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*"It is the greatest honour of my career to have been elected President of the British Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. I hope that I have been able to take on the challenge of providing an inclusive style of leadership and vision to inspire our colleagues for the future."*



## INTRODUCTION DALJIT K DHARIWAL 62<sup>ND</sup> PRESIDENT

OMFS is a specialty which has developed from a firm base in trauma and oral cancer management and evolved into multiple specialty and subspecialty areas and we continue to develop expertise with improvements in patient outcomes and care, now measurable with QOMS. Since my time as a trainee, I remember the feeling of "moving goalposts" and jumping numerous hurdles. We must continue to ensure our future surgeons are well supported by working towards more seamless pathways in training.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank BAOMS Council who have worked hard this year. We held a strategy day in November 2023 **the outcomes** of which

are now available on the members' area.

Following discussions on the role of Physician Associates we published the **BAOMS position** on this and similarly we debated the dual degree position and have released the **Oxford Declaration**. The strategy includes proactive working with our partners to try to ensure the unique training needs of our doctors and dentists are recognised and supported with the primary aim of maintaining current high standards of professionals to ensure best patient care.

It is with great sadness that I report to you the passing of Professor Robert (Bob) Woodward, Past President of BAOMS. He

was a great leader and a real gentleman, inspiring in his good-humoured support particularly for trainees.

Over the years I have been fortunate to come across so many amazing colleagues, like Bob, from whom I have learnt so much, so many trainees who inspire me with their thirst for knowledge and excellence and so many patients who express gratitude for the positive impact on their lives of what we do. It is also incredibly humbling to hear the stories of complications, errors and the impact of poor communication within teams when care does not match expectations. One of the most difficult things I have had to do was to consent for my son to have spinal surgery, to watch his

suffering post-operatively and to feel that he was so vulnerable when his care did not meet what I felt were basic expectations. His surgeon and physiotherapists were brilliant, the hospital was a well renowned centre of excellence, I had done my homework but there I was with no control over poor post-operative care that I knew should have been handled much better. He has made great progress thankfully but the experience has left emotional scars which will no doubt affect his future care. Naturally I spoke up, but I had no voice... no-one was listening. I always felt I was patient focussed and listened well, but being the other side brought new insights and I wanted to share that learning by bringing our patients' voices to our Annual Scientific Meeting for the first time by having patients on all the panels and involved in discussions.

It gives me great pleasure to invite you all to the BAOMS ASM to be held at the Oxford Mathematical Institute 3-5th July 2024. The theme of the meeting will be "The Patients' Voice". **The preliminary programme is live on line.**

The format of the meeting will include two main lecture theatres running with panels to include patients throughout the meeting. I have asked surgeons to concentrate on complications and how these have informed their practice. Alongside the main sessions there will be two rooms with free paper presentations, the timings of each event allowing surgeons with subspecialty interests to be able to attend sessions relevant to their practice throughout the 3 days of the meeting. The President's lecture will be given by Liz O'Riordan whose valuable insights into being both patient and surgeon and whose work empowering patients can benefit our own practises. Panel sessions will be interspersed with keynote lectures live streamed to the second main lecture theatre so attendees do not have to move rooms. Ashok Handa will cover values-based care in keeping with the patient centred approach. William Allum will discuss the workforce census specific to OMFS and Helen Higham will discuss understanding how things go

right in healthcare, an alternative human factors view. We will hear two speakers from the Centre for Perioperative are, Scarlett McNally and Jugdeep Dhesi, and two speakers on managing gunshot injuries in the US and UK Rui Fernandes and Sat Parmar. Looking to the future Luis Capitan will describe advances in facial feminisation surgery in transgender patients and the Norman Rowe lecture will be delivered by Daniel Borsuk who led the team that carried out the first face transplant in Montreal. This prestigious lecture will be followed by presentations of projects that were successful bids in the Presidential initiatives for 2023-2024 and the conference will close with the Presidential handover.

The Awards ceremony and Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd July and I am pleased offer my congratulations to both Ian Martin and Jeremy McMahon on their award of a Life Honorary Fellowship of BAOMS in recognition of their work on the QOMS project.

In addition, on Wednesday there will be a parallel day for our SAS colleagues and locally employed dentists with education specifically catering to their educational wishes including Kandasamy Ganesan teaching interpretation of CBCT, a review of TMJ management by Andrew Sidebottom, Oral Medicine by Barbara Carey and what pathologists look for in oral biopsies by Ketan Shah, a pathology colleague in Oxford. Our IMPT colleagues will discuss surgical planning and the day will be rounded off by Partha Kar inspiring leadership. Please encourage your colleagues in your departments to attend, they do not need to be BAOMS members but will get a discounted early rate if they join, or can also attend as non-members too.

