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INTRODUCTION CYRUS J KERAWALA, 61ST PRESIDENT



As many of you will be aware the Presidential handover has changed from the beginning of each new year to the Annual Scientific Meeting in the summer, and so I had the pleasure and honour to assume the badge of office at the Southbank Centre back in June 2022. Throughout my career I have worked for many past Presidents and so the enormity and responsibility of the occasion did not pass me by. Since the handover took place in London, I was joined by my wife Kate and son Ben which made it all the more special.

As I sit down at the computer just after Christmas to pen my contribution to this newsletter, I am reminded of Thomas Jefferson's quote 'the most valuable of all talents is that of never using two words when one will do'. My aim is therefore one of brevity in the hope that you will read most if not all these ensuing thoughts.

My overriding aim of these few words is to invite you to the **2023 Annual Scientific Meeting which will be held between 28–30th of June at Kings Place in London**. I hope the venue will be a convenient one, being as it is, just a stone's throw away from King's Cross and St Pancras stations which for many will make travelling easier. The venue itself was opened in 2008 since when it has also housed the offices of the Guardian

newspaper. For those of you like me who have not visited King's Cross for many a year it is now a pedestrianised haven with restaurants and bars a plenty. This should minimise the delay in starting the inevitable critique of lectures at the end of each day which for many heralds the start of evening activities at any good meeting!

The theme will be Health and Wellbeing and, as such, the plan is for a comprehensive programme with an early finish each day to allow delegates to enjoy all that King's Cross and beyond has to offer. In addition to the usual free-paper sessions, there will be a number of parallel symposia. I am going to ask a host of contributors to present 15-minute 'things I wish I'd known before I started' lectures on a variety of topics both specialty and politically related which will allow them to share a wealth of experience to guide young and old alike. There will be more focussed sessions which will be completed with a BBC 'any questions?' set up which will allow ample time for audience participation. We shall also be tackling some of the thornier issues around equality and diversity which I hope will be of benefit to many. The prelude to some of these sessions will be a short introduction from colleagues who have interests outside work to talk about topics as diverse as sculpture and rearing animals!

Each successive President has at their disposal a fund that can be used to complete a specific area interest. Previous examples have included the QOMS project. For many years I have been involved in national guidelines and am always struck that we lack the foresight of others in not producing our own. Since there seems a disparate practice in our specialty in relation to return to play following facial trauma in the sports arena, I plan a guideline with this in mind focussed on amateurs and professionals alike. The aim is a product that will be launched in and around the Rugby World cup in the autumn. I hope the guideline will not only be of use in day-to-day practice but will also be a springboard for research ideas as well as providing some publicity for the specialty.

The enjoyable part of the titular role of President is to represent the specialty both at home and abroad. Kate and I travelled to New Orleans in September where we were exposed to the consummate professionalism and hospitality of AAOMS, in particular its President David Johnson and his wife Caroline. The meeting marked the handover of their Presidency. I am in regular contact with the new incumbent Paul Schwartz and his wife Olga who will be guests at our meeting in the Summer.

Like many before me I was honoured to host the Past Presidents' luncheon just before Christmas with 17 who had borne the badge before me attending. The day commenced with a tour of the new Royal College after which we took a gentle stroll to Lincoln's Inn Fields where we enjoyed a meal in the Old Court Room. In the past this was the scene of many a vigorous argument, but I am pleased to say that the afternoon progressed in jovial fashion with not even a hint of a raised voice. It was a particular pleasure to share a table with Brian Avery and Ian Martin, both old bosses of mine. I took a mental step back during coffee to look around the room and marvel at the energy and enthusiasm that those present had demonstrated in progressing our specialty during their lifetimes.

I promised brevity. I am not sure I have achieved it, but I am sure those of you who have made it to the end of my piece will let me know in due course since I cannot remember the last time I came across a shrinking violet in our specialty.

It only remains for me to thank you for the confidence you have bestowed upon me in providing me with the opportunity to fulfil the lifelong aim of holding this office, but more importantly to wish you and your families a safe and healthy 2023.



