



BSGAR Annual General Meeting
At 1700hrs on Thursday 6th February 2020,
at the Assembly Rooms, Bath

The President, **Dr Andrew Lowe**, welcomed members to the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence.** Dr Julian Elford, the outgoing Treasurer, had sent his apologies which were accepted.
2. **Minutes of last Annual General Meeting Thursday 7th February 2019 at the Liverpool Exhibition Centre, Liverpool.** The minutes of the meeting held in Liverpool on 7th February 2019 were accepted as a true record. The draft minutes had been circulated to all members in advance of the meeting via the members' forum on the BSGAR website. The approved minutes are available on the BSGAR website Society section <http://www.bsgar.org/society/agm-minutes>.

BSGAR Committee. The committee for 2019/20 was: -

- President – Dr Andy Lowe
- President Elect – Prof Stuart Taylor
- Secretary – Dr Raneem Albazaz
- Treasurer – Dr Julian Elford
- Liaison Officer – Dr Emma Helbren
- Standards Officer – Dr Cindy Chew
- Education Officer – Dr Jamie Franklin
- Research Officer – Dr Andrew Plumb
- Audit Officer – Dr James Stephenson
- Junior Rep – Dr Katy Hickman

3. **Secretary's Report.** The Secretary, Dr Raneem Albazaz presented her report as follows:

Membership. The membership is in a strong position. There are currently 468 BSGAR members in good standing; 7 honorary, 221 full, 47 junior, 3 associate members and 190 Overseas members. There were 250 new members in the period 1st February 2019- 31st January 2020, of this 250; 30 are Full Members, 29 Junior Members, 1 Associate Member and 190 Overseas members. Overseas membership is a new category this year and a summary of registrations will be provided by the Liaison Officer.

The Secretary urged members to update their membership accounts when any relevant details change and to renew when prompted. Updating membership account details can be done either online or by contacting the BSGAR Administrator.

Committee Update. The Secretary provided a Committee personnel update since the last AGM:

President. Prof Stuart Taylor will start his two-year Presidency at the end of the meeting. Dr Albazaz thanked the outgoing President, Dr Andy Lowe for all his hard work, new initiatives and enthusiasm during his time as BSGAR President.

Treasurer. Dr Chris Clarke will start his two-year term as Treasurer at the end of the meeting but has already conducted an extended handover with Dr Elford.

Education Officer. Dr Jamie Franklin will start his 2nd term as Education Officer at the end of the meeting.

Standards Officer. Dr Cindy Chew will start her 2nd term as Standards Officer at the end of the meeting.

Junior Representative. Dr Katharine Hickman will start her 2nd (1 year) term as Junior Rep at the end of the meeting.

Research Officer. Dr Andrew Plumb will complete his term as Research officer in July 2020. The Secretary will circulate a forum post in February/March to seek expressions of interest in this role.

3.1 Constitutional Changes. The Secretary presented a proposal for two small changes to the constitution. Both proposals had been distributed to the membership 2 weeks prior to the AGM.

The first proposal was an amendment to the qualification for full BSGAR membership. This proposal is being considered due to a request from a gastroenterologist with a specific interest in EUS to join the Society. **The membership supported the principle**, however, Dr Giles Maskell highlighted that the proposed wording needed to be modified so it would not be misinterpreted.

Post meeting note. Dr Albazaz referred to official documentation, re-worded the proposal and circulated to the Committee who agreed that the new wording would be as highlighted:

“3.1.1 Full membership will be open to all consultant radiologists, non-consultant career grade radiologists and other consultants in allied specialities practicing in the United Kingdom who have a professed interest and practice in any aspect of abdominal or GI radiology.”

