeon (later to become an oral & maxillofacial surgeon). My first exposure to surgery was in the local department. My firm managed to distinguish itself by all de-coronating several lower molars at the same time (Coronectomy wasn't regarded as a good thing in those days).

The demonstrator gathered us round a piece of paper towel, and drew on it a picture of teeth, the shape of a 2 sided flap, the position of the mental nerve, and told us to "cut here, scrape hard down on the bone with this (Howarth's), mind the mental nerve, drill bone away until you see the slightly yellower roots, then stick this thing (Coupland's) in and turn it, and the roots will pop out. If you get stuck, the nurse will know what to do!" My second seminal experience was during what was scheduled as an outpatient GA extraction list which was meant to be for simple extractions. Mr Harris (as he then was) had different ideas, and I found myself in my first year and first GA list doing a lingual split to remove a wisdom tooth. After I'd completed it and stitched up the socket with black silk, all without gloves of course, he slapped me on the back and said "well my boy, did you enjoy that?" Needless to say, I did.

As dental students at King's, we were all encouraged to join the consultants on their ward rounds or in theatre, and there were plenty of free sessions when one could elect to go to MOS and do minor surgical procedures. So from my earliest days in dental school I was encouraged and enthused by the oral surgery consultants, who gave generously of their time. I was not alone; three of us from my year of 45 went on to become OMFS consultants. Things have changed, OMFS no longer has the level of prominence that it once did in our dental schools (a matter of concern we have raised with the GDC), and increasingly our trainees are being drawn from the ranks of graduates who have done medicine first. If, like me, you believe that our specialty is still one of the most exciting and rewarding fields of surgery, I hope you will do everything you can to help stimulate both dental and medical undergraduates, and encourage them to join us in our vibrant specialty.

As you will probably be aware, BAOMS endowments committee, has for the past few years made available £30K to each President to pursue a project of their own interest. Past Presidents have variously used these to establish fellowships, overhaul our website and produce books to promote the work of our specialty. I have been concerned for some years about the paucity of information about outcomes which is available to us as a specialty; information

which is vital if we are to inform the public and commissioners about the value of our work and to benchmark against peers. For me this has been brought into stark relief as a medical director, having received the Getting it Right First Time (GIRFT) reports from many surgical specialties. Disappointingly we are clearly behind the curve by comparison with others which have invested in meaningful data collection of outcomes, either in registries or national audits. The bariatric registry demonstrates the long term benefit of surgery in reducing the burden of chronic disease associated with obesity, the National Joint Registry identifies poorly performing types of metal on metal prostheses; I could go on. There are numerous examples of the benefits of collecting good data on outcomes. I have major antibodies to the widespread publication of poor quality crude outcomes data on public facing websites like NHS Choices and My NHS, which expect patients to try and unpick complex data to decide whether an individual surgeon is safe or not. However, I do think that we as a profession have an obligation to know what our outcomes are, and clinical leaders should have access to high quality data and be supported by specialty expertise, to ensure that appropriate action is taken to protect patients from exposure to unsafe or ineffective surgery. National benchmarking is also an essential pre-requisite for quality improvement, so that we can all share learning and aspire to match the best and benefit from sharing and disseminating innovation.

To that end, I am using my "war chest" to employ a project manager, who will work closely with Jeremy McMahon as clinical lead, Maire Morton our GIRFT lead in collaboration with National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death (NCEPOD) and National Facial and Oral Research Centre (NFORC), to undertake a pilot project to establish an outcomes programme across the various areas of our specialty. The special interest groups will be pivotal in making this a success by identifying appropriate outcome measures for their areas. I do not exaggerate when I say that, in the present economic state of the NHS, we face an existential crisis for certain parts of the specialty unless we are able to provide evidence that our interventions enhance the well-being of patients. This is a call to arms to all of you, and I hope you will support Jeremy and his team enthusiastically to make this project a success.