CYRUS J KERAWALA AND DAVID JOHNSON AT AAOMS 2022 NEW ORLEANS



FRONT TO BACK NEXT TO HUNTER STATUE AT RCS LONDON FOR BAOMS PRESIDENTS LUNCHEON ON 2 DECEMBER 2022

Brian Avery (2005), Cyrus Kerawala (2022/2023), David Vaughan (2002), Maire Morton (2010), Andrew Brown (2007), Robert Bentley (2020), Peter Brennan (2016), Michael Awty (1986), John LL Williams (2000), James Brown (2015), Stephen Dover (2017), Ian Martin (2018), David Barnard (2004), Peter Leopard (1997)

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28–30 JUNE 2023

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PETER BRENNAN
CHAIR, BAOMS COUNCIL

CHAIR'S REPORT

1. For the last 18 months, Rob Banks and I have been working closely with the GDC to provide clarification on when dual dental and medical registration is required for OMFS colleagues. In December 2022, GDC Council have approved a final policy document. They will recognise the 'O' in OMFS as a medical regulated discipline. This means that colleagues will be able to perform oral surgery procedures (such as exodontia, roots and third molars), irrespective of location (so could be in hospital or dental practice) as part of 'wider medical care' without the need to be registered with the GDC. The term 'wider medical care' will include any procedure needed to ensure the patient's ongoing health. Implants could therefore be included in this term, as for example a missing front tooth causing anxiety, or a posterior implant needed for effective mastication. Of course, any dentistry (such as conservation, periodontal treatment) would require GDC registration. Supervising dental students who do dental procedures may also require registration. We will send the final policy as soon as possible. There is further work to be done around CPD and whether the GDC might accept medical CPD for colleagues in OMFS who are on both registers.

2. A free to download BAOMS full colour illustrated 140-page book on OMFS for Medical Students and Allied Healthcare Professionals was published in September 2022. It has already received widespread acclaim and a huge number of downloads. The book has been endorsed and shared by the UK Medical Schools Council. We hope that the resource will further raise the profile of our specialty as well as showing others the full

remit of what we can offer. I am grateful to Rob Isaac, Alex Goodson, Karl Payne and Arpan Tahim for their hard work on the project. A similar book will be written in 2023 for Dental Students and will be led by BAOMS Council member, Nabeela Ahmed. [The book can be accessed here.](#)

3. There have been growing concerns voiced by some senior colleagues outside of OMFS, about our future, given falling ratios of applications at national selection compared to other specialties. We are fortunate to have a good relationship with the GMC, and Cyrus Kerawala and I have invited Professor Colin Melville, Medical Director, and Director of Education and Standards at the GMC to March 2023 Council

4. Our Intercollegiate published research around differential attainment at the MRCS examination has found that age >29 years is associated with lower pass rates. We have also found that OMFS has the lowest pass rates compared to other surgical specialties. As a result, BAOMS Council has agreed to help fund a Part A MRCS Course for BAOMS members sitting the exam. Final details will be available in due course.

5. There are many other ongoing initiatives that BAOMS Council are working on your behalf including Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity, providing further support to second degree students, and increasing our presence on social media. I am very grateful to Council members for their hard work over the last year.



Sixteen hospitals in England, Wales and Scotland are contributing patient treatment data to the various registries in QOMS. Several OMFS units have expressed interest in QOMS recently and it is hoped that the number of units in the project will increase steadily. By the time this Newsletter reaches all of you, there will be approximately 4500 patient records held in QOMS audit registries. This would not be possible without the collaboration and efforts of all the data coordinators and surgeons participating in the project. Thank you all for the excellent contribution over the last 18 months.

Prior to BAOMS ASM 2022, QOMS held its 2nd summit with speakers from established national quality improvement projects/registries and audit initiatives. The common feature in all these initiatives were that they all required several years to establish

and grow and their success relied heavily on engagement and initiatives of the collective membership of each specialty across all levels. QOMS was also represented at the ASM with several oral abstract and poster presentations. Michael Ho and David Tighe contributed to the "Outcomes" session along with the NCIP and TARN teams. They presented to attendees early results of the project. Finally, Michael Ho and Fabien Puglia contributed to this year's BAOMS Consultant, Specialists Group Study Day Meeting programme at the Royal College of Surgeons of England, with an update of BAOMS QOMS progress and preview of what can be expected in the inaugural BAOMS QOMS report, due for publication by the end of January 2023. The target audience were early years BAOMS Fellows/ Consultants, BAOMS RSPAs (Regional and Speciality Advisers), Post Exam Fellows in Training, Regional Clinical Outcome Leads, and Local QOMS Leads.

We hope these activities will further increase the project's visibility and members' awareness of the initiative.