The second proposal was an amendment to the honorary membership with a proposed added clause as highlighted: *“3.4.5 Honorary members will not be required to pay the registration fee to attend the BSGAR annual meeting.”* The update was being proposed with the aspiration that Honorary members will attend the annual meetings as much as possible, potentially become more involved in the Scientific Session and in turn inspire the younger generation. **The proposed change was accepted by the majority.**

ACCEA. The Secretary outlined that the ACCEA timeframe had been delayed and that all relevant dates for submission were on the BSGAR website. Active BSGAR members who wish to be considered for a citation must submit their application by 6th March 2020. **Post meeting note: Since the AGM, ACCEA dates have been delayed again. Please see BSGAR website for revised submission dates when published.**

4. Treasurer's Report. The Treasurer, Dr Julian Elford had prepared the Treasurer's report which was presented by Dr Chris Clarke as follows:

Income and Expenditure. Dr Chris Clarke summarised the income and expenditure accounts for the year from 1st January 2019 to 31st December 2019 showing a total income of c £28K and expenditure of c £13K. Dr Chris Clarke noted that some payments for Education Bursaries, (which had been accounted for on the displayed slide), were still pending. The 2019 surplus of c £15k was in keeping with the previous year.

BSGAR-BSUR 2019. Dr Chris Clarke summarised some financial aspects from the joint 2019 meeting as costs on production had been high and lessons on controlling costs had been learnt, nevertheless, a small profit had been made.

Thank you from Dr Elford. Dr Chris Clarke read out a statement from Dr Elford which thanked the Presidents, Committee members and Administrator who had served during his tenure. He expressed how he had enjoyed his time as Treasurer and wished the Society and his successor well.

Query from the Floor with reference to Overseas Members. Dr Steve Lee enquired about overseas membership fees and what benefits there were to overseas members. Dr Emma Helbren explained that for low- and middle-income countries (determined by OECD) membership fees were £2 and for high-income countries (e.g. Australia, NZ) membership fees were £25. Overseas members do not have voting rights or access to the membership forum but do have access to the online educational resources. An enquiry was made about whether there could be potential for an overseas member/international type bursary. Dr Lowe referred this to the new President and Committee for their later consideration.

ACTION: Prof Taylor, Committee

5. Education Officer's Report. The Education Officer, Dr Jamie Franklin presented his report as follows:

Educational events/outputs. The educational events/outputs over the year were outlined, including: RCR ASM workshops, BSGAR Acute Abdominal Imaging workshops prior to BSGAR2020, and the Scientific Session at BSGAR 2020. Dr Jamie Franklin thanked the workshop faculties, particularly those not on the BSGAR committee. Feedback received from the workshops delivered prior to the meeting was very good. He explained that the Scientific Session continues to develop and there will now be three prizes available; best interesting case, best oral presentation and best educational exhibit. He also explained that there will be some potential changes to future submissions, with the aspiration of increasing submissions. Details will be publicised via the website.

BSGAR/RCR Travelling Professorship. Dr Franklin outlined that a joint appointment of the BSGAR/RCR Travelling Professorship had been made since the last AGM to Dr Tony Higginson and Dr Nigel Grunshaw. A successful first visit to Sheffield had been made with several further visits planned across the UK in 2020 and an anticipated involvement in BSGAR 2021. The second BSGAR/RCR travelling professorship is anticipated to be open for application in a year's time and details will be published on the BSGAR website.

BSGAR CPD Video Library. Dr Franklin explained that BSGAR is developing a CPD video library on the BSGAR website. This entails re-organising the existing video library to make it easier to navigate and provide the facility to award CPD points for viewing content. It is anticipated that testing will soon be complete, and the library will be launched to members in Spring 2020.

6. Standards and Liaison Officer's Report. The Standards Officer, Dr Cindy Chew summarised her report. BSGAR's input into Standards and Guideline development have included; NICE Guidelines, NCEPOD, BSGAR/BCSP, NHS Evidence Based Interventions Program and IBD UK. Feedback had been provided for NICE/CRC guidelines, NICE OG Cancer Timed Pathway, CRUK/Clinical Expert Group Colorectal cancer review, Diverticular disease and Percutaneous insertion of cystic duct stent. Dr Cindy Chew thanked the membership for their input. A number of projects are in progress; NICE Guidelines, RCR/BSGAR/NELA QI, BSGAR/BSUR study and RCR/RCS/BSGAR/PCUK standardised report.

