

MARCH 2016

President's Newsletter



Professor Peter Brennan

the specialty, and am somewhat anxious about the responsibility. I hope that during this year I can bring a small contribution to the continued evolution of our great specialty.

I am sure you will join me in thanking James Brown for the hard work during his 2015 Presidential year, and for organising the excellent conference in Liverpool. As you know, in the weeks leading up to the conference, James was suddenly taken ill but thankfully managed to attend much of the meeting. He is making a good recovery and we wish him well. July was also blackened by the sudden and unexpected death of Barrie Evans, a well respected clinician with a great sense of humour who helped generations of trainees and colleagues and was President of our Association in 2009. For those of you who were unable to attend the conference, we held a minutes' silence for Barrie. As James was not able to chair the AGM in Liverpool, I have invited him to chair the next AGM at the 2016 BAOMS Conference to be held at the recently refurbished Brighton Conference Centre from 8th-10th June.

BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting 8-10 June 2016

Brighton is easily accessible from all parts of the UK and the conference centre is right by the sea. It has one of the biggest trade exhibition halls I have ever seen and it has housed several large helicopters. The theme of the conference is training and innovation. I have tried to think laterally by inviting many colleagues from outside the specialty, while at the same time ensuring that there is plenty of education and interest in OMFS. What better than to have the Presidents Lecture given by the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England herself, Miss Clare Marx. I know she will give a thought provoking and informative lecture. Professor Henning Schliephake will deliver the Norman Rowe Lecture with a presentation entitled 'Is there a place for personalized therapy in OMF surgery?' Having seen Henning's cutting edge work and his engaging lecture style, I hope this will inspire us all.

At the Presidential handing over ceremony at the BAOMS Council meeting in December 2015, I was overcome with emotion as it was three years to the day that my father died. His illness in the Autumn of 2012 was my reason for applying for the Presidency at an earlier stage in my career than previous Presidents. He heard the election result just a few days before he rapidly deteriorated. Looking at the very special Presidential medal, I am very aware of our distinguished colleagues who have held this office and done great things for

Niall Dickson, Chief Executive of the General Medical Council will talk about revalidation and GMC issues and Lord (Bernie) Ribeiro, a previous RCS President, will tell us about current NHS and government matters - I suspect that session will be enlightening.

Scarlett McNally is talking about women in surgery and there are several other interesting keynote lectures.

Four symposia are planned:

- (1) Current issues around Surgical Training, including views from Ian Eardley, Vice President of the RCS; Bill Allum, Chairman of the Joint Committee for Specialty Training (JSCT), Rhiannon Harries, President of the Association of Surgeons in Training (ASiT) and Jonathan Beard, Professor of Surgical Education.
- (2) Performance at work (to include Mark Hunter, an Olympic gold medallist), discussing performance under pressure, the importance of looking after yourself and human error.
- (3) Coping at the extremes of our specialty including talks from a cardiothoracic and neurosurgeon, and how the OMFS team managed in Nepal after the earthquake.
- (4) An update on Radiology including ultrasound guided biopsies, interventional radiology, salivary glands and PET-CT.

Rather than the conventional early morning master classes, there are 8 'update' lectures over the three days with the morning ones starting at 08.30 am. These lectures are open to all and include the latest developments across the whole remit of the specialty: Aesthetics and Orthognathic Surgery (Maurice Mommaerts), Trauma (Simon Holmes), Skin Cancer (Daryl Godden), Oncology (Professor Kevin Harrington), Reconstruction (Alexander Gaggi), TMJ (Andrew Sidebottom) and Cleft (Serryth Colbert).

We have two breakout sessions allowing as many oral presentations as possible, with enough time included to facilitate easy passage between the rooms, plus as mentioned above, the huge trade exhibition hall will allow for about 250 posters. I have been amazed by the number of submissions - over 500 abstracts - the quality is simply outstanding so thank you so much. We will try to include as many as possible and apologise in advance if your paper does not get accepted.

In a break with tradition, I believe trainees should be co-chairing the scientific sessions with a consultant. This initiative shows how much we value their input within the team as well as perhaps reducing the stress levels of our more junior presenters! My only regret is that there are not enough sessions for more trainees to chair. I have arranged for a leading employment barrister, Karon Monaghan QC, to discuss employment and contract problems with FITs and junior trainees during the conference. A separate issue, which I hope BAOMS will consider this year, is the need to revisit training in OMFS and how we can streamline the process. There are several possibilities incorporating the second degree (medicine or dentistry) within a formal training programme e.g. appointment to ST1 prior to acquiring the second degree which could be Medicine or Dentistry: equivalent to run-through training. An article has been written in the BMJ Careers Section backed by 3 BAOMS Presidents and the SAC Chair.

The Prize giving ceremony will take place following the conclusion of the scientific programme in the early evening of Wednesday 8th. After this there is a short performance by an opera singer and accompanying pianist, followed by the President's reception. A tutored wine tasting is also being planned.