In the background, the QOMS team are continually working on improving and refining the registries and the live dashboards, as well as working on allied QOMS projects such as the Orthognathic Surgery PROMs Questionnaire development in collaboration with the British Orthodontic Society and a national Salivary Gland Cancer registry.

Over the summer, the project celebrated the 1st year anniversary of its national roll-out. The data collected within the first year of the project will be presented in the 1st BAOMS QOMS report. This should be a major milestone for quality improvement in UK OMFS, for BAOMS and the QOMS project. There will be recommendation and suggestions for

improvement of UK OMFS services based on the information collected and analysed. We trust that these will be applicable and generalizable to all UK OMFS units, marking a new phase of the national quality improvement initiatives.

Remember that QOMS can be joined by all OMFS units at any time. You can find more information on the BAOMS website or get in touch with the Project Manager, **Fabien Puglia** (baomsprojectmanager@baoms.org.uk).

Click here for more or follow us on Twitter ([@BAOMS_QOMS](https://twitter.com/BAOMS_QOMS)) and Facebook ([BAOMS_QOMS](https://www.facebook.com/BAOMS_QOMS)).

Happy New Year 2023 to everyone

Michael Ho (QOMS Clinical Lead), Fabien Puglia (QOMS Project Manager) and the QOMS Project team.



KANWALRAJ MOAR
HONORARY SECRETARY

HONORARY SECRETARY'S REPORT

ELECTIONS TO BAOMS COUNCIL

Fellows of BAOMS

Following a recent nomination and election process for one vacancy for a Fellow on Council congratulations, go to Dilip Srinivasan who will take up his three-year term on Council from 1st January 2023.

Our thanks to all the candidates, proposers and seconders who took the time to take part.

Many thanks to Jennifer Graystone who now demits from her role as a Fellow on Council following a three-year term of office.

Fellows in Training Representative and Deputy

Adam Holden was nominated and elected to the role of Deputy Fellows in Training Representative and will work alongside Miss Sirisha Duggineni who takes over as Fellows in Training Representative in January 2023. Many thanks to Miss Divya Sharma who demits from that role in December 2022. Thanks to those who took part and voted in the process.

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

Richard Taylor was nominated and elected and will take over as Deputy Junior Trainees and Members' Representative and Junior Trainees' Group Chair in January 2023, working alongside Danielle Britton who becomes the Junior Trainees and Members' Representative from January 2023. Our thanks to them for their contributions in these roles and to Dr Rhea Chouhan who now demits from her role. Thanks to those who took part and voted in the process.

In line with the changes to the Memorandum of Association in October 2021 the next BAOMS presidential handover will take place in June 2023 when Daljit Dhariwal will take up the position of 62nd BAOMS President and Kathleen Fan the BAOMS Vice President (taking up her 63rd Presidential role in June 2024).

FLEXFACS
The Online Training and Educational Resource for OMFS

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FlexFacs is the innovative, online training and educational resource for speciality trainees in oral and maxillofacial surgery (OMFS), launched by the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons (BAOMS). Please visit the Flex Facs resource pages in the **BAOMS members' area** and also view the BAOMS ASM 2021 and 2022 presentations.

Report of 2022 Junior Trainees including the conference held 18-20 November 2022



The Junior Trainee Group (JTG of BAOMS) ran a successful conference, held at the Vermont Hotel in Newcastle upon Tyne, on 18th-20th November. Our conference this year focused on how we can best support trainees in their OMFS journey "one step at a time". The training pathway is a journey - a long one as we know. The Junior Trainee Group aims to support trainees in each step of theirs - through our regional reps, university reps and events throughout the year to keep trainees engaged with OMFS, and we wanted to highlight that in our conference this year.

The conference itself sold out – with 129 delegates attending. 1/3 of attendees were dental core trainees and the second biggest cohort was second degree medical students. This year, we were lucky to run a pre-conference course at the Life Centre, introducing key microvascular principles with 1 to 1 teaching on surgical microscopes by regional OMFS oncology

surgeons. Eight delegates took part in the course, which received fantastic feedback and kicked off our conference to a great start!

We also had several workshops running throughout the main conference programme - trauma based sessions on Saturday covering basic and advanced trauma plating, skins sessions on the Sunday focusing on advanced suturing and principles of local flap reconstruction and a facial drawing workshop led by a local artist. As part of their ticket price, each delegate could attend one workshop as well as the annual gala dinner and talks in the main conference hall.