The Liaison Officer, Dr Emma Helbren summarised her report. She displayed a breakdown of the overseas membership by country (84% Myanmar, 8% India, 6% South Africa, 1% Egypt, 1% Namibia) and highlighted the positive expansion of the society. She outlined that two BSGAR members are delivering a BSGAR masterclass at ISGAR in the summer and that x20 BSGAR members took the opportunity to join BASL last Spring. For the year ahead, there is an aspiration to develop links with the Association of Coloproctology. Dr Helbren highlighted the BSGAR twitter handle and encouraged the membership to engage.

7. Audit Officer and Research Officer's Report. The Audit Officer, Dr James Stephenson and Research Officer, Dr Andrew Plumb stated that they would present their reports the following day as part of the formal scientific programme. This session would be recorded and uploaded to the BSGAR website for members to view.

8. Junior Rep Report. The Junior Rep, Dr Katy Hickman summarised the success of the 5th BSGAR Trainee Study Day delivered in Birmingham. X61 delegates attended and a profit of £1376.51 was made which will be re-invested into trainees. The reinvestment proposal entails reducing the fees for trainees registering for the annual main meeting with a focus on encouraging greater attendance by trainees particularly for the full two days of the meeting. The President emphasised that this initiative would be cost neutral to the Society.

9. President's Report. The President, Dr Andy Lowe, thanked Nikki Lee and Liz Jones for their respective work and Dr Huw Roach in his role as Meeting President. He thanked Prof Laasch and the IR faculty for their work on the inaugural parallel interventional session and all the faculty who delivered the acute abdomen workshop. He thanked the Committee for their contributions during the year, especially Dr Elford who had been Treasurer for four years and he welcomed the new Treasurer, Dr Chris Clarke.

Scientific Session Prizes. Dr Andy Lowe summarised that there would be three prizes at the Scientific Session this year: The Derrick Martin prize for the best Interesting Case; The Clive Bartram prize for the best Oral Presentation and the best Educational Exhibit Prize for the best Educational Exhibit poster. This is the first year that there has been a prize specifically for the Best Oral Presentation and

the Society is honoured that Prof Clive Bartram, one of the founders of BSGAR, has given permission for this prize to be named after him.

Committee Achievements. Dr Andy Lowe summarised the Committee's achievements and reflected that the general objectives of increasing inclusivity to the Society (to trainees, to overseas members and other SIGs; joint meeting) and increasing scientific and educational content to the society had been achieved; he expressed his thanks to the Committee and handed over his Presidency formally to Prof Stuart Taylor.

10. BSGAR 2021 Annual Meeting, Nottingham. Prof Stuart Taylor introduced Dr Chris Clarke as the Meeting President for BSGAR 2021 who subsequently briefed the membership on Nottingham and the respective meeting venues.

BSGAR 2022 Ideas/Suggestions/Meeting President. Prof Taylor outlined how much the annual meetings had developed and grown and that whilst needing to retain enough money to support a failed meeting the society was in a healthy financial situation. He urged the membership to forward ideas for developing the Society further. He is keen to promote future paperless meeting in support of the environment including the opportunity to provide online evaluation/feedback.

He displayed a map of the UK marked with the locations of the last 10 BSGAR meetings. A discussion ensued on suggestions for the BSGAR 2022 location ranging from the south coast (Brighton being most popular) to Glasgow. When asked, more of the membership raised their hands for a southern meeting than a northern one. It was noted that one of the reasons that Bath was well attended was due to the attraction of the City and this fact shouldn't be underestimated when considering future venues. It was noted that Cambridge is an attractive location but there are no affordable venues large enough in term time. Dr Ashley Guthrie noted (that when President) the south coast was discounted mainly due to transport links and limited venues in the centre of a City. It was noted that transport links are important, and that Newcastle, Reading and York have these.

Prof Taylor urged the members to include ideas for the next programme on their evaluation forms. Dr Dominic Blunt suggested that a forum post is circulated after the meeting to seek further programme ideas once the membership has reflected on BSGAR 2020. The BSGAR Administrator agreed to do this.

ACTION: BSGAR Administrator

Prof Steve Halligan enquired about whether there would be another joint meeting. Dr Plumb explained that this had been popular with the delegates and feedback indicated that every 5 years would be the most popular option.

11. Other business. There was no other business.