

**British Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> of September 2011**  
**At ICC- Excel Centre, London in Room H, Capital Suite 17**  
**At 17:00 to 18:00**

**Present:** Jonathan Frappell (President)  
Kevin Philips (President Elect)  
Ertan Saridogan (Honorary Treasurer)  
Mary Connor (Honorary Secretary)

Plus approximately 40 members of BSGE

1. **Apologies:** Sian Jones, Helen Ludkin
2. **Minutes of last AGM held in Wirral on 22<sup>nd</sup> of April 2010 were received and accepted as correct.**

3. **Matters arising:** none reported

4. **President's report:**

**4.1 ESGE Congress.** JF reported that ESGE Congress has been hailed as a successful and a fantastic meeting. It was reported that around 1700 delegates had registered for the meeting and this was credited to BSGE as the host Society. JF thanked ES for taking on the important role of Chair of Local Organising Committee.

**4.2 BSGE membership.** Membership has increased from 528 in 2010 to 603 in 2011; this is the highest level ever in the history of the Society. JF requested AGM delegates to encourage colleagues and trainees to join the Society.

**4.3 Hysteroscopy tariffs.** JF reported that BSGE representatives have been in discussion with the Department of Health lobbying for new lower tariffs for outpatient hysteroscopic procedures; they received help from Conceptus, particularly with regard to hysteroscopic sterilization. JF is confident that the initiative has been successful, although this it has not officially been announced as yet.

**4.4 Simulation training.** JF reported that his role as a member of the RCOG Council is to lead on gynaecological simulation training. The College is very receptive to BSGE views and he is encouraging virtual simulation training in endoscopic surgery.

**4.5 Awards and Bursary applications.** JF reported that the quality and quantity of applications for the awards though poor last year, were much improved this year, with 28 applications for bursaries.

**4.6 Guidelines.** Two guidelines produced for the BSGE in 2010 and 2011 were accepted as Green-topped guidelines by the RCOG: Best Practice in Outpatient Hysteroscopy and Management of Adnexal Masses in Premenopausal Women. JF was grateful to Keith Loudon and his subcommittee for their hard work. The guidelines are of credit to the Society and provide it with very positive exposure.

**4.7 Council elections.** JF reported that Saikat Banerjee had been re-elected to the Council. JF thanked SB for his work developing the new BSGE Website. SB would now chair the Laparoscopic Training portfolio for the BGSE Council and Tyrone Carpenter would take over as lead for the BSGE Website and Communications portfolio. Mark Whittaker is to lead on BSGE Industry Relations and Meetings and Mo'iad Alazzam is to chair the BSGE Guidelines

**4.8 Subcommittees.** Thirteen members put their names forward for BSGE elections, JF would like leads of the BSGE portfolios to approach those who had expressed their interest, but were not successfully elected on this occasion, to join a subcommittee.

## **5. Honorary Treasurer's report:**

ES thanked JF and Peter O'Donovan for trusting him to be Chair of the Local Organising Committee of the ESGE Congress and commented that all BGSE members contributed, in addition there was support from other specialist societies, such as BSUG.

**5.1 Society Finances-** ES reported that Society's finances were going strength to strength, the total sum reaching nearly £200k. The current account holds about £30k for day to day running of the society. ES reported that committees were allocated a budgets. The Awards Committee was allocated £20k, and the Website £10k, and both remained in budget. The Endometriosis Centre spent over the allocated £10k. Overpayments from a few of the 600 members had continued and were a problem last year, but this has since been resolved by Lesley Hill and Atia Khan. Underpayment is also being rectified; this generally occurs when a trainee becomes a consultant but fails to inform the Society. The BSGE will receive income from the ESGE Congress of €25,000. ES has also brokered another deal where profit from any of the satellite workshops will be given to BSGE, this will be approximately £10k.

## **6. Honorary Secretary's report:**

**6.1 Membership update.** MEC reported that the BSGE membership total of 603 comprised 330 Consultants, 205 Trainees and 68 Nurses.

**6.2 BSGE Constitution-** MEC reported the change in constitution was to encourage honorary members to visit the BSGE ASM. This involved including the sentence in the BSGE Constitution 'They will not be required to pay the fees for the Annual Scientific Meeting including the Annual Dinner, but will remain responsible for their own accommodation and travel'. This amendment was agreed at the AGM without further discussion.

**6.3 CSG Menstrual Disorder.** Endometriosis and Gynaecological Endoscopy- MEC reported that the RCOG initiated Case Study Groups were designed to encourage and facilitate the process of developing and expanding a portfolio of research in reproductive healthcare to cover most specialty areas. Justin Clark had been appointed chair of the Menstrual Disorder and Endometriosis CSG, and this group is

supported by the BSGE. Following an email sent to BSGE members in July inviting BSGE members to apply to become a member of this CSG, Justin Clark appointed 12 executive members with another eight supporting the group. JC commented that ideas for research from BSGE members were welcomed; the CSG can provide specific advice to investigators about setting up their own research.