Patrick Magennis and I had a meeting with Bill Moyes, Chairman of the GDC, and a number of key staff. I have to say that the meeting was very positive. We covered the important topic of illegal practice of dentistry, and I believe we are pushing at an open door with regard to removing the stipulation that undertaking OMFS in a dental practice setting could be regarded as illegal practice of dentistry for non-dental registrants. I hope we will be in a position to send out a revised joint statement in the near future. We also had very productive talks about CPD for OMFS surgeons and are pushing hard for a simple certificate of satisfactory appraisal to suffice as evidence of compliance with GDC requirements. This is going back for discussion with the regulators and their legal teams.

Plans are now well advanced for our scientific meeting, to be held in Durham between 20-22 June 2018. In addition to the high quality plenary sessions and free papers and posters, there are several exciting masterclasses and pre-conference courses, which have been generously

subsidised by our commercial sponsors. In addition, my colleagues in Sunderland are providing a number of networking opportunities. I think it important that, in addition to participating in the formal academic events, you take some time to network and reflect and exchange ideas with colleagues in a less formal environment, so I hope you will take the opportunity of joining them. My wife Diane is also arranging a programme of local culture for accompanying persons, where among other things there will be the opportunity to create your own piece of glass art at our National Glass Centre.

The welcome reception is being held on Wednesday evening at Durham cathedral, a World Heritage Site, and backdrop for many blockbuster movies. The black tie gala dinner and dance will be held on Thursday at Radisson Blu in Durham, the conference hotel.

I do look forward to welcoming you to this wonderful and unspoilt part of the world in June.

Chair's Update

PATRICK MAGENNIS Chair, BAOMS Council



Workforce Census of Clinical Staff working in OMFS departments – Target is 100% complete by the 2018 Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM)

At the ASM in Birmingham last year, we started our Workforce Census. This is the largest and most important information gathering project BAOMS has ever undertaken. Thanks to all those who have already added their details, but they are currently in the minority (just). It is the work of a few minutes to add your details, so do take a moment to do this tonight.

Once we have everyone on the database, it will be relatively easy to maintain. A few moments will update a record, add a new member of staff or remove someone who has left.

We have, so far, offered and awarded a range of prizes to encourage participation. Grigore Mihalache won a voucher for completing his details during the Birmingham meeting and the team at Arrowe Park won a case of champagne to share for being the first department to add all their staff.

For this last phase, we are offering £200 of Amazon vouchers to one lucky person in a draw of everyone who has added their details before the 2018 conference in Durham. By way of incentive, our regional reps (see the RSPA list) will be chasing gaps in the database by phone, e-mail and in person.

So if you want to avoid a cold-call, please follow the links opposite (click or use the QR code).

Your chance to win £200 worth of Amazon Vouchers

(and help BAOMS give informed advice to commissioners and politicians)

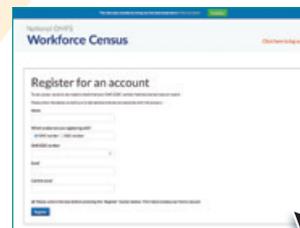
If you add your details to the census before 5pm on Wednesday 20 June 2018

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OMFS Regional Specialty Professional Advisors (RSPAs) March 2018

East Midlands	Mr Dilip Srinivasan
East of England	Mr Chi-Hwa Chan
London (North East)	Mr Rishi Bhandari
London (North West)	Mr Mahesh Kumar
London (South)	Mr Kavin Andi
North East	Mr Robert Banks
North West	Mr Martin Dodd
South Central	Mr Mohammad Shorafa
South East Coast	Mr Stephen Walsh

South West	Mr Ceri Hughes
West Midlands	Mr Alan A Attard
Yorkshire	Mr Thian K Ong
Wales	Mr Stephen J Key
Northern Ireland	Mr Ged Smith

BAOMS Representatives

Republic of Ireland	Mr Conor Barry
Scotland	Mr Rory Morrison (Chair of SOMS)

Secretary's Update

AUSTEN T SMITH Honorary Secretary



BAOMS "Face UP" Initiative on Bullying, Harassment and Undermining



BAOMS are in the forefront of Specialty Associations supporting the stance against unreasonable behaviour in the medical /surgical workplace. We recognised early the invaluable input from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists in providing factual and educational material to inform and guide all clinicians.

