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PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

PROFESSOR PATRICK MAGENNIS

Back to the Future – A Real Newsletter

This is our first 'paper' BAOMS President's Newsletter for many years. Apologies to those who prefer the text on their phone (a PDF will also be shared on the website!). Evidence from our sister association in the USA showed that real media is read more, for journals and newsletters. We will ask for feedback from you in the new year.

I have included a Christmas bauble for your tree as a Thank You to all our loyal members. We are grateful to you all for your support and your subscription. The other side has a reminder about our forthcoming ASM in Belfast. Please try to come to Belfast (and Dublin) if you can. I know someone always has to stay behind to 'mind the shop' (and thanks to them) but it would be great to have a super turn-out. There will be lots to see and do. The craic will be mighty.

Past Presidents' Lunch at the Academy of Medical Sciences was held on Friday 5 December 2025



Seated L/R Kathy Fan, Maire Morton, Peter Leopard, Michael Awty, Brian Avery

Standing L/R John Langdon, Andrew Brown, David Patton, Patrick Magennis, Robert Bentley, Mark McGurk

It is an immense privilege to take over as BAOMS President from the safe hands of Kathy Fan. Thanks to her for everything she did during her

year in office and the work she continues to do for the Association and our specialty.

When I look back at the past-Presidents who have led our Association, we Presidents do, as Isaac Newton said, stand on the shoulders of giants. The first BAOMS President I met face-to-face was whilst I was working as an SHO for John Cawood in Chester. Harry Alty would do a list on a Thursday, singing away as he removed wisdom teeth. I am not sure he ever wore the 'El Presidente' badge I made for him after I pinned it on the night I celebrated passing my Part 1 FDS.

Also, whilst I was in Chester Gordon Hardman arrived to do a locum one afternoon. He reached into the breast pocket of his suit jacket to produce a cloth roll containing his own chisels (which he sharpened himself) before asking 'Sterilise these please, Sister!!'. Younger readers might want to look up 'lingual split technique' for removing horizontal wisdom teeth.

More recent Presidents for whom I worked with during my spells on Council and to whom I owe special notes of thanks include Iain Hutchison, Steve Dover, and especially the late Ian Martin. Ian was a medical student, the only one I ever saw in a suit, in 1985 when I did my first OMFS job in The London Hospital. All three could be a bit scary but were great value for their wisdom and humour.

I hope during my brief spell as President I will nudge the specialty forward and perhaps inspire a few of those who are a little further back down the ladder.

Friends Made and Friends Kept

Surgery is a team sport, and the fellowship of the scalpel makes bonds for ever. I look back to

Adrian Millen who in 1984 told me to apply for a House Job in The London (and, as promised, his fridge was still in the on-call room). Lance West, who as my SR in Whitechapel who looked after me like a Kiwi hen during 6 months of a week on and a week off, Andrew Currie and Helen Spencer were the other half of my one-in-two in Chester. Brendan O'Connor was ahead of Anne and I at medical school in Belfast and Carrie Newlands the year behind. Peter Dyer and Austen Smith were SRs to our Calman posts in Barts and The London in 1994 and all of the Aintree trainers, trainees and DCTs who supported us during our training and consultant years. They know who they are, and will all have stories to tell. It is harder now with ETWD and shift work to build relationships but, please, take the time to do so. It is one of the things that makes OMFS fun and one of the positive sides of our long training path.

The Case For... a compilation of evidence to move OMFS forward. Coming to you very soon in BJOMS

With my Short Life Working Group (SLWG) on behalf of BAOMS Council, we have written a series of papers to support future changes in our specialty with concise evidence-based peer-reviewed chapters. Topics covered include the cost of OMFS training, supporting SAS colleagues in the Specialist Listing Assessed Application (SLAA) process and Seniority for new Consultants.

Seniority at the right level for new consultants can make a difference of lifetime earnings of between £150k and £250k – so please try to get a formal seniority policy in your Trust and, for STs and new consultants, read this paper when it hits your doormat.

Activity of our Membership

During my times on Council as an elected Fellow (3 times), Honorary Secretary and then Chair I have seen the Association grow in numbers, grow in activities and grow in responsibilities. The vast majority of work for BAOMS and for the specialty is not done at the centre, it is driven and delivered by you all: our members, associate fellows and fellows. The BAOMS Office and office-holders play key roles (for which I am very grateful), but without the enthusiasm and drive from our whole membership, the specialty would stop moving forward.

Junior Trainee Group – the heart of BAOMS

When myself and TK Ong helped the Junior Trainee Group (JTG) evolve from the Medical Student's Group, we did not imagine the success that would follow. The JTG is overflowing with youthful enthusiasm and gritty determination. Just as I remember holding Council to account in my youth, the JTG are not afraid to stand up for their gang and keep the Association focussed on supporting this essential cohort of individuals. Most recently their 'State of Play' is a landmark document for our specialty and can be downloaded using this QR code. If you have not read it, please take a moment to read it. ►

The JTG conference is an annual tonic for older surgeons. Try to go if you can. There are usually over 150 keen individuals aiming for



careers in OMFS from first degree to just prior to ST. See their 2025 conference report in this newsletter.

Fellows in Training (FiTs) – the engine of BAOMS

I was in the room when, against considerable resistance, the FiTs first got the vote in BAOMS elections. A couple of the old guard questioned whether SRs were mature enough to engage in the future of BAOMS. A voice from the SRs said "I am over fifty. When will I be mature enough?". FiTs are on the path to being specialists and consultants. We need them to stay engaged with BAOMS when they complete their training and put their shoulder to the wheel for the future of OMFS.