On Thursday 4th July there will be a parallel IMPT day with updates on GIRFT from Maire Morton and Edward Malton. Running with the patients' voice theme there will be input of patient experience of prosthetic rehabilitation followed by a 3D planning symposium including orthognathic surgery by Martin Dodd, and in head and neck reconstruction

by Richard Shaw and Taran Malhotra. Pauline Paul will discuss 3D planning in scaphocephaly and Peter Evans describing additive manufactured custom nasal obturators for VPI. In the afternoon there will be a session on advances in prosthetic rehabilitation, voice prostheses and patient specific orbital implants. Attendance for your IMPT colleagues is via the **BAOMS members registration form**, please let them know.

On Friday 5th July the Northwick Park team have organised a nurses day covering craniofacial trauma by Elizabeth Yeung, breaking bad news from Andrea Nelson and Jacqueline Wallace, advances in head and neck surgery from Abdul Ahmed and Joss Harding covering mouth care. Lembit Opik will be their patient speaker and the morning will complete with a session on coaching by Bhavin Visavadia. The nurses will join the main room for the Norman Rowe lecture, Presidential initiatives and handover. Outpatient dental, medical, ward based and theatre nurses are all welcome and should **use the link to book places** at a highly subsidised rate. Please encourage attendance within your teams.

There will also be over 100 oral free paper speakers and some 150 ePosters with the top 30 on display onsite over the three days.

On Wednesday evening there will be a welcome reception at the Natural History Museum with live music, drinks and canapes. The annual dinner will be held on Thursday at Oxford Town Hall with a dress code of glamorous attire from your country of origin or black tie / DJs. There will be live music and an international disco, a chance to dress up and let your hair down.

There will be some early morning industry sponsored educational events but no sessions during lunchtimes to allow time to visit our sponsors and catch up with friends and see the local sights. My colleague Siddarth Gowrishankar is organising inclusive **Oxford themed social events** including a walking tour and punting I look forward to seeing friends and colleagues learning, networking and having fun.

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PETER BRENNAN  
CHAIR, BAOMS COUNCIL



## CHAIR'S UPDATE

At the March 2024 Council meeting, we welcomed new members David Keith (Deputy Chair, becoming Chair January 2025), Montey Garg (Fellows elected member), Panayiotis Kyzas (BJOMS and ADOMS Editor), Amit Dattani (Deputy FiT Rep), Mairead Kelly (Deputy Members Representative and Chair of Junior Trainees Group). Council is working effectively together on your behalf leading guiding and delivering initiatives to benefit the wider membership.

**Physician Associates (PAs):** there has been much debate, angst and concerns across medicine as to the role of these healthcare professionals, and the impact on patient safety and surgical training. Council discussed the matter and we have now published the BAOMS position. The statement was led by our trainees with input by Trustees and Council members. It has had **a great response from colleagues on social media** and hopefully other specialties across medicine will follow and publish their own statements and positions.

**European Union of Medical Specialties (UEMS):** There has been concern by other surgical specialty associations about the membership value of this organisation which represents 43 specialties across the EU and its associated countries, working to set standards for high-quality healthcare practice. Some specialties have stopped their membership. The current President, Professor Vassilios Papalois attended March Council to give an overview of UEMS. Council agreed that BAOMS should continue membership of UEMS, which has several benefits, particularly to trainees. Please do have a look at the website: <https://www.uems.eu>

**Federation of Surgical Specialty Associations (FSSA):** We continue to work closely with FSSA and I attend regular meetings with the other specialties and the four Royal Colleges on our behalf. FSSA is keen to utilise the new BAOMS Code of Conduct which will be available later this year. A code of conduct outlining what is deemed unacceptable behaviour at the Annual Scientific Meeting in July forms part of the registration process on the BAOMS website. Many other specialties have published their own work for inappropriate behaviour including sexual misconduct. It is great that Carrie Newlands and her team have been so proactive in leading these initiatives.

**Free OMFS book for Dental Students:** following the success of the BAOMS-funded free to download book on OMFS for Medical Students, which has been promoted by the Medical Schools Council (MSC), a similar book is almost completed. Led by Nabeela Ahmed, with the same team as before, this should be available in time for the ASM in July. Hopefully the Dental Schools Council will also promote it widely to generate interest in the specialty. **The link to the medical student book is available here.**

**Recruitment:** OMFS continues to have issues with low applicant numbers for ST3 national selection. The Joint Committee on Surgical Training (JCST), Confederation of Postgraduate Schools of Surgery (COPSS), and GMC are aware. As Assessment Committee Chair for the AoMRC, I continue to work closely with the GMC, and hope they will be able to help us find solutions to this continuing concern with recruitment in our specialty and will keep you updated of any developments.