Some of the facts are startling, and the deep distress caused by real life bullying, harassment or undermining is surely not to be tolerated. That such behaviour affects the safety of medical interventions cannot be ignored.

BAOMS initiated its "Face UP" concept and is pointing colleagues towards helpful material and modules for the individual to complete.

This behaviour affects Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons - we are not immune. BAOMS will be providing examples and a thought provoking slant on what constitutes unacceptable or unprofessional behaviour, how to recognise and deal with it, and importantly how not to engage in it.

BAOMS Trustees succession

As per the nomination packs recently sent to all BAOMS Fellows, there will be a nomination and selection process to replace the Offices of Honorary Secretary and Honorary Treasurer of your Association imminently.

An organisation such as ours relies on the vigor and commitment of the individual who feels they can bring something to the roles, and the opportunity to serve has been widened by removal of some of the older selection criteria.

The two posts involve acting as Trustees and Directors of the Association and as such carry significant responsibility for the conduct and commercial footing of BAOMS, keeping it in line with current required business practice, shaping its compliance with regulations covering its Charity status, and providing context for Council to make decisions on policy and direction. Some experience in medical politics and knowledge of the place of OMFS in UK healthcare is helpful – the person specification and other details are being circulated widely.

We want to encourage motivated surgeons to embrace this chance to take BAOMS forward and ensure its vitality and relevance in the modern medical world. Please give thought to whether you could contribute, or if you recognise these traits in a colleague, encourage them to apply.

Membership

The President and Officers hold a keen ambition to see every clinician active in OMFS signed up as a member of BAOMS in the appropriate category.

The membership subscription has effectively been static for a number of years, representing excellent value when the membership benefits are considered.

Your subscription should be eligible for tax relief and your enrolment gives access to the Journal, Special Interest groups for discussion on a large number of niche areas in OMFS,

Complimentary membership and benefits from Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT), updates from the world of surgery, support and advice on general specialty matters, access to Research, Training and Travel grants, and discounted access to the annual scientific meeting (ASM).

If you are already a member – is your category correct? If you have taken up a Consultant post remember to notify us to take up formal Fellow status.

Please encourage your peers and juniors to sign up and become appropriate members. Help us towards 100% uptake!

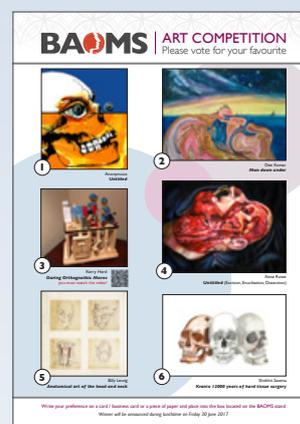
Are you Artistic 2 Make your name and win a prize!

We are constantly told surgery is a blend of science and art, and medical education encourages discussion, debate and evidence based analysis of the scientific and technical – but what of the aesthetic and artistic side?

We know we have a rich vein of artistic talent and craft skills within OMFS in the United Kingdom, and the second competition "Are you Artistic – 2" is ready to demonstrate the abilities of all who have something to offer. Picasso had to start somewhere! As notified in the last President's Newsletter of 2017, BAOMS will re-run the artistic competition, with judging of entries and prize award at the BAOMS Annual meeting in Durham this year.

We look to create a fund of original material we can use for Association documents, artwork for Website pages, and graphics for bringing interest to our public face. Your piece remains your property – we only require permission to use it and submission.

Produce any artistic piece, work, item or concept - if it can be



2017 ENTRIES

represented in a graphic file (high resolution please – min 4 MB) you are good to go – and eligible for the £100 prize to be decided at the ASM. It must be your personal work – no having the "kids" do your homework...!