Consultants and Specialists' Group (CSG) – the core of BAOMS

On top of very busy jobs, the leadership of the CSG support consultant NHS and private practice in the UK. Before the CSG, when the BAOMS was worried about the risk of looking too much like a trade union, the consultants use to meet at an untimetabled meeting at the ASM to talk about private practice. Now the CSG, with regional input from the Regional Professional Specialty Advisors (RSPAs), are the coordinators of action across the four nations. Give them your support.

Associate Fellows – SAS colleagues make up half of the OMFS work force

Is the equivalent of the CSG for our SAS colleagues. SAS are an essential element of our workforce and our membership. Our two new Associate Fellows, Sunil Shroff and Rafia Lahooti are actively recruiting to BAOMS are actively recruiting and have plans for the next 2 years to deliver educational programmes and support for applications for specialist listing (SLAA – Specialist Listing Assessed Application).

If you have successfully completed an SLAA application for the Oral Surgery Specialist List, and are willing to support others through the process, please contact the BAOMS office.

If you have successfully created/been appointed to a post at the Specialist Grade and would be willing to support others in this process, please contact the BAOMS Office.

Ask not what BAOMS can do for you...

In the last part of this introduction, I will ask all our membership to consider getting engaged with our Association. There are lots of opportunities. Bring your talents and your energy. Link in to a Sub-Specialty Group. Contact the BAOMS committee for your category. Stand for election to Council.

At the very least, update your profile on the website so that you receive information relevant to your interests. You will then receive notifications when mini-group discussions are created. You could start one yourself.

BAOMS is like a high interest savings account, the more you can afford to put in, the more you are guaranteed to get back.

Meetings in USA, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, France and BAOS in the UK

BAOMS has traditionally invited the Presidential team from Australia and New Zealand as well as the team from AAOMS (USA) to our Annual Scientific Meeting. In exchange the BAOMS President is invited to their meetings. As well as being fascinating and fun, the meetings are very informative. For the first time in 2025 BAOS and BAOMS have also invited each other's Presidents to their ASMs. Full reports are brought back to BAOMS Council, but here are some highlights.

ANZAOMS – Adelaide November 2025

This meeting is a single room with longer slots than are usual at BAOMS. This gives the space for presenters to educate and enthuse the audience and means everyone attending has the same experience promoting discussion and reflection. I will have some longer slots in Belfast. The next ANZAOMS meeting is planned for Christchurch in New Zealand next year. It would be well worth a trip if you can organise it (plus it will be their ski season). **They are keen for UK input, so don't be shy to contact them and offer to present.**

AAOMS – Washington September 2025



Patrick Magennis – BAOMS President, Sanjiv C Nair – IAOMS President, J David Morrison – AAOMS President

AAOMS, as an organisation, is like the PGA Golf Tour compared to BAOMS' Bootle Community Golf Club. Their conference is enormous and lasts a full week with a mixture of OMFS politics, career activities, and science.

USA have 250 residents in training at any one time. In Washington residents who were about to finish their programmes were invited to a 'speed dating' careers fair where organisations providing OMFS services try to tempt

them to their patch. Potential first year salaries of \$1,000,000 are offered and treats/tickets handed out.

The AAOMS meeting is political on two levels. Individual state OMFS societies meet together as a 'Congress' to make future policy for AAOMS. They also invite the Chief Dental Officer at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services Natalia Chalmers to speak (at 7am!). She talked in glowing terms about OMFS and importance of the care they provide. She said on average a Medicare patient attends the ED two times per year with dental problems at a cost of \$2,300 and wanted them seen and treated by OMFS after the first time to save the second visit. Every year AAOMS organises state OMFS organisations and their residents to have a 'Day on the Hill' when they coordinate meetings with Senators and Congressmen. I plan to join this in March 2026 to see if there are lessons we can learn about lobbying and team-building.

The hospitality of AAOMS is exceptional. They don't have a formal dinner but rather host a party (which in Washington was at the Spy Museum). I am taking a leaf from their book. My party at the Titanic Museum will be a come as you wish party. Formal if you fancy, party gear if you prefer.

Japanese Society of OMS

The second joint Congress between JSOMS was in Kanazawa. These meetings are the result of hard work from Taka Sato (Manchester consultant of Japanese origin) and Kazuhiro Ooi who is the JSOMS ambassador to the UK. Consultants and trainees from the UK joined the JSOMS meeting and then ran this joint meeting which included discussions around joint research projects, the lessons we can learn from each other's training programmes and lots of opportunities to talk and compare notes.

There will be a joint session in Belfast with JSOMS on collaborative research projects.

Everyone from the UK were overwhelmed by the friendship and hospitality shown to them by JSOMS. The next meeting in November 2026. If you would like to present at this meeting, please contact Dr Ooi at k-ooi@staff.kanazawa-u.ac.jp

SFSCMFCO (France)

After Kathy Fan invited our French colleagues to have a joint session in London, Bhavin Visavadia and Rob Banks plan on going to Marseille 18th (Pre-Congress Day)- 20th March 2026 to represent BAOMS at the French national meeting whose theme is "Custom Surgery – Personalised Approach".

Please Share Your OMFS Friends Overseas with BAOMS

During my Presidential year I am keen to foster relationships and increasing the international interface of BAOMS. If you have OMFS friends overseas, please ask them to take advantages of the discounted rates for the ASM in Belfast. Get their trainees to link in to iATOMS.



