**Nomination by Mersey Trainees for BAOMS Trainer of the Year 2018:
Patrick Magennis (PM)**

From PM’s first period on BAOMS Council in 2003 when PM persuaded the Association to allow second degree trainees to attend the conference without charge by offering to pay for them all from PM’s own pockets, to 2017 when all BAOMS members were offered joint membership of the Association of Surgeon in Training, PM has had a focus and drive to support trainees that is unequalled.

**Leadership –** PM has shown focus and vision in training leadership. Working for two elected terms on OMFS SAC, and 3 years as Vice Chair, PM devised and implemented the BAOMS Junior Trainee Programme (JTP) a formal layer of OMFS supervision running parallel to a trainee’s existing post or second-degree studies. At present there are 70 trainees in the JTP. All JTPs who have applied for ST posts have been successful. PM is Training Programme Director of the JTP.

**Resourcefulness –** PM started the BAOMS ‘Trainer of the Year’ award at a time when OMFS trainers were feeling somewhat undervalued. PM co-ordinated the first 5 rounds but has now passed on this responsibility.
In a very short time period, at the request of the RCS Edinburgh, PM developed the original OMFS iteration of the eLogbook (2009) and then raised the funds to undertake a major redevelopment in 2015.
In 2016 and 2017, through the UEMS OMFS Section, PM has run two pilot ‘in-training assessments’ for OMFS trainees. Over 800 trainees around the world have undertaken these formative online exams.
With PM’s colleague B in 2016, PM has also written the pre-ARCP, pre-CCT self-assessment checklists for trainees and their AESs which have been adopted nationally by JCST.

**Training and Development -** PM is a Fellow of both the Faculty of Surgical Trainers and Faculty of Dental Trainers. PM supports OMFS trainees with medicine and dentistry first degrees with the annual Second-Degree Workshop every September since 2005, just over 20% of current STs in OMFS have passed through this workshop. After completing a PG Cert in Clinical Training with Distinction in 2014, PM promoted academic quality in OMFS TPDs by having BAOMS support their membership of the National Association of Clinical Tutors (NACT). PM attends almost every Junior Trainees Conference to teach or just do a Q&A session.

**Professionalism –** PM’s professionalism is second to none. PM is always happy to wait after clinic, supervise closely or at a discrete distance (which is sometimes better for the trainees but more stressful for the trainer). PM has an open door and a phone anytime with anything policy which is a big support/safety net for both at ST and DCT trainees. PM always invites trainees to PM’s home before the FRCS (OMFS) for a combination of exam preparation and counselling, usually with lots of food. Trainees coming from distance often stay in PM’s guest room. Nothing is too much trouble. PM’s Sunday trauma list Costco buffet lunches are legendary
In 2015 PM co-wrote ‘Supporting Educators’ which, for the first time, outlined a clear strategy to managing issues with trainers rather than the ‘suspend first ask questions later’ approach. This is now on GMC website.

**Communication – PM** has developed a number of channels of communication with OMFS trainees including the ‘Register your interest in OMFS’ link from the BAOMS website. Those who register received a package of useful information and regular updates. It was through this channel that PM has twice prevented OMFS CT applicants being erroneously longlisted out of national recruitment processes. Communicating with PM’s own trainees PM is accessible, friendly and frank. Validating eLogbook or ISCP is almost instant, and often time-stamped at a ridiculous hour.
PM regularly publishes and presents on training related issues and had won the BAOMS President’s prize twice (of a total of 3 times) for research on this theme.

**In conclusion -** the Mersey trainees whole-heartedly support PM for the BAOMS Trainer of the Year and hope that the TPDs will also rank PM highly (PM puts almost as much work into supporting trainers as supporting trainees) so PM could be the first to win both of these prestigious awards.