The main programme involved numerous excellent speakers covering a range of OMFS subspecialties, including trauma, oncology, salivary, and academia and training in OMFS; as well as a special segment from Head and Neck Cancer UK which showcased a patient's perspective of their cancer journey.

The JTG annual gala dinner had a "Black and White" theme this year, and was host to a raffle to win a pair of Loupes, and various other exciting prizes! Through this raffle, we raised over £1200 for Head and Neck Cancer UK, to support the amazing work that they do

After a successful conference and year in office, the 2022 JTG committee looks to the future for OMFS trainees, with hopes of working more closely with the BAOMS Junior Trainee Support Network, led by Ms Emma Woolley, to further enthuse and recruit junior trainees in OMFS.

Fellows in Training Conference 2022

The 2022 annual Fellows in Training Conference was held in the historical City of Cambridge from 10-12th October. All the delegates enjoyed listening to a group of inspirational speakers from around the country. Their talks covered a wide range of both clinical and non-clinical topics relevant to the exam.

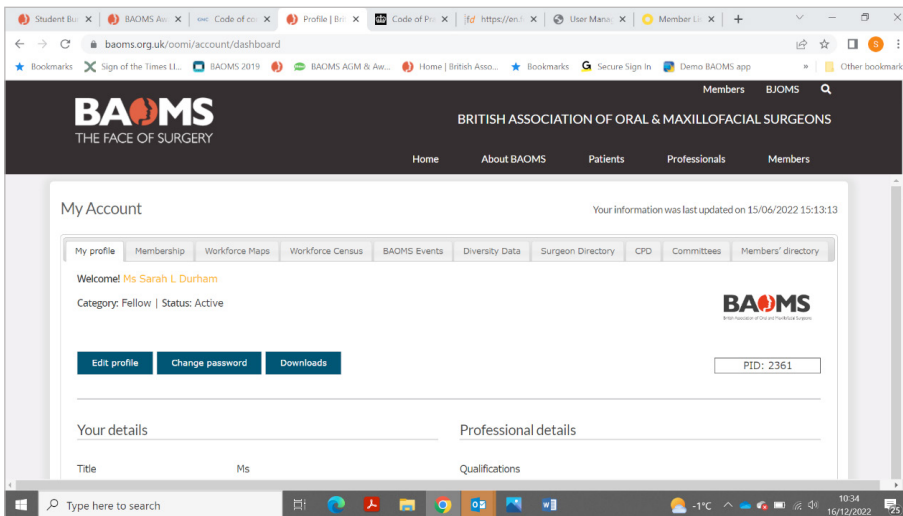
The delegates took advantage of multiple FRCS viva practice sessions and practical sessions for surgical 3D planning in orthognathic, craniofacial and head & neck cases. The delegates and speakers also enjoyed a sumptuous meal in the Old Hall at Queen's College University of Cambridge.



BAOMS membership categories and emails and contact from BAOMS Office

Please ensure that your BAOMS membership category is correct and up to date. You can now manage your membership category, contact details and preferences online via the membership profile tab in the **members' area**.

Please also ensure that we have the correct email for you. In addition, note that usually, all contact from the BAOMS will come via the BAOMS office and will be accompanied by the BAOMS logo and state 'sent by BAOMS office'. Please email office@baoms.org.uk if you would like further assistance.



