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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Just coming off a demanding on-call week - I am reminded once again of the extraordinary commitment required of those who choose a career in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. It can be exhausting, yes – but it remains a privilege to serve patients who entrust us with their faces and jaws, the very centre of their identity.

To restore form and function where it has been lost or taken away by trauma, disease, or congenital difference is an immense responsibility. We do so with the compassion and precision that defines what it means to be an OMFS surgeon. Our work matters deeply, and I am proud to serve as President of BAOMS.

It is heartening to know that our value is increasingly recognised at the highest levels. I was pleased to receive a letter from Stephen Kinnock, the Minister of State (Department of Health and Social Care) in which he acknowledged the vital role OMFS surgeons play in delivering specialist NHS care. He also expressed a strong desire to work with myself and the Association in the months and years ahead. This kind of engagement is both welcome and necessary as we continue to advocate for the future of our specialty.

We are at a moment of both challenge and opportunity. There is momentum for change, and I believe we are beginning to turn the tide in how OMFS is perceived, structured, and supported.

### Collaboration for Change: Reshaping Surgical Training

A key milestone has been a productive joint meeting with senior figures in UK surgical training. We met with the Chair of the JCST, the Lead Dean for Surgery, and the Chair of the Confederation of Postgraduate Schools of Surgery (CoPSS). At the heart of our discussions was a clear goal: to build a viable, attractive, and future-proof training pathway for OMFS – one that acknowledges the demands of dual qualification while reducing unnecessary delays and inefficiencies.

I am pleased to report that there was strong support for developing a run-through training pathway, which would integrate the second clinical degree into the formal training structure—not merely tolerated, but actively supported. We are now working closely with stakeholders to build on this momentum and shape the practical next steps. I am hopeful that real, lasting reform is within reach.

We are also aware of significant geographical variation in recruitment and consultant vacancies across the country. In response, we have engaged with Deans of Dental Schools in both the North and West of the UK, who have responded positively to supporting a shortened BDS programme for OMFS trainees – pending funding arrangements.



RESHAPING SURGICAL TRAINING

Looking ahead, we will need to identify medical schools willing to support a similar pathway for our dentist-first trainees.

### Working Together

We continue to benefit from strong relationships with key leaders across the surgical and dental landscape. The President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England has been a consistent supporter of our specialty and has generously offered the College's resources in times of challenge. We are also fortunate to have a close and constructive relationship with the Chief Dental Officer.

In January, I was invited to the Chief Dental Officer's Scientific Conference, which focused on the role of evidence and research in driving high-quality, patient-centred care. It was a timely reminder of how closely aligned our goals are with those of our dental colleagues, who continue to recognise and value the role OMFS plays in supporting their services and patients. Both the President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England and Chief Dental Officer have expressed strong support for our efforts to ensure safe, effective, and sustainable care across the NHS.

### Strengthening Anglo-French Ties

Following a meeting with the President of the French Association (SFSCMFCO) at EACMFS 2024, I was delighted to invite him to take part in our upcoming 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, which will explore the theme of Global Practice. In a generous reciprocal gesture, we were warmly welcomed to participate in the French Congress (SFSCMFCO), marking the first-ever British Symposium at their national event.

This invitation was extended in the spirit of building stronger ties between our two associations. As Professor André Chaine remarked, since the signing of the Entente Cordiale in 1804, there has never been a better moment for meaningful collaboration between our surgical communities. This historic milestone set the tone for a shared commitment to advancing clinical excellence through cross-border exchange.

Our British Symposium was delivered on the theme of War in Surgery, with contributions from myself, two past Presidents – Daljit Dhariwal and Sat Parmar – and our President Designate, Bhavin Visavadia. It was an honour to represent BAOMS in Paris and to engage in thoughtful discussions with our French colleagues. We look forward to welcoming them

to London in June, where we will reciprocate their warm hospitality and continue building this valued relationship.

### Strengthening Ties with BAOS

This year, I had the honour of attending the British Association of Oral Surgeons (BAOS) 2025 Scientific Conference – marking the first time a BAOMS President has participated in their annual event. My attendance follows the efforts of Past President Daljit Dhariwal, who initiated links with Dr Rhian Jones, the current President of BAOS, in 2024.