BAOMS ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, BELFAST
WEDNESDAY 24 - FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026

THEME: INTER-FACES



I can't wait until June next year. Our meeting will be a super get-together with lots of fun and lots of learning.

SAS / Associate Fellows Session

Collated by our Associate Fellow Reps, Sunil Shroff and Rafia Lahooti, who also lead our Dento-alveolar Surgery SSIG, this session will cover core areas for SAS colleagues and also areas of OMFS practice which are important to this group. Botox, complications of fillers, applying for Specialist Listing (SLAA) in Oral Surgery and the Specialist Grade will all be covered in a dedicated session on Wednesday afternoon.

OMFS Training – Recent Progress (and more to come)

There has been so much happening recently with OMFS training. This afternoon session on Wednesday will be filled with training updates. Contributions are planned from our SAC Chair Ian Sharp, our curriculum lead Christopher Fowell, and Christopher Mannion who is the Foundation lead for Yorkshire as well as an OMFS consultant. Richard Taylor will share the details of the JTG's 2024 'State of Play' report which will provide a useful context to talks from trainers. COPDEND, who are responsible for the Dental Workforce and dental school places will also be represented.

A session is planned on Fellowships with reports from successful fellows, info-mercials from units seeking fellows and the latest on the current suspended Training Interface Group (TIG) Fellowships.

International Collaborative Research Symposium (jointly with Japanese Society of OMS and others)

Hosted by Andrew Schache from the Liverpool Head and Neck Centre, this will be a multi-national swap-shop of research ideas and opportunities.

Key Performance Indicators from the SSIGs

The leads and deputy leads are drafting KPIs. We will need your input before we finalise and publish these.

Themed Sessions from the SSIGs including these topics:

- Orbital Trauma and TMJ Fractures
- Ballistic trauma – the USA perspective
- Facial Reanimation – including epa-nerve technique / vascularised versus non vascularised nerve grafts and allograft/autograft nerves

- Management of recurrent PSAs including 3D MRI imaging of the facial nerve
- Wisdom of Wisdom Teeth
- Oral Medicine Update for the unenthusiastic oral physician
- Is there anything new in anaesthetics?

Disasters from the Masters

Just when you thought it was safe to go back into theatre.

Breakfast with the Boffins

Friday morning buffet – book your seat or find an empty one.

Contracts, Seniority and Job planning

Top Tips from those who know the ropes.

Institute of Maxillofacial Prosthetists and Technologists (IMPT) – Thursday 25th June

The IMPT have been an excellent partner at the last two BAOMS ASMs. Their day will run on Thursday and include a joint session at the end discussing 'Custom Made Plates – are they just a way of increasing the costs of operations'.

OMFS Nursing Session– Thursday 25th June

We hope to have a session for nurses but realise the challenges of a session in Belfast represents for those without study leave days or a study budget. Please support your nurses to come. The party will have a limited number of discounted tickets (Titanic steerage, no meal but lots of fun) you could help them join the party too – book early.

President's Lecture – Everest

Dawson Stelfox, the first Irish climber to ascend Everest on May 27, 1993 and the first British climber to do so from Tibet by the north ridge (unless Mallory/Irvine did it in 1924), will talk about his experiences on this and other mountains.

Social Events – A Titanic Party is planned

The President's Reception will be in the ICC on Wednesday afternoon. The BAOMS Party on Thursday night is a gala dinner but not formally formal. Partiers can come as they like. First class black tie for photos on the famous Titanic staircase or party gear and dance the evening away from steerage.

Ireland 2026



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There will be no early starts but I hope great craic into the evenings.

International Invitation – Share the Abstract link with your friends from overseas

Belfast is a great city, much changed from my youth. As Belfast will be 'overseas' for England, Wales and Scotland, I am keen to bring colleagues and trainees there from all around the world. Please share the link for abstracts and the link to the meeting with your friends from around the world.



International Affiliations of Trainees in OMS (iATOMS) – Monday 29th June 2026, RCSI Dublin

The Monday after our meeting in Belfast our President Patrick Magennis is coordinating with iATOMS for their inaugural scientific meeting on Monday 29th June at the Royal College

of Surgeons in Ireland. iATOMS is a run by trainees for trainees international group. Their meeting will have oral presentations, posters and keynotes focused on OMFS training and some 'the best of OMFS' presentations too.

Online registration for BAOMS ASM will be available via the BAOMS website from February / March 2026. Physical onsite Posters (for display on site) and free paper oral podium abstracts. There will be special rates for BAOMS members (and based in the UK) who are Fellows in Training, Junior Trainees (OMFS DCTs, Foundation Trainees etc), BAOMS Students and Student Associates, IMPT members and OMFS Nurses).

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. (Please contact the BAOMS office for further details about the medical exhibition and sponsorship opportunities).

Prizes, Prizes, Prizes – Extra Awards in Belfast

As well as the usual prizes awarded at ASMs and to those working on behalf of our specialty (see the notices elsewhere in this newsletter), to mark my gratitude for all the efforts put in by the extended BAOMS family and our members, FiTs and Fellows there will be some extra prizes awarded during the awards ceremony in Belfast.

Most Valuable Person (MVP)

JTG Most Valuable Person (MVP) – nominated by the JTG committee for the best contribution from anyone in the JTG.

FiT Most Valuable Person (MVP) – nominated by the FiT committee for the best contribution from anyone in the FiT group.