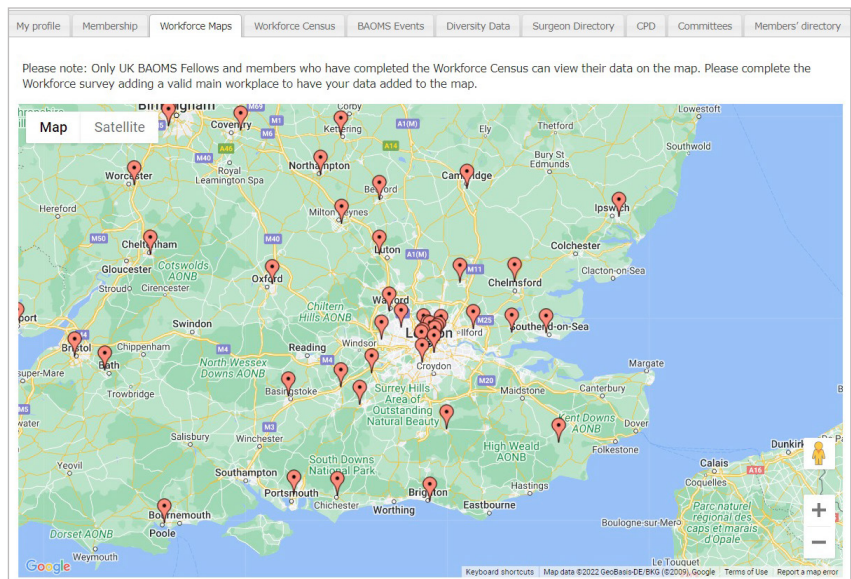
BAOMS Workforce Map

BAOMS have recently added a workforce map in the members' area of the website. Here you will be able to click on a Hospital and find details including location, the OMF5 RSPA and the names of colleagues who have filled out their workforce details.

To view the map please log in to the **members' area** of the website, click your details and then click the tab 'Workforce Maps'.

Once you click on a Hospital it will display all the information to the right. Please see screenshots.

If you cannot see yourself on the map or the details are incorrect please log in to the members' portal (below) and click the workforce census tab and here you will be able to update all your details. Don't forget to press the **update** button at the bottom of the page to ensure your details are uploaded to the map.



Please note: Only UK BAOMS Fellows and members who have completed the Workforce Census can view their data on the map. Please complete the Workforce survey adding a valid main workplace to have your data added to the map.

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Robert J Banks Craniofacial Deformity Oncology Oral and dento-alveolar surgery Paediatric Reconstruction Salivary Skin Surgery TMJ Trauma	
Andrew M Burns Oncology Oral and dento-alveolar surgery Reconstruction Salivary Skin Surgery Trauma	
David James William Keith Aesthetic Deformity Oral and dento-alveolar surgery Paediatric Salivary TMJ Trauma	
Michael Nugent	

BAOMS members' prizes awarded for oral paper and ePoster presentations in London in June 2022

Postponed from June 2020 and reconvened by Robert Bentley, 59th BAOMS President. We plan to award these prizes at the next BAOMS Awards Ceremony, which will take place in June 2023 at the ASM in London 28-30 June 2023. We would like to offer congratulations to the following BAOMS members' prize-winners.

President's Prize 2022 – Fellows

Awarded jointly / equally to two Fellows

Name of joint winner: **Carrie Newlands**

Name of Abstract: *Pleomorphic Dermal Sarcoma (PDS) - who should be getting it right first time?*

President's Prize 2022 – Fellows

Name of joint winner: **Clare Schilling**

Name of Abstract: *COVIDTrach - National interspecialty collaboration for tracheostomy in Covid-19 infection. A prospective cohort study.*

Norman Rowe Clinical Prize for 2022 – Fellows in Training

Name of winner: **Catherine Wicks**

Name of Abstract: *The relative propensity for regional metastasis in floor of mouth squamous cell carcinoma versus other oral cavity subsites.*

Paul Toller Research Prize for 2022 – Fellows in Training

Name of winner: **Luke Williams**

Name of Abstract: *Regulation of HPV oncogene expression*

Associate Fellows Prize 2022 – Associate Fellows

Not awarded in 2022

Junior Trainees and Members' Prize 2022 – Members

Name of winner: **Declan Hughes**

Name of Abstract: *Emergency versus semi-elective management of mandible fractures. A Maxillofacial Trainee Research Collaborative (MTReC) study.*

Best Clinical 2022 – all categories

Name of winner: **Richard Ackroyd**

Name of Abstract: *Smartphone thermal heat imaging; a novel and cost effective method of free flap monitoring.*

Best Research 2022 – all categories

Name of winner: **Ashley Ferro**

Name of Abstract: *Artificial Intelligence in oral cancer diagnosis: a systematic review and meta-analysis.*

Junior Trainees and Members' Poster Prize 2022

Name of winner: **Aysha Nijamudeen**

Name of Abstract: *Is There a Role for Melatonin in the Treatment of Medication- Related Osteonecrosis of the Jaw? A Systematic Review.*

Down Surgical Prize and BAOMS Surgery Prize for 2022

We are also pleased to announce that, following the recommendations of the Endowments Sub-Committee, Council has approved to award the Down Surgical Prize to **Peter Brennan** and the award of the BAOMS Surgery Prize to **Brian Bisase**.

BAOMS Trainer of the Year

The award process is currently under review with the aim to run again early in 2023.

