

President's Newsletter



STEPHEN DOVER, BAOMS PRESIDENT 2017

Introduction

I have worked with four BAOMS Presidents, Maurice Jones (1982), Harry Alty (1987), Peter Leopard (1997) and Mike Wake (1999). All of them were honoured to have been elected to the position, something which was brought home to me when I attended Maurice's memorial service last month. Talking with his family, friends and colleagues was a humbling experience. Back home, and looking at the President's medal, I can begin to appreciate what the position meant to them. I too am deeply honoured to have been elected and hope that this year will allow me to give something back to the specialty which has been such a significant part of my working life.

I should like to thank and congratulate Peter Brennan on his considerable efforts and achievements during his year in office. His conference was very successful and enjoyed by many of us; his handbook is proving popular and continues to raise the profile of our specialty both nationally and abroad.

As a newly appointed consultant, my practice included trauma, deformity, oncology, microvascular surgery and implantology. With the appointment of colleagues, I was able to devote more time to deformity and in particular craniofacial surgery. All of my consultant practice has been enjoyable, but it has been a particular pleasure to be able to concentrate on a so called 'niche area'. From this, came the ideas for the annual conference.

BAOMS Annual Scientific Meeting and Conference

The meeting is being held in the International Convention Centre (ICC) in Birmingham city centre from 28th - 30th June. The surrounding area has been re-developed from the post war collection of ramshackle and derelict warehouses that I remember as a dental student. The canals of the industrial revolution are now surrounded by galleries, shops, bars and restaurants which will give plenty of opportunity to enjoy the more social aspects of our conference with friends and colleagues.

The theme of the conference is '*Opportunities and Challenges*'. I hope to highlight those areas of OMFS practice that offer scope for trainees and younger consultants to develop interests and expertise alongside the established areas of oncology, deformity and trauma. It will also be a chance to look at those challenges that we face in various aspects of our practice including training, development and delivery of service and the impact of NHS reforms.

We received over 550 abstracts from which 66 have been chosen as oral presentations and 300 as posters. The latter will be available on large touch-screen monitors as e-Posters in the main Exhibition Hall. The oral presentations will be delivered in 8 sessions, 3 of which are devoted to oncology.

There are three pre-conference events with a limited number of places. A two day cadaver workshop sponsored by Stryker, has been

organised by Liviu Hanu-Cernat on 26th - 27th June at University Hospital Coventry. The course is heavily subsidised with senior faculty teaching on aesthetic facial surgery, orbital access, tm joint approaches, coronal flap, calvarial bone harvesting and management of the frontal sinus.

Straumann are sponsoring a one day '*Introduction to Oral Implantology*' workshop, in Birmingham on Monday 26th June. The course will include pre-operative assessment, surgical techniques, and a practical workshop.

A second one day implant course led by Rob Banks will be held on Tuesday 27th June, in Birmingham. It will focus on more advanced techniques including '*All on Four*' reconstructions, bone grafting and zygoma implants. There will be practical workshops to gain hands on experience of the equipment and implants.

The conference proper starts on Wednesday 28th June. The President's lecture will be delivered by Andrew Monaghan. We have known each other for over 40 years and his work on developing the vascular anomalies service in Birmingham deserves wide recognition. Issues with training are a continuing discussion point. I have asked Sat Parmar to chair a session that will address some of the concerns raised by the trainees including whether current training is fit for purpose, how to integrate training into a second degree, '*Shape of Training*', fees, salaries and research opportunities.

Speakers from America, Australia, India, Germany and Portugal along with established UK experts will present keynote lectures. Many of the invited speakers are less well known to a UK audience; they have been asked to inspire and provoke debate.

Jaime Gateno from Houston will talk on virtual planning for complex facial deformities. Andrew Heggie from Melbourne will give a keynote lecture on paediatric maxillofacial surgery and run a masterclass on rhinoplasty and zygomatic osteotomies. Lou Mercuri will present an update on tm joint arthroplasty, contribute to the cadaveric dissection course and run a masterclass with Bernie Speculand. Richard Hopper has taken over from Joe Gruss in Seattle and will present on sub-cranial distraction techniques. He will also run a short case masterclass on upper face and skull base trauma. A reconstructive session will include contributions from my colleague Tim Martin on composite free tissue transfer, Alberto Pereira from Portugal on transport distraction, Andrew Darwood on implant based restoration of the maxilla, Rob Bentley on cranial vault reconstruction and Nils Gellrich on the cost effective balance between reconstructive technology and biology.