CSG Most Valuable Person (MVP) – nominated by the CSG committee for the best contribution from anyone in the CSG.

Associate Fellows Most Valuable Person (MVP) – nominated by the JTG committee for the best contribution from anyone in the AFG.

BAOMS Council Chair's Award to Most Valuable Person (MVP) – chosen by the BAOMS Chair of Council.

President's Most Valuable Person (MVP) – chosen by the President for the person who has made the biggest contribution to BAOMS and/or the specialty during their year as President.

Poster prizes at Belfast

Gold, Silver-Gilt, Silver and Bronze Awards. Belfast will have real posters on boards. There will be a process to have them printed locally to avoid arguments on Ryanair about whether a poster carrier is a bag or not.

Like gardens at the Chelsea Flower Show, on Friday morning posters may be awarded Gold, Silver-Gilt, Silver or Bronze awards. Get there early on Friday to see who has won what.



The Call for abstracts is now open – Closing 12 noon GMT Tuesday 20th January, 2026.

General Dental Council (GDC) and General Medical Council (GMC)

Having good relations with our regulators is important but sometimes they forget what has been previously agreed or make changes without fully understanding the impact it may have on patient care in OMFS.

There was a crisis in September 2024 when the GDC stated on its website that Temporary Registrants needed a registered dentist in the room if they were working on-call in OMFS. This left units with a DCT cohort who were all temporarily registered in a position of either having the

consultant live-in, or removing the DCTs from on-call. It took a couple of months and the sharing of a letter from the GDC to BAOMS in 2013 to resolve this.

The GDC has also placed on its website a prohibition of temporary registrants working in OMFS outside the scope of the specialty of Oral Surgery. This is aimed at stopping colleagues from single dental degree OMFS nations who want to come to the UK to learn advanced reconstruction techniques (microvascular) doing so whilst temporarily registered. This

has stopped these dentists coming to the UK for training. If the surgical practice of dentists is restricted to 'Oral Surgery', the OMFS activity of some SAS colleagues may put them at risk of a 'Scope of Practice' issue with the GDC.

BAOMS has plans for meetings with the GMC and the GDC to understand their concerns and try to find ways forward together. If you have specific examples of challenges or concerns (or indeed excellence or positive experiences to be shared), please contact the BAOMS office.

COPDEND Unanimously Support OMFS and plan 'Out of Programme' posts for DCTs studying for their second degrees

At their recent meeting in Belfast, the Committee of Dental Deans and Directors (COPDEND – the group responsible for the dental workforce) supported proposals from BAOMS and the OMFS SAC to support OMFS training and as a specialty. The two specific asks were:

To support the creation outside London of shortened 3-year dental degree courses (Dental Programmes for Medical Graduates – DPMG). The majority of second-degree courses are in London,

and this has caused problems recruiting outside the South East, particularly those from a medicine first background.

Formal education support for dentistry first second-degree students. This group continue to provide the majority of OMFS trainees, but they are the hardest to fit into a formal OMFS training programme until they become doctors. COPDEND are appointing a national lead Dean to work with BAOMS and the OMFS SAC to develop a programme to support this group. This programme, once linked with

OMFS Priority Foundation Programme are 2 of last few elements needed to create a 'Fully Integrated Dual Degree OMFS Specialty Training Programme'.

The COPDEND Chair James Spencer said "OMFS is an essential component of the dental workforce and, as such, the specialty has the full support of myself and all the Dental Deans. COPDEND will work with BAOMS and encourages OMFS units/training programmes to make contact with their regional Dental Dean. 'Together we can make a difference'.

OVER 2500 FORMATIVE MCQS FOR OMFS TRAINEES OF ALL LEVELS

Free to use for BAOMS members - Find out your unknown unknowns.

OMFS training is a marathon not a sprint. Some trainees leave it until late in their ST training to build their foundations of knowledge for their future as an OMFS specialists. Learning early and repeatedly is the best way to build a solid knowledge base. These MCQs (mostly SBAs) are available in a series of papers that you can take in your own time (or with friends at an agreed slot for a little more competition).

The software is used by Montey Garg's Flexfac preparation for the FRCS Part I sessions. Previous FlexFacs 120 question papers (with YouTube links to the associated webinars explaining the background to the questions can be found using the top QR code).



ABOVE
QR TO DO THE MCQs



Most of the questions on the bank are not at the level of FRCS. They are fact-based revision stimulators. Use them early, use them often (you can retake the question if you register a second e-mail address).

The papers are suspended three times a year to allow those who have completed them to review their answers and the 'right' answers. For a week before the FRCS Part I (late October and late May) and also for week in early September before the EACMFS/UEMS Pre-Specialist 50 question paper.

Anybody who wishes to add questions – at a level of things that OMFS trainees 'should know' with a useful open access link for rationale – will receive 1 CME point for every 5 questions added.

CHAIR'S REPORT

DAVID KEITH

CHAIR, BAOMS COUNCIL



As we come to the end of another year, that is always an opportunity to reflect on what has past and our hopes for the future.

This year seems to have been a year of consultations. We have replied on behalf of you all to the "NHS dentistry contract: quality and payment reforms consultation", the "General Dental Council Corporate Strategy 2026 to 2028 Consultation", the "Strengthening the Soft Drinks Industry Levy Consultation", and the "10 Year Workforce Plan call for evidence".

We have used these to make the case for better funding and support of dual degrees, as well as the case for run through training with the second degree as part of that. Highlighting the lack of primary dental care available unless you can pay, and the impact on our services. The lack of governance or quality control of dentists, and their referrals, to mention only a few areas. Submissions often ran to multiple pages, and if anyone is interested, I can share that another time!