The Annual Dinner will be held on Thursday 9th June. As the Conference centre looks out directly over the sea, we thought it would make for a great dinner setting (rather than a hotel room without a view) with hopefully a stunning sunset to mark the occasion, but perhaps that is asking too much!! The dinner at James' meeting in the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral was amazing and impossible to replicate and unfortunately the famous Brighton Pavilion could not accommodate the anticipated number of guests.

In recent years BAOMS has made available £30,000 funding to be used for an initiative at the President's discretion (subject to BAOMS Council approval). Vellupillai Iankovan set up some travelling fellowships in 2014, and James Brown used his fund for an anatomy initiative.

Over a year ago, I was wondering how the funding could be used to widely promote and publicise OMFS particularly to GPs, some of whom still do not know the full remit of the specialty. While struggling for an idea, I met Alex Goodson, Karl Payne and Arpan Tahim, StRs in OMFS, who have already done so much for the specialty. They have introduced a new online journal and an App for junior trainees. They approached me with the idea of writing a small, easy to read, illustrated book for GPs about the common oral and maxillofacial presentations with algorithms on how to manage and refer patients. An idea was spawned and the challenge was set! I would like to thank Alex, Karl and Arpan publically for their initiative, commitment and for all their hard work during the last year. **(Photo)**



So following on from the training and innovation theme to the conference, OMFS is going to be promoted to every GP in the UK. We approached the President of the Royal College of General Practitioners in 2015, and subsequently met with their education team. The College was delighted to support this idea.

For the last 9 months we have been writing a book - together with a wall poster containing easy to follow algorithms - for conditions including oral cancer and pre cancerous lesions, TMJ presentations, facial pain, neck lumps, skin cancer, and lumps and bumps in the mouth. The book will be sent to every GP practice with posters for each GP consulting room, approved and endorsed by the Royal College of GPs. We hope that this will educate

GPs and promote our specialty and the wide repertoire of what we can offer. An online CPD package is also being planned.

EACMFS 2016 13-16 September, Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London

Finally, following discussions with Ian Martin, we are organising a joint BAOMS/EACMFS symposium on human factors (HF) and error to precede the European meeting on Tuesday 13th September. We have much to learn and are still years behind colleagues in other 'high risk' professions. To that end, I have invited speakers from National Air Traffic Control, a former BA 747 captain, a professor of aviation medicine (and former fast jet pilot), and a urologist who has extensive HF experience on how mistakes happen. This should make for a novel and thought provoking morning so please put the date in your diary.

I wish you a happy and successful 2016 and look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to Brighton.

BAOMS Sub Specialty Interest Groups (SSIGs)

The following BAOMS SSIGs now have leads and deputy leads and there is also a SSIG section on the members' secure area.

BAOMS holds elections within each SSIG. Each section has its own area on the BAOMS members' area. If you need reminding of your log-in details to the members' section, please contact office@baoms.org.uk

BAOMS Website Members' Section: Post your comments

Members can now post comments on-line about news or documents. We hope this facility will stimulate interest and improve communication. We have also developed a list of affiliations to further encourage engagement with you.

During 2016 BAOMS is planning to re-launch the website with a refreshed look and enhanced features.

	Lead	Deputy Lead
Aesthetic	Caroline Mills	Tim Mellor
Cleft	Mark Devlin	Kanwal Moar
Craniofacial	Martin Evans	Satyajeet Bhatia
Deformity	Kenneth Sneddon	Vyomesh Bhatt
Oncology	Michael Fardy	Michael Bater
Oral & Dento-Alveolar	Geoff Chiu	Max Chauhan
Paediatric	Keith Altman	
Salivary	Katherine George	Richard Crosher
Skin Surgery	Donald Holt	Rajiv Anand
Reconstruction	Michael Ho	Michael Nugent
TMJ	Andrew Sidebottom	Martin Dodd
Trauma	Simon Holmes	Niall McLeod

Chair's Report

Michael J C Davidson. Chair, BAOMS Council



As you see from his introduction, Peter Brennan is organising what promises to be a first class meeting in Brighton. This year you get two UK bites at the cherry because Ian Martin's EACMFS meeting is in London this September.

Well, what has been exercising efforts of BAOMS in the last few months? The continuing problems around the trainees' contract is a real concern regarding recruitment and retention in all medical specialities but particularly OMFS. An area for debate has been made available on the secure area of the website. Please contribute.

Commissioning

Colleagues are feeding back from some areas that orthognathic treatment commissioning is subject to prior approval. There seems to be no coherent transparent pattern to commissioning of these services and this is an example of post code lottery. It would be extremely helpful if you could feed back to the Deformity Special Interest Group (Chair Kenneth Sneddon) what is happening in your area, in particular what parameters, if known, are being used to agree "health benefit" of treatment.

As the commissioning guide for Oral Surgery and Oral Medicine is implemented Council would once again welcome feedback. We hope colleagues will be involved in local managed care networks as well as national implementation working parties.

ACCEA

The round for 2016 ACCEA opened on Friday 11 March 2016 and closes at 5pm on Monday 16 May 2016. All BAOMS Fellows were emailed and those seeking support from BAOMS for a national award have now been considered by the BAOMS ACCEA panel. The deadlines set by the RCS Eng this year were very tight, therefore the BAOMS process is now closed. A reminder that strong local employer support is nearly always required for success so this should be sought. The number of national awards including renewal is limited so competition will be tough.