I have asked Tim Mellor to present on aesthetic facial surgery. Alistair Smyth and Gosla Reddy from Hyderabad will give a national and international perspective to cleft surgery.

Research opportunities and posts have long been under-represented within OMFS. I have asked Richard Shaw to present on clinical research in today's NHS. Three trainees will present their research and comment on the challenges that they have faced. I hope that this session will inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

The final day of the conference is shared with our colleagues from the Institute of Maxillofacial Prosthetists and Technologists. For most of us, contemporary practice without 'the lab' would be impossible. Hitesh Koria will speak on digital applications in OMFS surgery, Alex Shramm from Ulm on customised implants and Sunny Khambay on

3D and 4D imaging. There will be an update on 'Get It Right First Time' from Maire Morton and a report on DFTs in OMFS from Shakir Mustafa.

As I write this newsletter, the tragic events on Westminster Bridge are fresh in the memory and I am reminded that our specialty grew out of the need to treat casualties from the two World Wars. The prompt response of the medical services undoubtedly improved the outcome for many of those who were so seriously injured. I am therefore delighted that Professor Sir Keith Porter has agreed to give the Norman Rowe lecture on the Friday of the conference. Sir Keith is the UK's only Professor of Clinical Traumatology. He was a key individual in overseeing the management of the acutely injured military personnel transferred back to Birmingham from the conflict in Afghanistan. Lessons were learned which have influenced current trauma practice. He will expand on this in his lecture, entitled 'Bastion, Birmingham and Beyond'. I do hope that as many of you as possible will be able to attend what is likely to be a very significant presentation.

The social programme is an important part of any conference. It begins on the Wednesday evening with the President's reception in the ICC. Entertainment will be in the form of a Caribbean Steel Band. The annual black tie dinner will be in the Birmingham Town Hall on Thursday 29th June. This is a Grade I listed concert hall that stands in the city centre; it is walking distance from the ICC. There are plenty of bars, pubs, clubs and restaurants in the local area for colleagues looking for less structured evenings. For those with young families we have arranged a crèche facility at the ICC which will run subject to demand. Details will be available as the programme and registration are launched.

There are 7 masterclasses, primarily aimed at those coming up to the FRCS (OMFS) exam. Topics include facial trauma, skin oncology, paediatric surgery, 3D printing/reconstructive technology, zygomatic osteotomies and rhinoplasty, TMJ surgery and facial deformity.

Post CCT Fellowships

Having spent a year in craniofacial and cleft fellowships, I gained experience that was not otherwise available during my senior registrar years. I am acutely aware of how little time there now is in five years of specialty training to acquire those skills needed to practice in some of the more complex areas of our specialty. With this in mind, I have spent the last year or so, working with our Chairman and Council, to develop post CCT fellowships. I am delighted to announce that Council ratified the first of these on 23rd March. The fellowships will be credentialed through the RCS England fellowship scheme and quality managed by the SAC.

The intention of this initiative is to promote and develop bona fide training (rather than service) posts, but not to the detriment of existing trainees.

Senior trainees or newly appointed consultants will have the opportunity to apply for fellowships in areas of interest. Training units can apply to provide up to a year of training in an area that

is not already covered by existing fellowships such as the Training Interface Groups. Skills developed in a fellowship should ultimately benefit patients and employers. Potential examples include (but are not limited to) tm joint surgery including arthroplasty, vascular malformation management and complex orbital reconstructive surgery. BAOMS plans to run a matching scheme between trainees and training units. Details of the Post CCT Fellowship process are available in the newsletter. I hope it will allow others to gain as I did from my fellowships.

Taking on positions within the SAC and BAOMS inevitably takes up time. I would like to formally acknowledge the support of my consultant colleagues and trainees in Birmingham. They have been unwaveringly supportive of my commitments and I am very grateful to them.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming you to Birmingham in June and hope that together we can make the annual conference a considerable success.

