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Welcome to the spring edition of our traditional Newsletter. As most will be aware there will be changes in the format of the Presidential term of office in line with approved recommendations of a new way of conducting the traditional handover. This means that future Presidents will be invested with regalia of office in the spotlight of the Annual Scientific Meeting and full view of the membership, rather than a private and previously low key ceremony in the winter Council meeting prior to Christmas.

It required considerable reorganisation and attention to the rules by which

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our Association conducts itself and the Memorandum & Articles of Association, were amended accordingly following the AGM in Sheffield on 8 October 2022.

A number of housekeeping amendments are planned for the forthcoming Annual General Meeting (AGM) in June and provision is being made to allow members not physically present to vote, will be asked to ratify and approve the necessary changes. This may be "dry" material but is essential to the correct framing of our processes and I would ask everyone to give attention and help process a number of votes on proposals for us to "get it done" when these are presented at the June 2022 AGM. Thanks are due to Rob Banks and Kanwalraj Moar, recent and current Honorary Secretaries of the Association for their efforts to make it all happen.

On a personal note the usual opportunities to represent the UK at overseas Conferences largely evaporated for Presidents "59 and 60" - and now travel has become less restricted, Rob Bentley and I still hope to attend this year's sister organisation events to make up for lost opportunities, whilst Cyrus Kerawala will as BAOMS President be our figurehead at the prestigious interactions with other OMFS Associations from June onwards.

I was concerned and upset when our Associate Fellows Reps both felt motivated to resign their posts in the early part of this year, clearly there are issues, which the Association is addressing energetically right now to gain a clear picture of what precipitated this and why in the wider world of medicine in general, colleagues in non-Consultant posts have been recognised as valuable contributors to health care and a new approach is evident to show appreciation and value in their work. Routes to become Consultants or exercise Autonomous Practice are opening up. In OMFS it is made more difficult by the base qualifications issue but there is a determination on the part of Council and myself to hear what is being said and do something about it. Engaging motivated representation to replace those lost will be a key





move and it is only by including such representation we can understand what is needed. Staff in the Associate Fellow category are commonly the keystone of service provision in Units round the UK and we need to bolster their morale, show they are appreciated, and have a home in this Association.

As my "bonus" period running up to the Presidential rollover gets shorter I am keen to cement the processes by which the Consolidation of Appropriate Specialty Training (CAST) initiative will make inroads to addressing inequalities of access for education and Training across the UK and hopefully lead to a logical and evidence based "better way" which can be accepted by the competent authorities, regulators and Universities. The recommendations to shorten OMFS Training overall still have to see fruit and this programme is intended to do so (see below). With the appointment of Emma Woolley and Christopher Fowell as the Education and Training liaison between BAOMS and the OMFS SAC, I hope both will be key players in this as we start the evidence collection phase. There will be a virtual meeting in coming weeks and I would appeal to anyone at any level to be involved so we can get hold of solid information about availability, content, length of and access to University courses for first and second degree students. I intend to bolster the legitimacy and impact of the project by recruiting high profile figures in medical politics and Education and am looking to obtain support from Royal College Presidents etc along with politicians who have awareness of OMFS. Please help and get involved if you care about having a universally available and clear, shorter and fit for purpose Training in OMFS.

For those who are students, or starting out on a career in OMFS this is your future and your knowledge of University arrangements, course content and the profile of OMFS in Universities round the country will be invaluable.

As we get back to "normal" working it is apparent in my own centre in Sheffield that there are large backlogs of operating and still constrained resources. I expect this will be the case in most OMFS Departments. The provision of Trauma and Cancer clinical care was largely protected in most centres at the height of the crisis but as other elective work resurfaces we are all going to be under pressure. Please be aware of the BAOMS recommended case load for outpatient clinics when you find yourself asked to provide "more" as will likely be the case.