Dental Core Trainees (DCTs)

It is hoped a letter of agreement regarding the role of DCTs in OMFS units can be agreed with COPDEND to support the new curriculum; negotiations are in progress.

Website

Andrew Baker is leading on the redesign of the BAOMS website; it is hoped to make the site more interactive and a useful resource for debate as well as keeping members informed. It should have more information that can be used for care pathways, patient information and audit of clinical effectiveness.

Clinical effectiveness and data collection

Madana Ethunandan (Ethu) has taken on the role of Clinical Effectiveness Chair, and Council are sure that he and his team will be able to work with the Sub Specialty Interest Groups (SSIGs) to develop patient information material, as well as care pathways. This may well involve consensus advice where hard evidence does not exist. A nationwide activity audit (a week) of OMFS units will be carried out this year. I hope colleagues will fully participate in such exercises. The data collected will be vital in showing commissioners what we do and how effective we are in delivering quality care.

Public Relations

We are no longer using the PR Company to support media engagement but have instead an ad hoc arrangement with a healthcare journalist. Recent useful media attention around two week pathways is a promising start.

A NFORC patient focused orthognathic care audit will be used in a campaign around informing public about this activity and I would urge all to support it. If you need assistance with media activity this could be available through the Media and Communications Sub-Committee.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible in Brighton.

BAOMS / Saving Faces (FSRF)

Facial Surgery Research Foundation Research Fellowship

Applications are invited from BAOMS members/Fellows in Training for a research fellowship in oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS). The fellowship will cover the salary and on-costs of a clinical researcher up to £43,000 plus a small research support grant of up to £3,000. The applicant should hold dual medical and dental qualifications and ideally have a National Training Number in OMFS.

Applicants will have a strong publication record. Applications are considered on the basis of the applicant's academic achievements and potential, the scientific merit of the research proposal, and the research environment provided by the sponsoring department.

Deadline for receipt of all forms is 5 pm on Thursday 8 September 2016.

Forms are available on the BAOMS and Saving Faces - FSRF Websites www.baoms.org.uk and www.savingfaces.co.uk

Forthcoming BAOMS meetings

Junior Trainees meeting

Date and venue to be advised

Fellows in Training

Trent Bridge Cricket Ground, Nottingham
10-11 November 2016

Future BAOMS Annual Scientific Meetings

28-30 June 2017 ICC, Birmingham (President: M Stephen Dover)
June 2018 Durham (President: Ian Martin)

Recent elections & appointments

BAOMS Council: Congratulations to: **Kathleen Fan, David Keith, Iain McVicar** and **James McCaul** who all joined BAOMS Council on 1 January 2016 for a three term following an election in December 2015. Many thanks to Andrew Baldwin, Andrew Lyons, David Koppel, Laurence Newman and Michael Nelson who have now demitted as members of BAOMS Council.

In addition, Mr Ian Holland has now taken up his role as Honorary Treasurer: Mr Austen Smith as the Honorary Secretary and Mr Patrick Magennis as the Deputy Chair of Council.

Mr Satyesh Parmar has been elected as the President in 2019.

Following an election the new Deputy Junior Trainees and Members' Representative is Natalie Ohlson, who will work alongside the Junior Trainees and Members' Representative, Mr Jim Higginson.

Recently deceased

We are sad to report that John Sowray died in December 2015. There will be an obituary in BJOMS in 2016.

Senior Surgery Prizes 2016

Following a decision at the recent Endowments Sub-Committee meeting the process for applying for the senior BAOMS awards was changed from a nomination to a supported application process. Full details are available in the secure area of the website or via email to office@baoms.org.uk. The BAOMS Surgery Prize recognises contribution in the first 10 years of consultant practice, The Down Surgical Prize for contribution to OMFS over an entire career.

The deadline for applications for both prizes is 8 September 2016.

Previous recipients of the awards over the last 12 years:

	Down Surgical Prize	BAOMS Surgery Prize
2003	A E Brown	A Smyth
2004	R P Ward Booth	S R Rogers
2005	A Pogrel	C J Kerawala
2006	BT Evans	N J Baker
2007	B S Avery	P Magennis
2008	D W Patton	P A Brennan
2009	I Hutchison	A Monaghan
2010	not awarded	D Dhariwal
2011	I C Martin	C Newlands
2012	A Sugar	S Parmar
2013	J Shepherd	J McCaul
2014	RT M Woodwards	R Shaw
2015	V Ilankovan	B Visavadia

NOTICE TO ALL BAOMS MEMBERS

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ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
8 – 10 JUNE 2016 ■ BRIGHTON

Online registration is open at www.baoms.org.uk and Preliminary programme is also available.

Book early to obtain the best rates. Details about hotels can be found here. The headquarters hotel is the Jurys Inn Waterfront Hotel, on the sea front at Brighton.

The ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will take place at 1030 on Wednesday 8 June 2016 at the Brighton Centre in Auditorium 2.

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