The Regional Speciality Professional Advisers recently helped completion of a Consultant Workforce Survey across the United Kingdom. We currently have 505 Consultant posts in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery. But of these 505 posts, there are 54 currently unfilled. Of the 452 Consultant posts filled, 24 are filled with Locums. Within the next 5 years there will be at least 19 confirmed as retiring, and it is likely to be higher. Some areas of the country have disproportionately more vacancies than the national average of 10.5%, at around 25%. Surprisingly, the number of Consultant vacancies in 2011 was not much less at 9%. On the bright side there has been a continued Consultant expansion from 464 Consultant post

in 2021. But the number of trainees joining the specialist list has been static for the last 10 years with about 20 completing training each year. We have recommended that the previous recommendation of 1 Consultant per 200,000 made in 2011, should be updated to 1:100,000 due to the increased scope of work we do, and the increasing demands in an ageing population. Which is almost what we have in my NHS Trust which has one of the better waiting times in the UK. Our problem is getting enough trainees through our tortuous and financially expensive training pathway. Which brings me to our next topic.

Our grand plan to improve numbers in training is by increasing OMFS exposure to dental and medical students, and graduates. Then, providing a training pathway for each group that has the second degree as part of that. Hence, improving funding, and pay protection, and return to OMFS after the second degree. Part of that, is the current move to run through Specialty Training throughout the UK, which could take a trainee from Specialty Training year 1 to Completion of Training in 6 years instead of 7 years. That has already been happening in some regions, but not all throughout the UK. This change removes the competition that OMFS trainees have had trying to get into Core Surgical Training along with all the other surgical trainees. In addition, there are encouraging signs from the Joint Committee on Surgical Training, that integrating the second degree as part of training may be possible. And from the Department of Health and Social Care that, at least, a loan for fees may be available soon for Medicine or Dentistry as a second degree, without having to be on a graduate course.

So, we will see what 2026 brings, and with that I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

THE ROKADIYA SEMINAR ROOM IN NEPAL

Suhail Rokadiya fell to his death in a tragic mountaineering accident in Glencoe; Stob Coire nam Beith in September 2018. Suhail had been an enthusiastic member of a past NRIEF expedition to Nepal. All those involved with the NRIEF were shocked by his passing.

In his memory BAOMS and NRIEF led a campaign to raise donations to specifically create an educational resource in Nepal in Suhail's name. After years of hard work led by Sean Laverick, we are happy to report that we have finally reached this goal.

Read the full article here: [The Rokadiya Seminar Room in Nepal | British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons](#)

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QOMS UPDATE DECEMBER 2025

READ THE 2ND QOMS REPORT HERE ►



We cannot believe that 2025 is almost over. It really went quickly.

QOMS remains the only UK-wide audit programme for OMFS and although we have grown so much since we started back in 2018, we still need your support to really establish ourselves as the go-to programme for patient outcomes for the specialty.

In June 2025 at the Annual Scientific Meeting, we released the second QOMS report that covered the 2021-2024 data collection period. 2025 also saw some

changes to the Team with a new clinical lead, David Tighe and two new clinical lead deputies, Liz Yeung and Sam Kent but also changes to the project with the Oral and Dentoalveolar workstream closing and the launch of the two new TMJ registries for arthroscopy and replacement. We have Stryker to thank for financial assistance in the run-up to the release of the TMJ registry. We are disbursing the £32k sponsorship to new units BUT this is conditional on meeting milestones for the TMJ registry.

In 2026 we will see the project

expand further and we are looking forward to welcoming five new OMFS departments: Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Queen Victoria Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust.

This made us think that QOMS would not be what it is today without the past and present contributions and help from so many of you across the UK:

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As 2025 comes to an end, we would like to wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2026!

If you are interested or would like to discuss QOMS, please contact Fabien Puglia

(baomsprojectmanager@baoms.org.uk) ►



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SECRETARY'S REPORT

IAIN VARLEY
HONORARY SECRETARY, BAOMS COUNCIL



Fellows of BAOMS

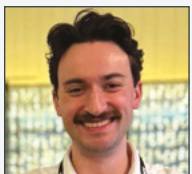
Following the recent nomination and election process for one vacancy for a Fellow on Council congratulations go to Elizabeth Yeung will take up their three-year term on Council from 1st January 2026.

Our thanks to all the candidates, proposers and seconders who took the time to take part. Many thanks to Dilip Srinivasan who now demits from Council following a three-year term of office.



Fellows in Training Representative and Deputy in process

Steven Brandsma was elected to the role of Deputy Fellows in Training Representative and will work alongside Jonathan Dennis who takes over as Fellows in Training Representative on 1st January 2026. Many thanks to Amit Dattani who demits from that role in December 2025. Thanks to those who took part and voted in the process.



Deputy Junior Trainees and Members' Representative and Junior Trainees' Group Chair

Benjamin Dunphy was elected and will take over as Deputy Junior Trainees and Members' Representative and Junior Trainees' Group Chair in January 2026, working alongside Anna Davies who becomes the Junior Trainees and Members' Representative from January 2026. Our thanks to them for their contributions in these roles and to Mairead Kelly who now demits from her role. Thanks to those who took part and voted in the process.