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Chair's Update

PATRICK MAGENNIS. Chair, BAOMS Council



It is a great honour and responsibility to take up my role as BAOMS Chair. Mike Davidson's are large shoes to fill and I would like to start by thanking Mike for his support and guidance over the last 4 years when I was Honorary Secretary, and then Deputy Chair. For my next 4 years as Chair, I would ask all our members and fellows to support BAOMS as it works for our specialty. Our strength, as a specialty and an Association, is what we can do for each other. Encouraging and enthusing young doctors and dentists to consider a future in OMFS is one of the most important tasks for all of us.

BAOMS President 2020 – Rob Bentley

Congratulations to Rob Bentley on his election and commiserations to Austen Smith who came second by a single vote.

Workforce Census 2017

The most significant project for 2017 is a Workforce Census. We need to gather information about the whole team in each OMFS unit in the UK. For BAOMS members, there will be a link from your profile in the Members' Area. For colleagues who are not BAOMS members, there will be a link for them to use. Our RSPAs will be working to ensure we collect information on 100% of our workforce but you can help if you complete your own details, and encourage all your consultant and SAS colleagues to do the same. This information will provide the denominator against which data assembled as part of the Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT). Information from our previous workforce surveys has proved invaluable in planning services.

Update your profile in the Members' area

Please take the time to review and update your profile on the

members' area. Each specialty interest and mini-interest group has its own discussion page on the new website, so by ticking the right boxes you can stay in touch with topics of particular interest to you.

Meetings and Contemporaneous Reports from Your Representatives

Meetings attended by your representatives will be posted in the members' area on the website. We have asked all those working on your behalf to post their reports within 7-14 days. You can leave comments or ask questions on any of these reports.

Training in OMFS

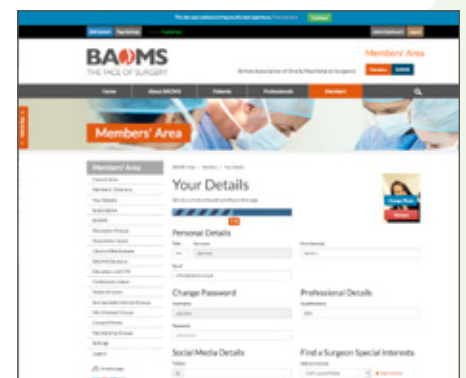
Younger members will never have heard of the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (PMETB) an organisation created to replace the role of the Royal Colleges in medical and surgical training. PMETB lasted a few years and was then subsumed into the General Medical Council. One of the first things PMETB did was to review training in OMFS. It has been nearly 10 years since the PMETB Review of Training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery 2008 and the review is no longer available on the GMC website (but can be found at www.baoms.org.uk). The recommendations of the review remain targets for BAOMS to deliver.

In March 2016 and again this March, BAOMS Council has voted unanimously that the future of OMFS Surgery in the UK is with dual medical and dental qualifications and training. We recognise that this is becoming more and more challenging in these times of austerity, but it is our medical and dental training which makes us unique.

BAOMS Website Members' Section

We have now launched the new look BAOMS website and we hope that you like the refreshed look and enhanced features. Members can now post comments on-line about news or documents. You will need your username and password to log in to the members' area, if you have forgotten or want to change your password you can do this via the login page. We hope this new facility will stimulate interest and improve communication for BAOMS members. We also now offer online membership applications.

Don't forget to update your profile and post your comments on the discussion forums. 



Are you Artistic? Win a Prize!

OMFS in the UK contains a wide variety of individuals whose skills and activities go beyond good clinical care, showing a life outside medicine. There are individuals who show their excellence in all sorts of extramural pursuits and the wide and rich diversity of abilities and gifts never fails to impress.

We have divers, singers, rowers, athletes, guitarists, motorcyclists, furniture makers, pilots, photographers, shooters, embroiderers and amateur dramatists.

We would like to appeal to those artists among you to help populate our new website with suitable material. The usual web images of tanned immaculate whitecoats wearing, stethoscope shouldering Euro-doctors just don't ring true!