The original can be anything, as long as you can represent it in a suitable electronic file as stated – we require a short description of the piece, a title and no more than 50 words please.

This year the intention is to display the submitted pieces more widely, perhaps by displaying in between the scientific sessions and also during the Annual Dinner reception. Your President Ian Martin has kindly agreed to oversee the judging and award the prize.

Forthcoming BAOMS Meetings

Future BAOMS Annual Scientific Meetings:

20-22 June 2018 – Gala Theatre, Durham
(President: Ian Martin)

3-5 July 2019 – International Convention Centre, Birmingham
(President: Satyesh Parmar)

June 2020 – London venue and dates to be confirmed
(President: Robert Bentley))

Recent elections and appointments:

BAOMS Council  [CLICK HERE](#)

Mr Austen Smith has been elected as the President in 2021.
Mr Ian Sharp and Ms Parminder Shoker have been elected to
BAOMS Council.

We are sad to report the recent death of Mr Gordon L Fordyce who
was President of BAOMS in 1977. An obituary in BJOMS is planned.

Down Surgical and BAOMS Surgery Prizes 2018

The process for applying for the senior BAOMS awards is a supported
application process. Full details are available in the secure area of
the website or via email to office@baoms.org.uk

**The deadline for applications for both prizes is 12
noon BST on Friday 31st August 2018**

Previous recipients of the awards over the last 12 years:

Down Surgical Prize

- 2017 Jointly awarded to
M Fardy and P Johnson
- 2016 M T Simpson
- 2015 V Ilankovan
- 2014 R T M Woodwards
- 2013 J Shepherd
- 2012 A Sugar
- 2011 I C Martin
- 2010 not awarded
- 2009 I Hutchison
- 2008 D W Patton
- 2007 B S Avery
- 2006 B T Evans

BAOMS Surgery Prize

- 2017 R Anand
- 2016 K Fan
- 2015 B Visavadia
- 2014 R Shaw
- 2013 J McCaul
- 2012 S Parmar
- 2011 C Newlands
- 2010 D Dhariwal
- 2009 A Monaghan
- 2008 P A Brennan
- 2007 P Magennis
- 2006 N J Baker

**Applications from
BAOMS Fellows**

There are two Trustee vacancies for the honorary roles
of Secretary and Treasurer of the Association. The current
incumbents are due to demit in December 2018 following
a three-year term of office.

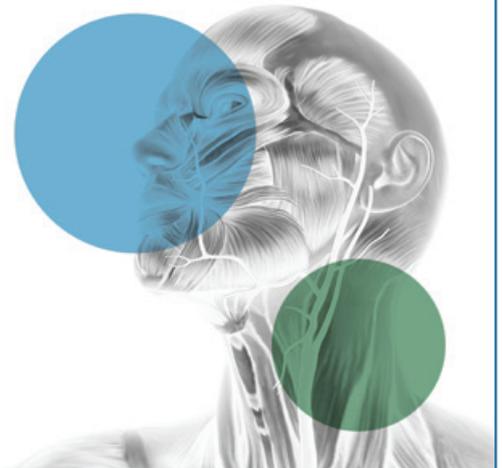
All BAOMS Fellows are now eligible to hold the post of
Honorary Secretary or Honorary Treasurer although they
will usually be a past or present Council member.

BAOMS is seeking a Deputy Editor for BJOMS as David
Mitchell demits in December 2018 and Kaveh Shakib takes
up the role of Editor. This is a 10-year position (5 years as
Deputy and 5 years as Editor).

The Consultants and Specialists' Group are seeking a
Deputy to replace Bhavin Visavadia who moves into the
role of lead in June 2018 when Robert Banks demits
following his three year-term in the lead role

All Active Fellows of the Association have been contacted
via email with nomination packs.

Please contact office@baoms.org.uk if you have
any queries.