Election of 67th BAOMS President

Mr Suresh Shetty was nominated and elected unopposed to be BAOMS President July 2028 to June 2029.

e-FACE UPDATE

Montey Garg, eFace Lead BAOMS

The e-FACE programme, developed by BAOMS in partnership with NHS England's eLearning for Healthcare, continues to support junior colleagues working in OMFS departments, particularly those in Dental Core Training, for whom the original modules were designed.

Work has been progressing on the first phase of the current refresh. This will introduce modest updates to the existing DCT-aligned sessions to ensure they remain current and user-friendly. These revisions are not extensive, but they will help maintain the relevance of the resource for colleagues beginning their OMFS training.

Planning has also begun for the second phase, which aims to expand e-FACE with 22 additional modules written by senior trainers from across the specialty. This development will take time, and we are approaching it steadily to ensure the new content is of high quality and genuinely useful to the wider OMFS community.

Separately, NHS England's Technology Enhanced Learning team has confirmed that all elfh eLearning programmes, including e-FACE, will gradually move to the national Learning Hub over the coming months.

Learners will be advised to complete any sessions already in progress on the current elfh platform, as progress will not transfer once a programme relocates. We will receive advance notice – around two weeks – before e-FACE is scheduled to move, and further information will be shared at that point. Until then, colleagues may continue to access the existing **e-FACE modules on the elfh Hub as usual.**



We will provide additional updates as the re-development progresses and as further details regarding the platform transition become available.

Season's Greetings and best wishes for 2026.



BAOMS ASM 2025 LONDON, HOSTED BY PROFESSOR KATHLEEN FAN – 63RD BAOMS PRESIDENT

The BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting 2025 was held at the historic London Guildhall and centred on the theme of Global Practice.

During the meeting, the BAOMS AGM and Awards Ceremony took place on Wednesday 18 June and the Presidential handover took place on Friday 20 June, bringing the conference to a close.

The main scientific programme included the President's lecture, delivered by Professor Mahmood Bhutta entitled: *'Medical supply chains: environmental destruction, sweatshops and child labour.'* The Norman Rowe Lecture was delivered by Dr Gary Parker entitled: *'Rebuilding Faces, restoring lives The Impact of OMFS in Global Surgery.'*

Across the three days, delegates attended 21 themed symposia, including a SAS Associate Fellows Afternoon and an OMFS Nurses Study Day. We hosted 123 free paper presentations, running in parallel with keynote sessions and symposia. Thanks to grouped Q&A sessions, a new format this year, we were able to accommodate more presentations, which was well received. There were 150 ePoster abstracts, with the Top 20 posters displayed on-site. Interactive ePoster screens were available throughout the meeting. All accepted abstracts will be published in BJOMS, (under the condition that the main author attended the meeting).

Social Programme: The Welcome Reception on Wednesday 18 June was held in the Guildhall Art Gallery, with drinks, canapés, and music provided by the Idalia Quartet from the Royal Academy of Music. The Annual Dinner, on Thursday 19 June, took place in the iconic Great Hall. Guests enjoyed the performance from a harpist from the Guildhall School of Music, followed by speeches and dancing.

KLS Martin were the Platinum/main event sponsors with DePuy Synthes and Stryker as Gold sponsors along with other exhibiting companies. BAOMS are very grateful for their support of the BAOMS ASM. There was also a conference app which was again well received. The total overall onsite attendance was approximately 700 over the three-day event and the overall feedback for the meeting has been extremely positive.

Last year, Professor Fan's Presidential Initiative focused on developing a national platform to assess the psychological impact of oral and maxillofacial trauma. With the generous support of Professor Iain Hutchison and Saving Faces, the IMPARTS validated tool has been uploaded onto the REDCap platform and undergone initial testing. We are refining the pathway, we hope colleagues will be able to incorporate the tool into their clinical practice in the coming year. We are also exploring the addition of a parallel assessment tool for orthognathic surgery. This represents an important step toward recognising and addressing the psychological needs of our patients alongside their surgical care.



▲
BAOMS also had a professional photographer and you can view the **online gallery here.**



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In addition, the videos of the **main presentations via this link** in the members' area.



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ASM 2025 news features keynote speakers, videos and interviews during the meeting.

REPORT FROM CONSULTANTS' AND SPECIALISTS STUDY DAY

Elizabeth Gruber, Chair of CSG and **Richard Pilkington**, Deputy Chair of CSG

The Consultants' and Specialists Study Day took place on 11 December 2025 at the Academy of Medical Sciences, London.

The programme included presentations from Dr Jason Wong MBE, the Chief Dental Officer England, focusing on updates on the future of Dentistry in the UK, Professor Mary Morrell (Head of School, The Pears Cumbria School of Medicine) and Ms Lydia Boynton (Lead for Clinical Anatomy, MBBS, Imperial College

London about anatomy teaching in the new and established undergraduate programme.

In addition, Mr Christopher Fowell (ISCP Surgical Director) spoke about updates on the ISCP, and curriculum and Miss Elizabeth Yeung (QOMS Deputy Lead) gave an update on BAOMS QOMS. Finally, Prof Judith Jones (BDS Programme Director) spoke on the Oral Surgery Specialist list assessed application process.

Many thanks to Liz and Richard for organising the meeting programme.

REPORTS FOR BAOMS AND OTHER MEMBER MEETINGS IN 2025

JUNIOR TRAINEES GROUP ANNUAL CONFERENCE, 8-9 NOVEMBER 2025, LIVERPOOL



▲ Full details of the conference programme, on conference section of our website

Anna Davies, Chair of the Junior Trainees Group (JTG) 2025

The JTG have had a busy year, with this year seeing the development and launch of a new website, the first year of both the JTG Essay Prize and the JTG Supervisor of the Year award, as well as development of a new teaching programme aimed at those starting out in OMFS.