This engagement reflects a recognition of the overlap in our scopes of practice. While our training pathways differ, we work side by side in delivering care in shared areas, and our two specialties have much to gain from closer collaboration.

We look forward to welcoming Dr Jones to our 2025 Annual Scientific Meeting, continuing this positive momentum and exploring further opportunities for mutual learning and shared advocacy. Strengthening this relationship honours the long-standing connection between BAOMS and BAOS, and supports our shared aim of delivering the highest standards of care for patients across the UK.

### Global Engagement: BAOMS at ICOMS 2025

We are proud to continue strengthening our international presence through active engagement with the International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS). I'm delighted to share that BAOMS will be delivering two dedicated symposia at the upcoming International Congress of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (ICOMS) 2025 in Singapore.

Many of our members will participate at ICOMS – both as invited speakers and through free paper presentations – reflecting the breadth and depth of expertise within the UK OMFS community. It's a privilege to share our knowledge and contribute to global discussions in our specialty.

In a spirit of reciprocity, we look forward to welcoming Professor Sanjiv Nair, President of IAOMS, to our Annual Scientific Meeting at the Guildhall in London, where he will deliver a symposium as part of our international exchange. These collaborations reinforce our commitment to global learning, partnership, and the continued advancement of oral and maxillofacial surgery worldwide.



STRENGTHENING  
ANGLO-FRENCH TIES



STRENGTHENING TIES WITH BAOS

### Annual Scientific Meeting 2025 – Our Strength, Our Future

I am delighted to invite you to the BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting 2025, which will take place from 18–20 June in the historic Guildhall in the City of London. The theme is *Global Practice*.

The pre-conference programme features two exceptional courses:

- **A Difficult Airway Course** at King's College Hospital, led by Atheer Ujam and Bran Retnasingham
- **A Wet Lab Course** on Concomitant Total TMJ Joint Replacement and Orthognathic Surgery at Guy's Hospital, KCL London Bridge, led by Nad Saeed

The main conference begins on Wednesday 18 June and will feature 21 symposia spanning the full breadth of our specialty. We are honoured to host four guest symposia from: IAOMS, EACMFS, the Canadian and the French Associations.

A dedicated Nurses' Educational Day, led by Syedda 'Fee' Abbas and Salim Miskry, highlights our commitment to multi-disciplinary education. We warmly welcome OMFS nurses to become an integral part of the BAOMS community.

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Symposia topics will span the breadth of oral and maxillofacial surgery, including orthognathic surgery; obstructive sleep apnoea; craniofacial and cleft surgery; facial reanimation; oral medicine updates; benign jaw lesions; MRONJ; head and neck and skin cancer; surgical and non-surgical aesthetics; lasers; implants; and facial trauma. A comprehensive TMJ programme will be chaired by Andrew Sidebottom and Shaun Matthews. Additional sessions will cover research, emerging technologies, ventures beyond the NHS, the SAS Associate Fellow Symposium (chaired by Rafia Lahooti & Sunil Shroff), and the Humanitarian

Symposium (chaired by Leo Cheng & Sunil Shah).

We are privileged to welcome Professor Mahmoud Buta, Professor of Sustainable Healthcare, to deliver the Presidential Lecture, and Dr Gary Parker, Chief Medical Officer Emeritus of the Mercy Ship, who will present the Norman Rowe Lecture on "Rebuilding Faces and the Impact of OMFS in Global Surgery."

We will gather for a Welcome Evening at the Guildhall Art Gallery on Wednesday 18 June, with our Gala Conference Dinner taking place on Thursday 19 June.

### Our Strength, Our Future

As we come together to celebrate the science, skill, and spirit of oral and maxillofacial surgery, let us remember that it is our unity, collaboration, and shared purpose that define our strength – and shape our future. I look forward to seeing many of you in June.

# ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 18-20 JUNE 2025 THE GUILDHALL, CITY OF LONDON



### Online registration is now open

There are special rates for BAOMS members who are Fellows in Training, Junior Trainees (OMFS DCTs, Foundation Trainees etc), BAOMS Students and Student Associates, IMPT members and OMFS Nurses.