NOTICE TO ALL BAOMS MEMBERS

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ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 2018

Online registration is open at www.baoms.org.uk and Preliminary programme is also now available. Book early to obtain the
best rates. Details about hotels can be found on the website. The headquarters hotel is the Radisson Blu Hotel close to the venue.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place at 1150 on Wednesday 20 June 2018 in the Main Auditorium at the Gala Theatre
in Durham, UK

An Update on Fellows in Training and Junior Trainees meetings

Fellows in Training conference, 2017, Bristol



The 2017 Fellows in training conference was held in Bristol in November 2017 at the M-Shed, a museum on Bristol's historic dockside. It was preceded with a course "an introduction to dermoscopy" kindly run by the Bristol dermatology department and led by Dr David de Berker at the Bristol Dental Hospital. It was attended by 26 OMFS trainees, the furthest coming from Scotland, together with 5 local dermatology trainees. It was very popular with the majority having limited or no experience of this prior to the day. With the main conference getting under way on the Thursday, there were 42 OMFS registrars attending, up significantly from the previous year's 33.

Mr Adrian Sugar provided a wonderful overview of hemifacial microsomia, as did Mr David Richardson on orthognathic surgery. One of the highlights of the conference was the keynote speech by Dr Rui Fernandez entitled "pearls and pitfalls of reconstruction of large head and neck defects". He had flown over especially to talk at the conference and this had attracted an audience of 80, from across the head and neck field. The following included talks by Mr Nigel Mercer (Bristol) on aesthetic surgery, building cross specialty links and gaining from his expertise in this field as past president of BAPRAS. The 2017 conference was a success with an increased turnout and engagement from trainees.

Report by **Rupert Scott** and **Nabeela Ahmed**

The Junior Trainees Group (JTG) of the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS) Conference 2018

Our 2018 conference was held on the weekend 6th-7th January at Cambridge University, with the theme of "Research and Innovation". Tickets sold quickly and we hosted at full capacity with 150 delegates; 11% dual-qualified, 13% second-degree medics. 18% second-degree dentists, 6% singly-qualified medics. 41% singly-qualified dentists, 5% first-degree medics, 4% first-degree dentists. An impressive 142 abstracts were submitted and 44 accepted; 32 posters and 12 oral presentations.

The weekend offered fourteen consultant lectures, four workshops and a lecture by the Maxillofacial Trainees Research Collaborative (MTReC). Saturday offered a selection of interesting talks with themes covering the latest updates in OMFS, as well as two immensely popular practical workshops covering ST portfolio preparation and mandibular plating. The afternoon saw the first free paper session of high quality work presented by junior trainees. In the evening a formal dinner was held in the fabulous Magdalene College, with a welcome speech by Dr Celia Bassett (Head of Anatomy at the University of Cambridge). Sunday comprised further talks examining the cutting edge in OMFS and two further practical workshops in skin surgery and facial plastic excision, and tracheostomy. Further oral presentations by junior trainees were followed by the giving of well deserved prizes, one for best oral presentation on a novel scoring system for guiding elective tracheostomy in head and neck patients, and one for best poster presenting a review of ectopic mandibular third molars and a novel endoscopically assisted surgical approach.

59% of delegates were BAOMS members and analysis of the feedback obtained showed that the conference helped to affirm the decision to pursue OMFS for many. The conference feedback has subsequently written up for presentation and has confirmed the important role of the Junior Trainees Group annual conference in the career development of junior trainees in OMFS. Overall the conference saw a net profit of over £3000 for the group to continue their work with junior trainees.

The Junior Trainees Group (JTG) Committee:

Chair: **Shadi Basyuni**
Secretary: **Aimee Rowe**
Treasurer: **Gareth Nugent**
Conference Officer: **Parisa Zarringhalam**
Foundation and CT Representative: **Kohmal Solanki**
Web and Publicity Officer: **James Douglas**

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ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 20-22 JUNE 2018 GALA THEATRE, DURHAM

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"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 us to offer over 100 slots for 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."

Ian Martin, President 2018



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