Our Annual Conference was held in the Hilton Hotel, Liverpool on the 8th and 9th November 2025. This year saw 136 delegates from across the UK travel to Liverpool for two-days of high-quality keynote sessions covering the breadth of OMFS, as well as hands on workshops and our AGM.

The conference provided an opportunity for delegates to engage with peers from various stages of (pre-speciality) training in a supportive environment. The conference aimed to develop delegates' knowledge and skills in OMFS, support their professional growth and inspire future surgeons through their exposure to the scope and potential of the speciality. This was all done whilst encouraging the formation of an approachable network between all stages present.

Organised by the JTG Committee, the conference was generously supported by BAOMS through a £5,000 contribution. The JTG is grateful for BAOMS's ongoing

annual support, which enabled the team to significantly reduce delegate costs and ensure the event remained accessible to all junior trainees.

For full details of the conference programme, please see the conference section of our website, <https://www.jtgonline.org/jtg25conference> or use the QR code below. Our Gala Dinner was held on the 8th of November at the Hilton Hotel and comprised a three-course meal with DJ and photobooth. A charity raffle was held in aid of The Canmore Trust following a heartfelt and touching talk by one of our own Oral Medicine colleagues (and the charity founder) Professor John Gibson. We are so pleased to have been able to contribute to such an important and lifesaving cause.

During our prize ceremony, we also took the opportunity to award the inaugural JTG Supervisor of the Year award, with this being awarded to Miss Alexandra Thompson.

The JTG Committee would like to thank all BAOMS members who attended the conference and the consultants and registrars who graciously gave up their time to attend and support what was a fantastic weekend.

We would also like to thank BAOMS council for their continued support of the JTG conference, and of the JTG overall, which is growing in numbers year on year.

FELLOWS IN TRAINING UPDATE

Amit Dattani and Jonathan Dennis

We had a very successful Fellows in Training Conference on 9 May 2025 in Leeds. All talks were aligned with the FRCS curriculum, which trainees found extremely valuable and relevant to their exam preparation.

Amit Dattani, our current Fellows in Training Representative, will demit from the role in December 2025, with Jonathan

Dennis succeeding him on 1 January 2026. The Deputy Fellows in Training Representative, Steven Brandsma, will work alongside Jonathan to continue supporting and representing trainees across the specialty.

Many thanks to Amit for his time, effort, and commitment to the role. We encourage all trainees to vote in the upcoming Deputy FiT election and to remain actively involved in shaping the future of our training community.



MONTEY GARG

NATIONAL ONLINE TRAINING PROGRAMME DIRECTOR, OMFS @ NHS ENGLAND

FLEXFACS UPDATE



◀ Flex Facs resources via the Members' area

FlexFacs and the Postgraduate Virtual Learning Environment (PGVLE): Highlights from 2025

We are pleased to share an update on FlexFacs' continued progress during 2025.

Strengthening National OMFS Education

From December 2024 to November 2025, ten national webinars have been delivered through FlexFacs, each drawing an average of around 115 live attendees from across the training spectrum. Topics have included Facelift – Basics and Beyond, Minimally Invasive TMJ Procedures, Medical Negligence in Practice, Management of complications of Condylar Injuries, and other clinically relevant areas. Feedback has remained consistently excellent, with both organisation and educational value regularly rated between 4.5 and 4.9 out of 5.

The second National OMFS Quiz Day, held in April 2025, has now become a well-established feature of the training year. Eighty-nine participants joined the live online assessment, completing 120 single best answer questions written by twelve trainers, covering the breadth of the OMFS curriculum.

We warmly congratulate this year's top performers:

- **First place:** Richard McLellan
- **Second place:** James Edwin Crawford
- **Third place:** Suzanne Westley

In recognition of their achievement, and to further encourage participation in future years, BAOMS will be providing Amazon vouchers of £150, £100 and £75 respectively. This small gesture is intended to support trainees in accessing educational materials and to acknowledge the considerable effort required to excel in a national competition of this type.

Innovative and Collaborative Learning

FlexFacs has continued to broaden its educational offering through interspecialty and MDT-style sessions, including a highly regarded Head and Neck Oncology Study Day in July

and an Orthognathic MDT session in August. These events, which reflect the collaborative nature of contemporary practice, were particularly well received and noted for their practical relevance.

PGVLE: A Central Hub for Training

The PGVLE is an NHS England online learning platform designed to enhance surgical training nationwide by providing flexible, accessible, and comprehensive educational resources. Engagement from the Specialty Advisory Committee, Training Programme Directors, and regional trainers has been very encouraging. Any trainer who would like to use the platform is very welcome to get in touch so that access can be arranged.

The PGVLE now hosts over 70 recorded FlexFacs sessions, along with monthly newsletters and curated reading lists. The platform is maintained and further developed with the support of Ioanna Dimasi, National Online Training Fellow, who continues to play an important role in curating content and assisting trainees nationally.

This combination of live teaching, preparatory material, and on-demand access continues to ensure that learning remains high-quality, equitable, and CPD-accredited.

Looking Ahead to 2026

FlexFacs will continue to evolve in the year ahead, with further interactive case-based webinars, ongoing cross-specialty collaboration, and the third National OMFS Quiz Day planned for April 2026. The programme remains a flagship for postgraduate surgical education and an exemplar of national cooperation within the specialty.