PAST PRESIDENTS' LUNCH

It was a real pleasure to see some of the past movers and shakers who shaped our Specialty in the persons of Presidents of BAOMS going back as far as Mr M Awty, President in 1986 and still socially active. The traditional event held in December was derailed by both a loss of venue at Chandos House, and the timings and so by agreement, Rob Bentley and I shared a reshaped event in the Athenaeum Club, Pall Mall at the end of April with a spring flavour and an enjoyable social event. Professor Kerawala in his term will organise the 2022 event in its customary pre-Christmas slot at a venue to be decided. Speaking with those that have served the Association over past years brought home how many issues re-emerge and demand attention decade on decade.....



FRONT ROW L-R:MICHAEL AWTY, MAIRE MORTON, AUSTEN SMITH, PETER LEOPARD, JOHN WILLIAMS. BACK ROW L-R:ANDREW E BROWN, IAIN HUTCHISON, ROBERT WOODWARDS, DAVID VAUGHAN, DAVID BARNARD, PETER WARD BOOTH, JOHN LANGDON, IAN MARTIN, BRIAN AVERY, DAVID PATTON, ROBERT BENTLEY

CONSOLIDATION OF APPROPRIATE SPECIALTY TRAINING (OMFS)



The Key Phases of this initiative have been drafted and the first task will be data collection.

For the Specialty to argue the necessary improvements and refinements

(shortening) of our training trajectory there is a real need for unvarnished facts about each and every Dental and Medical Undergraduate course in the UK.

We need to know the admissions policy (including Graduate entry), the OMFS content of courses, access to Specialty experience whilst an Undergraduate, the didactic and elective exposure students receive and the individual University's sense of worth of OMFS. The personal experiences of those following a career in OMFS will be relevant - including difficulties in access to courses, financial detriment and even student loan inequity.All need to be reported.

The input of the JTG / Mentoring Support Programmes and the FiTs groups about their experiences will be crucial – the career effects are also of relevance to Associate Fellows and I hope they will contribute. Consultants in





regions will have a good local view and such insight will be welcomed.

Real proof of the geographic variability of access and opportunity should equip our project with strong points to be made to the regulators (GMC and GDC) the Joint Committee for Surgical Training (JCST), the Royal Colleges, and the Universities either individually or via their groupings, along with the Post Graduate Deans' Confederations (COPDEND & COPMED). We actually only need around 6-7 Universities providing shorter courses for the numbers to meet demand – the issue is about equity of regional access.

Ultimately I hope there will be an overwhelming evidence based case for finally realising the recommendations

of the PMETB (Rubin) and GMC "Small Specialties" Reports – and stabilising on a shorter, less convoluted and nationally agreed Training process with equity of access across the country. The formula is yet to be finalised but some "Training within Training" is an obvious model as seen in other countries. Please watch out for the notice of meetings and let's push to get this long awaited improvement a reality.

ASSOCIATION "EARLY YEARS" SUPPORT

As part of a process of fact finding I am interviewing budding OMFS surgeons about the support afforded by BAOMS and in particular the awards of Student Bursaries – are they a gesture? – or a real help... years ago an essay was required to "justify" getting some cash to help with the cost of living as a student – now a slightly more demanding bargain sees real projects of worth emerging with peer reviewed publication, value in the undergraduate course work and personal recognition of significant effort. The first interview is due shortly and further exchanges may be aimed at assessing how valuable other concessions are to those that qualify.

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60TH BAOMS PRESIDENT

BAOMS 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Ceremony for 2021 BAOMS Senior Prizes and members' prizes

BAOMS 2022 Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Awards Ceremony for 2021 BAOMS Senior Prizes and members' prizes.

The BAOMS Trustees and Council are pleased to let you know that the next BAOMS AGM will take place in London on 22 June 2022 from 1200 to 1300 at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on the Southbank. The Awards Ceremony is planned to take place from 1140 to 1200 ahead of the AGM.

There will be BAOMS members meetings taking place at the RCS London and online on Wednesday 22 June from 0830-1030 for Consultant Specialists Group, Fellows in Training,

Associate Fellows and Junior Trainees and Members. Onsite spaces at the RCS London are limited so please book (it's free as a BAOMS member) via the BAOMS office.