## QOMS QUALITY OUTCOME MEASURES IN ORAL AND MAXILLOFACIAL SURGERY

QOMS UPDATE APRIL 2024

### QOMS PROGRESS

Twenty-three hospitals across England, Wales and Scotland are contributing to one or more QOMS registries. We have now captured more than 10,000 episodes of care across the whole project.

QOMS has successfully been added to the **NHS England Quality Accounts for 2024-2025** by the **Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP)**. Participation to QOMS is open to every OMFS department in the UK. We welcome engagement from all OMFS units, and the level of contribution can be tailored to the scope of each unit's practice.

### NEW CONTENT IN QOMS

Since the end of 2023, we have added several new registries:

- \*Salivary Gland Cancers registry (October 2023)
- \*Rare and Benign Lesions of the Jaws registry (December 2023)

\*Flexfac masterclass launch webinars [accessible through this link](#).

- \*\*Patient-specific implants for mandible reconstruction in January 2024
- \*\*Restorative dentistry / Oral rehabilitation for oncology patients, which we hope to pilot over the next few months with our Restorative dentists colleagues.

\*\*These 2 registries are additions to the Oncology & Reconstruction audit and we have section 251 support from the HRA Confidential Advisory Group (CAG) to collect data without patient consent in England and Wales. Similar approval in under preparation for Scotland.

- The BAOMS BOS Orthognathic PROM registry was rolled out nationally in January 2024

More information about these new registries and how to get started is available on the **QOMS pages** of the BAOMS website

### PLANS FOR 2024

We are working towards publishing our second report by the end of this year. Data will be censured on July 1st, 2024 for analysis over the summer and autumn. Several OMFS units have approached us to explore engaging with and joining the QOMS initiative. We would welcome more colleagues to join the QOMS family to help promote and deliver quality improvement in the service we provide for our patients.

Please contact us for more information:

[baomsprojectmanager@baoms.org.uk](mailto:baomsprojectmanager@baoms.org.uk)

BAOMS QOMS Executive Team:

Clinical Lead: Michael Ho

Deputy Clinical Lead: David Tighe

Project Manager: Fabien Puglia

## MEMBERSHIP PROFILE

Manage your Profile (see screen shot 1)

You can manage your membership profile and forum email notifications via the members' area. [Login to your membership account here to manage your preferences.](#)

Diversity Data in your membership profile (see screen shot 2)

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

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Forum Notification

Country: England

Phone:

No regular emails

Daily activity update

Weekly activity update

Monthly activity update

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Directory address

Member directory options

Directory Organisation: BAOMS

Directory address postcode: WC2A 3PE

Directory address line 1: BAOMS

Directory address line 2: 35-43 Lincoln's Inn Fields

Directory address line 3: London

Directory address line 4:

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My Account

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Ethnicity information (optional and encrypted so that individual's data is only accessible to that member)

This data will be used in an aggregated form for equality and diversity purposes.

Gender: Female

Marital Status: Not Specified

First Language: English

Sexual Orientation: Not Specified

Religion: Not Specified

Disability: No

Ethnic Origin Code: White (British)

## DOWN SURGICAL AND BAOMS SURGERY PRIZES 2024

The process for applying for the senior BAOMS awards is a supported application process. Full details are available in the secure area of the website or via email to [office@baoms.org.uk](mailto:office@baoms.org.uk)

The deadline for applications for both prizes is **12 noon BST Monday 2 September 2024.**

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

**The online forms can be found here.**

Also use this QR code:



Previous recipients of the awards over the last few years:

### DOWN SURGICAL PRIZE

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

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

## NOTICE

### BAOMS 2024 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 Oxford on Wednesday 3 July from 1215 to 1315 at The Mathematical Institute, Andrew Wiles Building, Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6GG in Lecture Theatre 1. The Awards Ceremony is planned to take place from 12 noon ahead of the AGM. Please note that both will be held onsite only with no option to join online.

There will be BAOMS members meetings taking place at the Mathematical Institute on Wednesday 3 July 2024 0915 to 1030

for Consultant Specialists Group, Fellows in Training, Associate Fellows and Junior Trainees and Members.

**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 is up to date and we have the correct email address for you. The password is also available as a pop up in the members' area when logged in.

## ILANKOVAN ABOUT FACE FUND

The Charity About Face have recently transferred funds (£398,000) to BAOMS to be held as a restricted grant named "Ilankovan About Face Grant" and managed by the BAOMS Endowment Sub-Committee of BAOMS and to be awarded to Fellows/ Members of BAOMS in order to support Head and Neck Cancer research projects. BAOMS Council are very grateful for the funding and an application process is currently being devised.