### Social events

- **Wednesday 18 June 2025 – Welcome Reception:** 1900 – 2000 at the Guildhall Art Gallery. Drinks and canapes. This is a ticketed event please book via online registration.
- **Thursday 19 June 2025 – Annual Black-Tie Dinner** in the Great Hall, Guildhall: 1915 for 1930 to include pre-dinner drink, three course meal with wine/drinks and disco. This is a ticketed event please book via online registration.

### Medical Exhibition

The medical exhibition will run alongside the scientific programme. All refreshment 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.

### BAOMS 2025 Events Team

Event/programme queries: [conference@baoms.org.uk](mailto:conference@baoms.org.uk) Registration queries: [jai@medxevents.com](mailto:jai@medxevents.com)

Please click here for the **Member registration form**

BAOMS members have been emailed with the password and it is also available on the members' area.

**Non-Member registration form**, please click here

Please register as soon as possible. Special reduced rates and discounts for BAOMS members.



**DAVID J W KEITH**  
CHAIR, BAOMS COUNCIL

## CHAIR'S UPDATE

Since commencing as Chair of Council, we have tried to build on the excellent work of my predecessor, Professor Peter Brennan. The 'we' includes the Council, and trustees, as the chair is just one of a larger team, that are essentially unpaid volunteers using their spare time, for the good of the Specialty. Without such dedication of my fellow consultants, and trainees we could not change things for the better for us all.

We are well aware of the current problems in our specialty with empty consultant posts and unfilled training posts. At the Council meeting at the end of 2024, we all agreed to work on improving access to Specialty training posts at ST1, streamlining and shortening training, and improve funding for the second degree. This has to be one of the main priorities of my time as Chair of Council.

We tend to think we just do not have enough trainees doing a second degree, but at the recent recruitment round to Specialty Training (ST) we had more

applicants for ST1 posts than we had posts. We had been aware of the lack of ST1 posts, but have been powerless to resolve the problem. This came to a head at the recent recruitment round when we had 14 more appointable trainees to ST1 posts than we had posts to offer. We are now making progress resolving this problem, and accommodating our trainees into posts. This has been down to the work of our SAC Chair and the JCST, with the Lead Dean in Surgery. However, there are many potholes in this road that can upset the cart. So it will be a continual progress.

Our President continues to make our case to the government for funding of the second degree and the JCST has recognised the benefit of integrating the second degree as part of the training pathway in our Specialty. The next months we will be working on how we can bring that into being.

We would encourage our fellow consultants reading this to continue to make every effort to engage with your

local medical and dental schools to encourage students into our speciality. In addition, if not doing already, to approach your local Foundation Programme Director, to ask if you can have a Foundation Doctor. As one day, we may be able to have a run through training pathway which integrates Foundation. Please get in touch if we can be of any help with this.

To encourage doctors and dentists into our specialty, our workplaces have to be enjoyable and safe places to work. We spend about a third of our lives at our work and we all have a right to be treated fairly and with respect. The Royal College of Surgeons of England published their 'Code of Conduct' in July 2024, and have recently published the 'Sexual Misconduct, Sexual Harassment and Bullying Prevention and Action Policy' in April 2025. I would suggest we all to take the time **to read these (click here)** and challenge any such behaviour in your workplace and not be complacent thinking that it could not or does not happen where we are.

## QOMS UPDATE APRIL 2025

### QUALITY OUTCOME MEASURES IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY



Thirty-one hospitals across England, Wales and Scotland are contributing to or in set-up to contribute to one or more QOMS registries. We have now captured more than 15,000 episodes of care across the whole project.

David Tighe (East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust) has taken over the role of Clinical Lead for QOMS and appointed a new Deputy Lead for engagement, Ms Elizabeth Yeung (Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust) and for Data Quality, Mr Sam Kent (NHS Fife).

Preparations are in progress for the 2nd QOMS report, which will be available later this year.

QOMS will have session at this year's Annual Scientific Meeting on **Friday June 20th 0900 to 0925**, we are looking forward to seeing you there. For more details, the Team has recently released a **QOMS Newsletter (March 2025)**.