Online registration for the BAOMS Conference is now open: BAOMS 2022 Annual Scientific Meeting (talkingslideshd.com)

There are special discounts for BAOMS members and the BAOMS registration form is password protected and has been emailed to all BAOMS members: please email the office@baoms.org.uk if a reminder is needed.

The Royal College of Surgeons of England – College Assessors needed

The RCS England are looking to recruit College Assessors in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery in particular, but would welcome applications for all specialties.

The College Assessor is the only statutory external influence on the AACs and along with the panel, must ensure that the best candidate for the job is appointed and that the process is fair and open within current legislation and employment practice. Therefore, to fulfil this responsibility, the Council places great reliance on the assessors at AACs.

If you are interested in representing the College as an assessor, require more information or to request for an application form please contact collegereps@rcseng.ac.uk







PETER BRENNAN CHAIR, BAOMS COUNCIL



CHAIR'S UPDATE

I. The GDC attended BAOMS Council in December 2021 and are keen to work with us to reach a mutually satisfactory outcome on the issue of the requirement for GDC registration for any 'dental' based activity. They are currently reviewing the OMFS curriculum and have been told that the O in OMFS is Oral (surgery). To date they have regarded oral surgery as a dental specialty requiring GDC registration. We are hopeful for a satisfactory outcome to this longstanding issue with the dental regulator.

2. A special colour illustrated book for Medical Students promoting our specialty and providing lots of useful information about head and neck anatomy, pathology and what we do, has now gone to press. It has been written by Rob Isaac, Alex Goodson, Karl Payne, Arpan Tahim and me. Publication costs have been kindly met paid by BAOMS. It will be distributed as an electronic version to all UK medical students free of charge through the Medical Schools Council in the summer (print copies will also be available). It is hoped that this will both showcase the remit of OMFS and ignite enthusiasm in the specialty. We are also planning to put it on the BAOMS website so it can be downloaded by anyone with an interest in the specialty. A similar book for Dental Students will be written this year. **3.** BAOMS continues to champion Equality, Diversion and Inclusion across the specialty. It is great that Council now has an almost equal proportion of men and women. However, our recent published work has found that women are under-represented in editorial positions across OMFS journals worldwide. This needs to be addressed for BJOMS. Furthermore, an additional study (in press) has found that women (as first or last authors) represented about 23% of all papers published in BJOMS in 2020. This does seem to be improving since 2000 where we found the proportion of female first or last authored papers to be around 9%. **BAOMS** is working with RCS England which has lots of ongoing work across the specialties following the 2021 Kennedy report.

4. The two Associate Fellows representatives on Council representing SAS grades in OMFS (Vinita Shekar and Hesham Emam) unfortunately resigned earlier this year. BAOMS Council has arranged a 'listening event' for Associate Fellows to see how we can better support them, and a call for nominations for two new Council members will go out in May 2022.

5. We have recently finished writing an online human factor (HF) and

patient safety course for RCS England. This will go live soon and includes sections on human error, effective communication, enhancing team working, lowering authority gradients, situational awareness, threat and error management and just culture. The College has now asked for a face-toface HF course which can be scalable and delivered across the UK. This should be finished in early 2023. Finally, a HF conference at the RCS England with high profile speakers is being planned on Monday 17th October.

6. Following extensive Intercollegiate research, we have found and published several papers around differential attainment at the MRCS exam. This isrelated to age, gender, ethnicity, socio-economic status, choice of medical school and core surgical training scheme amongst others. Unfortunately OMFS would seem to be the poorest performing specialty in the Part A (MCQ) examination. This is possibly due to age differences between candidates who have done dentistry as their first degree. We are doing work across the four Colleges to try and understand this better and try and close the attainment gap. Once we know more, BAOMS may be able to provide further support for OMFS trainees sitting the MRCS examination.