Iain Hutchison's concept of using art in Head & Neck Cancer issues by recruiting an artist attracted national attention and access to the pictures has kindly been approved by Saving Faces. Recently Professor Emeritus in Oral Pathology Professor Chris Franklin offered BAOMS use of some atmospheric watercolours based on the high lighting contrast in the operating theatre. We want to tap into the considerable artistic reserve of our membership to glean interesting and unusual material suitable to brighten up the pages of our website.

To further this, Honorary Treasurer Ian Holland has authorised an inaugural prize fund to encourage contribution, with the possibility of an exhibition of submitted work at the summer Annual BAOMS meeting. BAOMS President, Steve Dover has agreed to lead judging and if sufficient submissions are received an area for display will be created. Your art work can be in any of the established graphic forms, pencil, pastel, water colour or oils, textile, collage, print or photograph, even sculpture shown in a pictorial format. The material must be original and your own work.

Ideally the theme would be related to our Specialty or the work we do. Submissions should be initially by photograph, file format JPEG, and with a resolution of 300 dpi and maximum file size 12 MB. Please name the file with your own name and the TITLE of the work. Confirm your permission for BAOMS to use your offering when you submit your JPEG – and you're in with a chance of a prize and recognition of your artistic talents!

Competitors will formally allow BAOMS access to and use of the image(s) in website or published material (eg reports). However, copyright would remain with the creator, and no fees would apply on either part. There is no barrier to generating income from future use of your own work.

We want to brighten the pages of our website and documents. Your art could help – and you could win £100!

Deadline for submission is 31st May 2017 and the judging of submitted work will take place at the Annual BAOMS Conference in Birmingham 28-30 June 2017.

Please email: office@baoms.org.uk

Austen T Smith, Honorary Secretary
and Andrew Baker, Honorary Web Editor

**BAOMS Sub Specialty Interest Groups
(SSIGs)**

BAOMS holds elections within each SSIG. Each section has its own area on the BAOMS members' area. If you need reminding of your user name to the members' section, please contact office@baoms.org.uk

The new website allows you to reset your own password without contacting the office.

We can send you a reminder of your username via email.

**BAOMS Website Members' Section
Post your comments**

Members can now post comments on-line about news or documents. We hope this facility will stimulate interest and improve communication. We have also developed a list of affiliations to further encourage engagement with you.

	Lead	Deputy Lead
Aesthetic	Caroline Mills	Tim Mellor
Cleft	Mark Devlin	Kanwal Moar
Craniofacial	Martin Evans	Satyajeet Bhatia
Deformity	Kenneth Sneddon	Vyomesh Bhatt
Oncology	Chi Hwa Chan	Stephen Crank
Oral & Dento-Alveolar	Geoff Chiu	Max Chauhan
Paediatric	Keith Altman	Vacant
Salivary	Katherine George	Richard Crosher
Skin Surgery	Donald Holt	Rajiv Anand
Reconstruction	Michael Ho	Michael Nugent
TMJ	Andrew Sidebottom	Martin Dodd
Trauma	TBC	Niall McLeod



Forthcoming BAOMS Meetings

Future BAOMS Annual Scientific Meetings:

28-30 June 2017 –International Convention Centre, Birmingham
(President: Stephen Dover)

19-22 June 2018 – Gala Theatre, Durham (President: Ian Martin)

2-5 July 2019 – International Convention Centre, Birmingham
(President: Satyesh Parmar)

Recent elections and appointments:

BAOMS Council  [CLICK HERE](#)

Mr Patrick Magennis is now the Chair of Council.

Mr Robert Bentley has been elected as the President in 2020.

Notice: We are sad to report the recent death of Maurice Jones who was the BAOMS President in 1982.

Down Surgical and BAOMS Surgery Prizes 2017

Following a decision at the recent endowments sub-committee meeting the process for applying for the senior BAOMS awards was changed from a nomination to a supported application process. Full details are available in the secure area of the website or via email to office@baoms.org.uk

The deadline for applications for both prizes is 12 noon BST on Friday 1st September 2017

Previous recipients of the awards over the last 12 years:

Down Surgical Prize

2003	A E Brown
2004	R P Ward Booth
2005	A Pogrel
2006	B T Evans
2007	B S Avery
2008	D W Patton
2009	I Hutchison
2010	not awarded
2011	I C Martin
2012	A Sugar
2013	J Shepherd
2014	R T M Woodwards
2015	V Ilankovan
2016	MT Simpson