If you are interested or would like discuss, please contact Fabien Puglia **[baomsprojectmanager@baoms.org.uk](mailto:baomsprojectmanager@baoms.org.uk)**



**DOWN SURGICAL AND BAOMS SURGERY PRIZES 2025**

The process for applying for the senior BAOMS awards is a supported application process. **Full details are available via the online application forms.**

The deadline for applications for both prizes is **12 noon BST on Monday 1 September 2025.**

Applications are considered by the Endowment Sub Committee and recommendations are made to and for Council's approval usually at the September / October meetings.

Previous recipients of the awards over the last few years:

**Down Surgical Prize**

2024	S Rogers
2023	Jointly awarded to C Newlands and R Bentley
2022	P A Brennan
2021	Jointly awarded to C Kerawala and S Parmar
2020	P Magennis
2019	J S Brown
2018	MS Dover
2017	Jointly awarded to M Fardy and P Johnson
2016	MT Simpson
2015	V Ilankovan
2014	RTM Woodward
2013	J Shepherd
2012	A Sugar
2011	IC Martin

**BAOMS Surgery Prize**

2024	R Singh
2023	A Schache
2022	B Bisase
2021	M Ho
2020	K Shakib
2019	Jointly awarded to F Bekiroglu and N McLeod
2018	RJ Banks
2017	R Anand
2016	K Fan
2015	B Visavadia
2014	R Shaw
2013	J McCaul
2012	S Parmar
2011	C Newlands

**BAOMS 2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) AND AWARDS CEREMONY FOR THE 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 The Great Hall at the Guildhall, London on Wednesday 18 June 2025 from 12 noon to 1300. The Awards Ceremony is planned to take place from 1130 ahead of the AGM. Please note that both are usually held onsite only with no option to join online.

There will be online **BAOMS membership Group** meetings taking place for Consultant Specialists Group, Fellows in Training and Associate Fellows approximately one week before the AGM. Your member group representatives will advise you about agenda, meeting date/time and MS Teams/ online link to join.

**Online registration** for the onsite BAOMS Meeting is now open.

Please email the [conference@baoms.org.uk](mailto:conference@baoms.org.uk) if a password reminder for the registration form is needed but please ensure your BAOMS membership status / category is up to date and we have the correct email address for you.

**OMFS Regional Specialty Professional Advisors (RSPAs) as of April 2025**

RSPAs are your RCS regional specialty representatives. 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.

East Midlands	Anwer Abdullakutty
East of England	Vyomesh Bhatt
London (North East)	VACANT
London (North West)	Abdul Ahmed
London (South)	VACANT
North East	Incoming rep awaiting ratification
North West	Incoming rep awaiting ratification
South Central	Incoming rep awaiting ratification
South East Coast	Andrew Hobkirk
South West	John Collin
West Midlands	Nicholas Pigadas
Yorkshire	Tas Kanatas
Wales	Satyajeet Bhatia
Northern Ireland	John Hanratty

**BAOMS Representatives**

Republic of Ireland	Conor Barry
Scotland	Victoria Cook

**BAOMS SUB SPECIALTY INTEREST GROUPS (SSIGs) APRIL 2025**

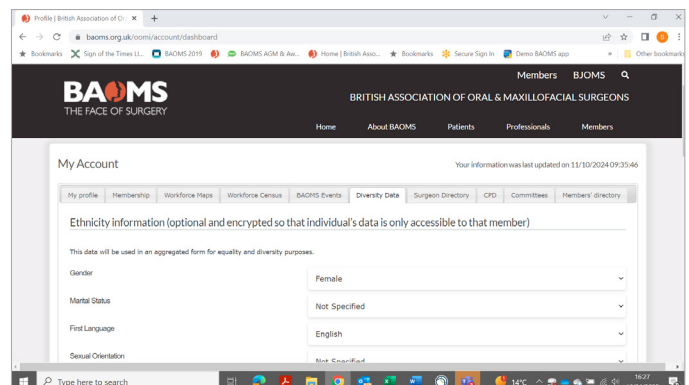
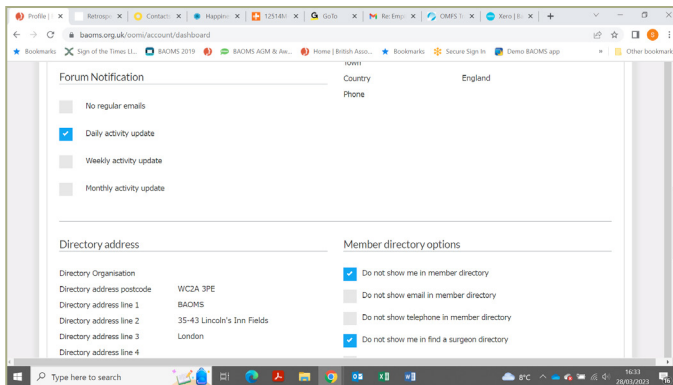
All leads provide an annual report on activities, which is presented at Council. Short updates of activity will also be presented at the Consultants and Specialists' Group meeting. Sign up for updates to your SSIGs and news of related events via the members' area and join in the members' discussion forums.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