FLEXFACS

The Online Training and Educational Resource for OMFS

FlexFacs is the innovative, new online training and educational resource for speciality trainees in oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), launched by the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS).

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Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh Future Leaders Programme

BAOMS are delighted to be able to support a participant on the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh's Future Leaders Programme (FLP). FLP is a 12-month blended learning programme supporting surgeons from all surgical specialties (ST6-8, SAS, or in the first years of consultancy) with the passion to be future leaders within their specialty and equip them with the advanced leadership skills needed to excel.

The programme has 4 modules of 2 days live learning each: 4 virtual, 2 face to face in Birmingham and 2 face to face in Edinburgh.

Here is just one testimonial from the many available: I have to admit I was initially sceptical about it as I sincerely thought I would just waste my time or I had more interesting

things to do. How wrong was I! Through this course I had the opportunity to meet some very interesting people, who shared their ideas and dreams with me. I came across theories and facts I was not aware existed. During the modules I reflected back on my general behaviour and leadership skills and I realised how poor they were. I can think of many situations I could have handled better. So, from a personal point of view I can say that I have become a better person. Less egoistical, more understanding of others people needs and more diplomatic.

FLP is open for applications now.

All enquiries to Lisa Hadfield http://www.hadfield-law.co.uk





Down Surgical and BAOMS Surgery Prizes 2022

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 Monday 5 September 2022.

Applications are considered by the Endowment Sub Committee and recommendations are made to and for Council's approval usually at the September / October meetings. The forms can be found here: https://www.baoms.org.uk/members/association issues.aspx under the heading: Forms for the Senior Prizes. Previous recipients of the awards over the last few years:

Down Surgical Prize

Down Surgical Prize		BAON	BAOMS Surgery Prize		
2021	Jointly awarded to C Kerawala and S Parmar	2021	M Ho		
2020	P Magennis	2020	K Shakib		
2019	J S Brown	2019	Jointly awarded to F Bekiroglu and N McLeod		
2018	MS Dover	2018	RJ Banks		
2017	Jointly awarded to M Fardy and P Johnson	2017	R Anand		
2016	MT Simpson	2016	K Fan		
2015	V Ilankovan	2015	BVisavadia		
2014	RTM Woodwards	2014	R Shaw		
2013	J Shepherd	2013	J McCaul		
2012	A Sugar	2012	S Parmar		
2011	IC Martin	2011	C Newlands		
2010	not awarded	2010	D Dhariwal		
2009	l Hutchison	2009	A Monaghan		
2008	DW Patton	2008	PA Brennan		
2007	BS Avery	2007	P Magennis		
2006	BT Evans	2006	NJ Baker		

BAOMS Council 2022

BAOMS Council meets 4 times a year, to manage the day to day running of the Association, as well as oversee longer term issues and coordinate events.

Following the change to the Association's Memorandum of Articles at the 2021 BAOMS AGM there will be a Presidential Handover at the BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting in June 2022 where Austen Smith will hand over the Presidency to Cyrus Kerawala.

Please see the website to meet the Council Members for 2022.



OMFS Regional Specialty Professional Advisors (RSPAs) as of March 2022

RSPAs are your RCS regional specialty link. They link with the BAOMS members locally and RCS at both local level (Director of Professional Affairs Board meetings) and nationally. They are advisors to members for local professional / employment issues / job plans / RCS issues and report back to RCS and BAOMS. The RSPAs are expected to produce a short annual report on their region and are invited to attend a Council meeting once every 2 years to report in person.

Your regional RSPAs are:

East Midlands East of England London (North East) Mr Dilip Srinivasan Mr Vyomesh Bhatt Mr Rishi Bhandari London (North West) London (South) North East North West South Central South Central South East Coast South West West Midlands Yorkshire Wales Northern Ireland BAOMS Representatives Republic of Ireland Scotland Mr Mahesh Kumar Mr Kavin Andi Mr Robert Banks Mr Panayiotis Kyzas Mr Mohammad Shorafa Mr Stephen Walsh Mr Ceri Hughes Mr Nicholas Pigadas Professor Tas Kanatas Mr Stephen Key Mr Ged Smith

Mr Conor Barry Ms Victoria Cook

BAOMS Sub Specialty Interest Groups (SSIGs)

All leads provide an annual report on activities, which is presented at Council. Short updates of activity will also be presented at the Consultants and Specialists' Group meeting. Sign up for updates to your SSIGs and news of related events via the members' area and join in the discussion forums.