## OMFS REGIONAL SPECIALTY PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS (RSPAS) AS OF APRIL 2024

RSPAs are your RCS regional specialty link. 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.

Your regional RSPAs are:

East Midlands	Anwer Abdullakutty	South West	John Collin
East of England	Vyomesh Bhatt	West Midlands	Nicholas Pigadas
London (North East)	Rishi Bhandari	Yorkshire	Tas Kanatas
London (North West)	Abdul Ahmed	Wales	Satyajeet Bhatia
London (South)	Jonas Osher	Northern Ireland	John Hanratty
North East	Robert Banks	<b>BAOMS REPRESENTATIVES</b>	
North West	Panayiotis Kyzas	Republic of Ireland	Conor Barry
South Central	Vacant / process underway	Scotland	Victoria Cook
South East Coast	Andrew Hobkirk		

## BAOMS SUB SPECIALTY INTEREST GROUPS (SSIGs) APRIL 2024

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 discussion forums.

**Each SSIG has their own web page and discussion forum on the members' area of the website.**

The list of current representatives are:

SSIG	LEAD	DEPUTY
Aesthetic	TBC	TBC
Cleft	Ambika Chadha	vacant
Craniofacial	Moorthy Halsnad	vacant
Deformity	Joint leads: Richard Graham and Greg Knevil	
Oral/Dentoalveolar	Associate Fellows on BAOMS Council, Harpreet Ark and Jennifer Parrish	
Oncology	Joint Leads: Brian Bisase and Leandros Vassiliou	
Paediatric	Athanasios (Thanasis) Kalantzis	Cristina Frezzini
Reconstruction	Panos Kyzas	vacant
Salivary	Leandros Vassiliou	Damian Broderick
Skin	Elizabeth Gruber	Ashwin Kerai
TMJ	Joint leads: Ghaly Adly Ghaly and Athanasios (Thanasis) Kalantzis	Sherif Bayoumi
Trauma	Niall McLeod	David Laraway

## BAOMS COUNCIL 2024

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 2024.**

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 in July 2024 where Daljit Dhariwal will hand over the Presidency to Kathleen (Kathy) Fan.

## OXFORD DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR DUAL DEGREE OMFS IN THE UK

### BAOMS Council April 2024

*"In the interests of our patients' care, BAOMS is fully committed to dual degree training of OMFS Consultants in the UK. OMFS is a unique surgical specialty. BAOMS asks all stakeholders to help it develop the unique solutions needed to improve and shorten OMFS training."*

[Read the full statement here.](#)

## OTHER NEWS



### PROFESSOR ROBERT (BOB) WOODWARDS

It was with great sadness that we recently informed you that Professor Bob Woodward passed away in March 2024. He will be known to many as President of BAOMS in 2011, and remembered fondly by all who had the opportunity to meet or work with him, having helped shape their careers as an exceptional trainer, consultant colleague and friend. May he rest in peace.

### RCS EDINBURGH FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME: 4TH COHORT RCS ED 2024 - 2025

BAOMS are delighted to support a participant on the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh's Future Leaders Programme (FLP).

Please [view the programme overview here](#) for 2024/2025.

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.

### FUTURE LEADERS PROGRAMME FOR SURGEONS APPLICATIONS 2024

FLP is now open for applications. Email [education@rcsed.ac.uk](mailto:education@rcsed.ac.uk) to request an application pack.

The deadline for applying is 23.59 BST Wednesday 12 June 2024.

Administrator for the FLP is:

#### Kristina Keall

Education Development Officer, Professional Activities, Education Department, The Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh, Nicolson Street, Edinburgh EH8 9DW

Direct T +44 (0) 131 527 1715

Please note her working hours are Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8.00am-5.50pm.

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- Contact: [apply@certify-cosmeticsurgery.org.uk](mailto:apply@certify-cosmeticsurgery.org.uk)

**FORTHCOMING MEETING PLANS**

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**BAOMS ASM 2024**

Hosted by:  
Daljit Dhariwal  
62nd President



**ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING**  
03-05 JULY 2024

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Kathleen Fan  
63rd President

**BAOMS ASM 2026**

24-26 June  
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NORTHERN IRELAND

Hosted by:  
Patrick Magennis  
64th President

**AAOMS 2024**

09-14 September  
ORLANDO,  
USA

**ANZAOMS 2024**

12-14 September  
CAIRNS,  
AUSTRALIA

This will be  
co-located with  
RACDS 2024

**EACMFS 2024**

17-20 September  
ROME,  
ITALY

Pre-congress day  
16 September

**ICOMS 2025**

May 22-25  
THE SANDS EXPO  
AND CONVENTION  
CENTRE, SINGAPORE