BAOMS Surgery Prize

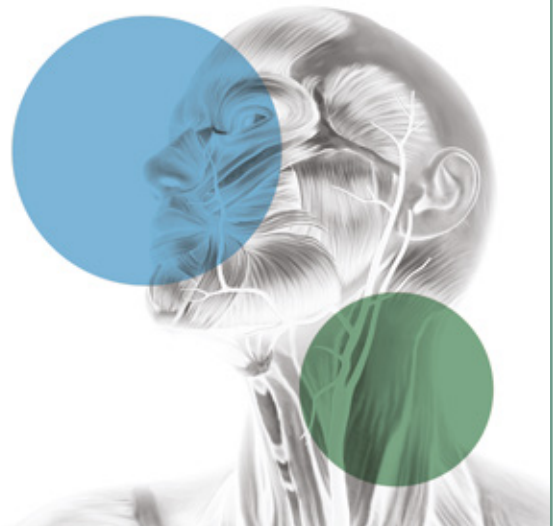
2003	A Smyth
2004	S R Rogers
2005	C J Kerawala
2006	N J Baker
2007	P Magennis
2008	P A Brennan
2009	A Monaghan
2010	D Dhariwal
2011	C Newlands
2012	S Parmar
2013	J McCaul
2014	R Shaw
2015	B Visavadia
2016	K Fan

Expressions of Interest from
BAOMS Fellows

Expressions of interest in the roles of European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) UK Councillor and International Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (IAOMS). These are two separate roles. Please email the BAOMS office for further information. Expressions of interest will be reviewed and appointments made by BAOMS Council this year.

**Deadline 12 noon BST on
1st September 2017**

office@baoms.org.uk



NOTICE TO ALL BAOMS MEMBERS

ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING 28-30 June 2017

28-30 June 2017, International Convention Centre, Birmingham, UK

Online registration is open at www.baoms.org.uk and Preliminary programme is also now available.

Book early to obtain the best rates. Details about hotels can be found on the website.

The headquarters hotel is the Hyatt Regency Hotel which is adjacent to the conference centre

The **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will take place at 1000 on Thursday 29 June 2017 at the International Convention Centre in Hall 1

You can register online now

 [CLICK HERE](#)

**BAOMS Supported Post-Certificate of Completion of Training Fellowship (PCCTF)
– Two Opportunities to Advance OMFS in the UK**

1. Case of Need for Training • 2. Offer of a Programme of Post CCT Training

BAOMS invites proposals firstly from Fellows in Training who have completed their CCTs or Fellows to present 'case of need' post CCT training.

Secondly we also invite proposals from programmes who feel they can offer training. BAOMS will aim to match those wanting training, with units/rotations offering training opportunities.

When we have assembled and reviewed both types of proposals, we will aim to match supply and demand although this may require a 'second round' when opportunities and requirements are advertised. There is considerable documentation on the BAOMS website to help surgeons or training units draft their proposals. It may even be the case that the case of need and training proposals come from the same region. To summarise the documentation the key requirements are:

- The area of training must NOT fall within current CCT or Training Interface Group (TIG) programmes.
- The surgeons requiring training must have evidence that their practice in this area will be supported by the UK unit in which they will be employed as a consultant. Preference will be given to proposals where this support is also financial.

- Rotation offering the training should have evidence of the ability to train to the level required. Preference will be given to training programmes where financial support is offered either for the Fellowship itself, or for general/on-call activity.

BAOMS will fund the fees required to register the PCCTF with the Royal College of Surgeons Senior Fellowship Scheme, co-ordinate Quality Assurance of the PCCTF with the OMFS SAC, and may offer some additional funding if this is a necessary part of the 'match-making' process between 'cases of need' and 'opportunities to be trained'.

Please download the documentation from the PCCTF section of the BAOMS website [CLICK HERE](#)

Alternatively email office@baoms.org.uk and contact the BAOMS Chair of Council for advice or guidance.

The deadline for the first round of matching is 12 noon BST on Tuesday 2nd May 2017, but if there are strong proposals of either type within the first round, BAOMS will advertise these and combine them into a **second round with a deadline of 12 noon BST on Wednesday 31st May 2017**.