Each SSIG has their own web page and discussion forum on the members' area of the website.

The list of current representatives are:

SSIG	Lead(s)	Deputy(s)		
Aesthetic	Satayajeet Bhatia	Felix Karst		
Cleft	Kanwalraj Moar	Chris Sweet		
Craniofacial	Moorthy Halsnad	vacant		
Deformity	Kenneth Sneddon	Greg Knepil, Andrew Stewart		
Oral/Dentoalveolar	Geoff Chiu	Max Chauhan		
Oncology	Joint Leads: Brian Bisase and Leandros Vassiliou			
Paediatric	Keith Altman	Cristina Frezzini		
Reconstruction	Ajay Wilson	Jim Higginson		
Salivary	Leandros Vassiliou	Damian Broderick		
Skin	Rajiv Anand	Elizabeth Gruber		
TMJ	Nadeem Saeed	Barbara Gerber, Ghaly Adly Ghaly		
Trauma	Indran Balasundaram	Richard Graham		

FUTURE MEETINGS HOME AND AWAY

BAOMS ASM 2022	Click here for	BAOMS ASM 202	23	BAOMS ASM	1 2024	BAOMS ASM 2025
22-24 June	more	27-30 June		3-5 July		Dates TBC
SOUTHBANK CENTRE, LONDON UK		VENUE AND LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED		MATHS INSTITUTE, OXFORD UK		VENUE AND LOCATION TO BE CONFIRMED
Hosted by: Robert Bentley 59th BAOMS President		Hosted by: Cyrus Kerawala 61st BAOMS President		Hosted by: Daljit Dhariwal 62nd BAOMS President		Hosted by: Kathleen Fan 63rd BAOMS President
ANZAOMS 202 08-10 Sept MELBOURNE, VICT AUSTRALIA	here f	I2-17 Se	pt EANS ERNEST - CONVENTION	Click here for more	EACMFS 2022 27-30 Sept Pre-congress: 26 MADRID, SPAIN President: Prof Julio	

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ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 22-24 JUNE 2022

POSTPONED FROM JUNE 2020 AND RECONVENED

HOSTED BY ROBERT BENTLEY –59TH BAOMS PRESIDENT PLATINUM SPONSOR

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PRE MEETING COURSES ON 20 AND 21 JUNE NOW OPEN FOR REGISTRATION

Please note that BAOMS is not organising the pre meetings

SORG Flap course 20/21 June Register: https://www.sorg-group.com/en/courses/sorg-freeflap-hands-on-cadaver-course-baoms-london/

SORG TMJ course 21 June Register: https://www.sorg-group.com/en/courses/accesses-tothe-tmj-sorg-basic-principles-in-maxillofacial-trauma-course/

SORG Orbital course Register: https://www.klsmartin.com/icro-masterclassbaoms-2022 SORG 3D Orthognathic planning course Register: https://www.klsmartin.com/3d-virtual-planning-inorthognathic-surgery-towards-a-minimally-invasive-approach

AO Neuro event – Craniofacial on the Couch 21 June Register: https://aofoundation.force.com/s/lt-event?id=a1R080 0000AYrUKEA1&site=a0a1p00000a7djLAAQ

Sialendoscopy workshop 21 June Register: https://bookcpd.com/course/sialendoscopyworkshop

King's Difficult Airways Course at Kings College Hospital on 21 June - booking links/details to follow









ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 22-24 JUNE 2022

The reconvened 2020 BAOMS conference has the theme of "Facing the Future" and the three day programme focusses on education, recruitment and retention, the future of NHS commissioning and cutting edge research in all aspects of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you all to the BAOMS meeting in June 2022 back to London for the first time since 2012 and reconvened from the 2020 conference cancelled due to the pandemic.