We extend our sincere thanks to all speakers, trainees, trainers, and the wider BAOMS community for their continued support and engagement. Together, we are strengthening the future of OMFS education and fostering a culture of shared learning and professional excellence.

Season's Greetings and best wishes for 2026.

MEMBERS' AREA UPDATES AND REMINDERS



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- ▶ **Information for new members** (or a reminder for current ones...) Please visit this page for some reminders on what is available for BAOMS members and how to access BJOMS and JOMS online.

BAOMS MEMBERS' PRIZES 2025



BAOMS members' prizes awarded for oral paper and poster presentations in London 2025

BAOMS would like to offer congratulations to the following BAOMS members' prize-winners.

We plan to award these prizes at the next BAOMS Awards Ceremony, which will take place on 24 June 2026 at the ASM in Belfast at the International Convention Centre

President's Prize 2025 for Fellows

Name: **Leo Cheng**

Abstract: *The outcome of Mercy Ships' Education, Training and Advocacy program in tackling global surgical crisis in West Africa*

Norman Rowe Clinical Prize for 2025 for Fellows in Training

Name: **Adam Holden**

Abstract: *The accelerated dental degree, pioneered by King's College London (KCL) to facilitate dual qualification training pathways for primary medical degree trainees, has graduated its fourteenth class. The authors present data to demonstrate and analyse the success of the course.*

Paul Toller Clinical Prize for 2025 for Fellows in Training

Name: **Amit Dattani**

Abstract: *Is it all about the bling? A cost analysis of gold vs stainless steel chains.*

Junior Trainees and Members' Prize for 2025

Name: **Bishoy Yassa**

Abstract: *Maxillofacial surgery across borders: insights from Tokyo and London electives to revolutionise UK training.*

BAOMS Junior Trainees and Members poster prize 2025

Name: **Masa Shammout**

Abstract: *A Call for Fixed Standards: A Decade of Orthognathic Surgery, Biting into Revision Rates and Metalwork Removal*

Clinical Poster Prize 2025

Name: **Reetika Arumalla**

Abstract: *Heart shaped local flap for cutaneous facial defects.*

Research Poster prize 2025

Name: **Hammad Khan**

Abstract: *In vitro evaluation of cellular viability/proliferation, & cytotoxicity of human bone derived osteoblast cells seeded around two most commonly used bone constructs/block samples.*

BAOMS Trainer of the Year 2025: Craig Wales Intercollegiate Specialty Examination in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Congratulations to **Ross Leader** who was awarded the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons Gold Medal by the Intercollegiate Board in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery for their outstanding performance at the Intercollegiate Specialty Examinations in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery held in Dundee on 5/6 March 2025.

2025 BJOMS Prizes

Best Reviewers

Fellow: **Bernard Speculand**

Fellow in Training: **James Crawford**

BAOMS Senior Prizes 2025

Down Surgical Prize and BAOMS Surgery Prize for 2025 BAOMS Council are pleased to announce that, following the recommendations of the Endowments Sub-Committee,

Council has approved to award the **Down Surgical Prize** jointly to **Daljit K Dhariwal** and **Austen T Smith** and the award of the **BAOMS Surgery Prize** to **Montey Garg**.

Both will be presented at the Awards Ceremony at the ICC in Belfast on 24 June 2026.

THE CALL FOR ABSTRACTS IS NOW OPEN



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INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION CENTRE, BELFAST
WEDNESDAY 24 - FRIDAY 26 JUNE 2026

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The 'Cosmetic Surgery Board Certification Scheme' is piloting a new application route, 'Mentored Certification' for Board Certification, to support newly appointed CCT/CCST holders (and those in NHSE practice, but new to the cosmetic sector).

The aim is to provide an opportunity for new CCT/CCST-holders (or those in NHS practice and new to the cosmetic sector) to register with the Scheme, develop their private practice and acquire their numbers within a supported, mentored environment, with a view to fully certifying and joining our public register of Board-Certified surgeons.

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FUTURE MEETING PLANS



BAOMS ASM 2026

24-26 June

ICC BELFAST
IRELAND

Hosted by:
Patrick Magennis
64th President

BAOMS ASM 2027

23-25 June

ICC EDINBURGH
SCOTLAND

Hosted by:
Bhavin Visavadia
65th President

BAOMS ASM 2028

21-23 June

LOCATION / VENUE
TO BE ANNOUNCED

Hosted by:
Robert Banks
66th President

AAOMS 2026

28 Sept-03 Oct

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ANZAOMS 2026

12-14 September

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EACMFS 2026

15-18 September

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GREECE

VACANCIES FOR OMFS SAC LIAISON MEMBERS (OPEN TO BAOMS FELLOWS)

Application Deadline 5 January 2026.

The SAC in OMFS Surgery is actively looking for 5 new SAC Liaison Members as some posts are reaching the end of their term.

Please send applications or any queries to Georgina Tan on:
gtan@jcst.org

Current SAC members on the benefits of membership:

"The externality provided by liaison members is appreciated and networking is a great benefit."

"Being at the forefront of change in surgical education and training."

"Most importantly, it is a great opportunity to learn from my colleagues in other deaneries as to how they are improving their training programme and implementing surgical curriculum."

"I feel that I am playing a positive role in the development of future surgeons."

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How to apply
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Happy Christmas
from BAOMS Council



*Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Team BAOMS,
Sarah, Danni, Fab, Andrew and Saul*