Intercollegiate Specialty Examination in Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery

Congratulations to **Mr S J W Kent** (Manchester on 14/15 September 2022) and **Mr L R Williams** (Edinburgh on 2/3 March 2022) who are both 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.

FORTHCOMING MEETING PLANS

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BAOMS ASM 2023

28-30 June

**LONDON,
UNITED KINGDOM**

Hosted by:
Cyrus Kerawala
61st President

BAOMS ASM 2024

3-5 July

**OXFORD,
UNITED KINGDOM**

Hosted by:
Daljit Dhariwal
62nd President

BAOMS ASM 2025

June tbc

**LONDON,
UNITED KINGDOM**

Hosted by:
Kathleen Fan
63rd President

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ANZAOMS 2023

8-20 May

**SYDNEY,
AUSTRALIA**

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ICOMS 2023

8-11 June

**VANCOUVER,
CANADA**

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AAOMS 2023

18-23 September

**SAN DIEGO,
CALIFORNIA, USA**



HOSTED BY **ROBERT BENTLEY**
59TH BAOMS PRESIDENT

BAOMS 2022 ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING



It was both my pleasure and honour to have welcomed you to "Facing The Future" the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon Annual Scientific Meeting" as your host and as the 59th and Immediate Past President of the Association last June 2022.

Please enjoy the [online photo album here](#) and enter password: **baoms22**

We had over 550 registrants from all over the world who joined us with six pre-courses and 3 days of the conference that included 15 One-hour Symposia, 8 Keynote Lectures, 2 Masterclasses and 67 Free Papers. I hope you agree that the world class faculty delivered an educational programme second to none that covered all aspects of OMFS and included important debates on the future of recruitment and retention and training and regulation as it relates to OMFS.

It was so pleasing to see everyone coming back together again at the Southbank Centre, the hub of the vibrant cultural quarter on the banks of the River Thames and the centre for our social programme with both the Presidential welcome "Oktoberfest" on Wednesday and Thursday's Thames River Cruise champagne reception both of which enjoyed blue skies and sunshine. In particular the platform that was given over to "Facing the Future" and the difficult issues that we face in the NHS more broadly as outlined by Lord Kerslake in his Presidential lecture but also more specifically how we can support our younger trainees through training which we highlighted with fantastic engagement in the two symposia and which will be supported by my Recruitment and Retention and FlexFacs Presidential initiatives.

The Gala Dinner at Shakespeare's Globe theatre "UnderGlobe" attracted over 250 guests who enjoyed the sumptuous 3 course meal and drinks accompanied which helped to fuel the massive audience participation on the dance floor to "Mama Mia- the Party" played live by "ABBA Re-Björn" until 1.00am. As you will see from the many photos it really was a "Night to remember!"

Of course, none of this would have been possible without our sponsors, you and the considerable efforts that you made to overcome the rail disruption which ensured only 5 lectures had to be delivered remotely and those individuals attended

for the subsequent Q&A discussions. I am truly sorry for those whose travel arrangements were affected and meant reduced attendance which we did everything to mitigate but to know that all presentations were recorded and are now available through the FlexFacs platform on the BAOMS website.

It had been a torrid time for the "Team BAOMS" office team over the last 4 years in preparing for this conference not once but twice and to have the uncertainty of the rail strike with just 2 weeks to go was almost the last straw. But as I relayed in the last of my pre conference videos The Team and you "Kept Calm and Carried On!" to deliver a conference which judging from the feedback and the links to the photos below, was one that will live long in the memory of those who could say "I was there!"

It was also my recent honour to present the Norman Rowe Lecture Medal to Professor Joachim Prein in person at a special ceremony of the Surgical Faculty of the University of Basel. Professor Prein delivered a video lecture at the ASM and joined us live just 8 days after his emergency cardiac bypass surgery. I was delighted to repeat his address in front of his peers from whom he received a standing ovation for his contribution to international education in the field of Oral and Maxillofacial surgery in keeping with the qualities of Norman Rowe himself.

So finally, a huge thank you to the Team BAOMS and to you and wishing Cyrus Kerawala this year's and 61st President of BAOMS every success for when we will come together again in London this June to help him celebrate BAOMS ASM 2023.



PRESENTATION OF THE NORMAN ROWE MEDAL
Joachim Prein, the recipient of the Norman Rowe Prize 2022 being congratulated by 59th President Robert Bentley with subsequent OMFS Professors of the University of Basel and Prof Prein's sons, Florian and Christoph in Basel, Switzerland.