The meeting will be held in the vibrant South Bank guarter of the banks of the River Thames at the Southbank Centre in the Queen Elizabeth Hall and Purcell Room immediately adjacent to the Royal Festival Hall and the London Eye. There are a number of pre-courses planned: Two-day cadaveric courses for both free Flap and TMJ surgery on 20 and 21 June organised by SORG. In addition SORG will be running a hand's on 3D Orthognathic planning course on 21 June. There will also be an endoscopic hands on workshop in salivary endoscopy in the conference hotel on 21 June. The AO foundation will be hosting an advanced multidisciplinary symposium on Craniofacial, Skullbase and NeuroTrauma on the 21 June and King's will also be running through their international anaesthetic faculty "King's Difficult Airway" course on 21 June in conjunction with the JTG and FITS sections of BAOMS. There will be a masterclass on Thursday and Friday mornings at the Southbank Centre in the Purcell Room. There will be company sponsored symposia at all three lunch breaks with keynote speakers and a further three symposia sponsored within the main body of the conference covering key topics.

The President's lecture will be given by Lord Kerslake, former head of the British Civil Service and Chairman of King's College Hospital, on the future of the NHS and review of the Health and Care Bill. The Norman Rowe Lecture will be given by Professor Joachim Prein (Previous President of AOCMF) on a lifetime's changes in the education of trauma and facial reconstruction in OMFS. Each session will have at least one symposium comprising three 15 minute focussed lectures on future trends in aspects of OMFS followed by a 15 minute panel discussion as well as many key note lectures.

The welcome reception on Wednesday evening will have a Bavarian "Ocktoberfest" theme and the annual dinner will be held in London at the Underglobe with a pre-dinner reception on board a Thames 'City Cruises' Riverboat. The Theme of the evening dance will be "Mamma Mia, The Party".

The Southbank conference centre is at the centre of the arts and social sector that runs along the River Thames with walking access to the London Eye, the Tate Modern and The Globe Theatre, piazzas, bars and restaurants all overlooking the world famous "Waterloo Sunset". We do hope you will be able to join us.

Online registration is now open.

There are special rates for BAOMS members who are Retired Fellows, Fellows in Training, Junior Trainees (OMFS DCTs, Foundation Trainees etc), BAOMS Students (First and Second Degree), IMPT members and OMFS Nurses. All BAOMS members have been emailed the registration form password and applicable voucher /discount codes. Please email office@baoms.org.uk in case of queries.

QUEEN ELIZABETH HALL AND PURCELL ROOM SOUTHBANK CENTRE LONDON

Social events

Thursday 23 June 2022 Annual Black Tie Dinner with live music at the Underglobe (Globe Theatre) on the Southbank in London (the Underglobe is underneath the famous Globe Theatre and further along the river from the Southbank Centre towards in direction of the Tower of London).

There will be a drinks reception on board a City Thames Cruise boat from 1900. We will be boarding the City Cruises riverboat from 1830 from the London Eye Pier and will depart at 1900 sharp so please do not miss the boat! (But don't worry if you do we will see you for Dinner at the Underglobe from 8 pm). Please remember to bring your ticket.

Guests will then disembark at Bankside Pier from 1945 for Dinner at the Underglobe from 2000.

Tickets cost £95 and include the Thames Cruise with a pre-dinner drink, followed by a three course meal with wine/drinks and live music with a cash bar at the Underglobe until late. All registered delegates and exhibitors welcome.

Medical Exhibition

The medical exhibition will run alongside the scientific programme.All coffee breaks and daytime catering and will take place in the exhibition area.

Accommodation Booking

Accommodation Booking instructions for the various hotels is available on the BAOMS website BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting - Facing the Future | British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. The conference hotel will be the Park Plaza County Hotel (close to Waterloo Train Station).