SSIG	Lead	Deputy
Aesthetic	Tim Blackburn	Felix Karst
Cleft	Ambika Chadha	vacant
Craniofacial	vacant	vacant
Deformity	vacant	vacant
Oral/Dentoalveolar	vacant	vacant
Oncology	Brian Bisase	vacant
Paediatric	Athanasios (Thanasis) Kalantzis	Cristina Frezzini
Reconstruction	Panos Kyzas	Tarique Hamid
Salivary	vacant	vacant
Skin	Elizabeth Gruber	Ashwin Kerai
TMJ	Joint leads: Ghaly Adly Ghaly & Athanasios (Thanasis) Kalantzis	Sherif Bayoumi
Trauma	Niall McLeod	David Laraway

**YOUR MEMBERSHIP PROFILE AND DIVERSITY DATA**

You can manage your membership profile and forum email notifications via the members' area (please see screen shot of members profile tab: below left). **Login to your membership account here** to manage your preferences.

Please consider updating your Diversity Data which will be used in an aggregated (anonymised) form for equality and diversity purposes. (below right).

**BAOMS COUNCIL 2025**

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. Please see the website to meet the **Council Members for 2025**.

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 on 20 June 2025 where Professor Kathy Fan will hand over the Presidency to Mr Patrick Magennis.

**ELECTION OF 66TH BAOMS PRESIDENT**

Following an election process, **Mr Robert J Banks has been elected the 66th BAOMS President** (July 2027 to June 2028) and many thanks to all those who took part in the process.

**FORTHCOMING MEETING PLANS**

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BAOMS ASM 2025	BAOMS ASM 2026	BAOMS ASM 2027	ICOMS 2025	AAOMS 2025	ANZAOMS 2025
18-20 June <b>THE GUILDHALL LONDON</b> Hosted by: Kathleen Fan 63rd President	24-26 June <b>ICC BELFAST</b> Hosted by: Patrick Magennis 64th President	23-25 June <b>EICC EDINBURGH</b> Hosted by: Bhavin Visavadia 65th President	May 22-25 <b>MARINA BAY SANDS SINGAPORE</b> Main venue: Sands Expo & Convention Centre	15-20 September <b>WASHINGTON DC USA</b>	13-14 November <b>ADELAIDE SA AUSTRALIA</b>

**OTHER NEWS**

### RCS Edinburgh Future Leaders Programme - 4th Cohort RCS Ed 2025 – 2026

BAOMS are delighted 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 equips them with the advanced leadership skills needed to excel.

The programme has 4 modules of 2 days live learning each: 4 days virtual, 2 face to

face in Birmingham and 2 face to face in Edinburgh.

Applicants should complete the application form and return it to by email along with a copy of their CV to Paul Rafferty. **Please do not send it to the BAOMS office.** The applications are then anonymised for shortlisting.

Paul Rafferty from the RCSEd Courses & Educational Events team, Professional Activities, Education Department, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DW

The **2025/26 FLP Programme** can be found here, and the 2025 programme timelines are as follows:

#### March 1

Open for applications

#### May 30

Applications in and processed by RCS Edin

#### June 30

Email participants and invoice August/ September: Pre-course preparation – 8 hours. Small group virtual meeting with each participant.

#### October 6 & 7

Module 1: Personal leadership- on line

#### December

Zoom Action Learning Set. Agree on leadership PDP and project plan

# ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING

## 18-20 JUNE 2025

**THE GUILDHALL, CITY OF LONDON**

**ONLINE REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN**