JC was thanked by JF who noted that this CSG was a feather in the cap for the BSGE.

**6.4 Affiliation with AAGL.** MEC reported that this needed further definition. The advantages to BSGE members needed to be explored, JF is to report back to members after attending the AAGL meeting in November.

**6.5 BSGE ASM 2013.** MEC requested expressions of interest from members who wished to host the BSGE ASM in 2013 and to notify Atia Khan at [BSGE@rcog.org.uk](mailto:BSGE@rcog.org.uk) by 15<sup>th</sup> of November 2011.

**7. BSGE ASM 2012.** Nazar Amso, co-opted BSGE Council member until April 2012.

NA reported that the ASM will take place on 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of April, 2012 in Cardiff at the Mercure Cardiff Holland House Hotel. The theme of the meeting is to be 'Insights into the tricks of the trade'.

Workshops on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> of April are to include: oncological topics, laparoscopic dissection and the obese patient, uro-gynaecological laparoscopic sacrocolpoplexy, diagnosis and management of ectopic pregnancy, an update on the RCOG sponsored SHINE project. There may be an additional workshop by the Sir Alec Turnbull Lecturer. A live surgery link will be available.

The scientific programme will include themed sessions on pelvic floor dysfunction surgery, and endometriosis. Registration costs are to be kept at a very low rate. The abstract submission deadline 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and the early registration deadline 8<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

## **8. Presentation by Mo'iad Alazzam re: Travelling Fellowship 2010**

MA presented a report on his BSGE Travel Award 2010. MA is now a consultant gynaecological surgeon and oncologist at the Galway Clinic in Ireland. He visited the University College of Cork in Ireland for his Fellowship, the first European Robotic Fellowship in Gynaecology. MA would like to thank Mr Matt Hewitt, BSGE and the staff at Cork University Hospital for making the Fellowship possible and so successful.

## **9. Awards committee report by Dominic Byrne**

DB reported that the BSGE Awards committee consisted of DB, ES, MEC, Helen Ludkin and Shaheen Khazali. Following his consultant appointment SK will be replaced by another junior representative. It was noted that the Awards committee communicated via email and teleconferences.

**Video Awards 2011.** Thomas Aust won the Senior Video Award and Richard Keedwell the Junior Video Award.

**The Trainee's Travelling Fellowship Award.** Won by Mr Vasanth Andrews.

This year there were no applications for the Alan Gordon Fellowship or the GP/Paramedic Fellowship.

**Educational Bursaries.** In total there 28 applications for educational bursaries, which was a record. Of these, 23 were for the University of Surrey MSc in Advanced Gynaecological Endoscopy, 2 for the GP Hysteroscopy Course, one for the Nurse OPD Hysteroscopy Course, 1 for Versapoint and Thermachoice Course and 1 for an MD course. The budget allocated for the BSGE Awards 2011 round was about £15k, but a total sum of £16,228 was awarded with t

Victoria Flanagan	£1875	MSc
Francesca Raffi	£1723	MD
Zeiad El-Gizawy	£3025	MSc
Abu Imad Hasib Ahmed	£1095	MSc
Gerasimos Marinakis	£1460	MSc
Beverley Breen	£1100	Nurse OPD hysteroscopy
Sanjaya Kalkur	£1875	MSc
Oudai Ali	£1875	MSc

tation that not all will be taken up. Two candidates were in reserve in the event of someone withdrawing from the award process. DB reported that applications had been of a higher quality and of a greater number than the previous year.

Francesca Raffi and Sanjaya Kalkur received their Bursary award certificates from JF at the AGM.

JF thanked DB for so successfully chairing the BSGE Awards and Bursaries portfolio.

## **10. Training Committee report by Sanjaya Kalkur**

SKa reported that trainee members represented the BSGE at the Careers Fair at the RCOG in November 2010 and was very popular. SKh is working hard towards launching video library on BSGE website. Ska is working on an industry sponsored training course, but has some obstacles to overcome. JF advised SKa to liaise with Mark Whittaker, chair of Industry Relations and Meetings for guidance.

A new trainee representative will be appointed to replace SKh who has been appointed to a consultant post. Trainee members of the BSGE were invited to an informal get-together with the President and Vice-President who will host a question and answer session, and listen to Trainees' views and suggestions. The meeting was planned for one hour starting at 11am the following day.

### **11. Hysteroscopy Committee report by Stephen Burrell**

SB reported that he will be involved with the joint RCOG/BSGE Hysteroscopy ATSM course in November.

### **12. Future meetings:**

Intermediate/Advanced Hysteroscopy- 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> of November 2011

Laparoscopic Surgery- 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2011

BSGE ASM 2012- 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2012, Cardiff

### **13. AOB**

KP reported that BSGE Council has agreed to by 10 laparoscopic simulation training boxes.

SB reported that video library on the BSGE website will go live soon; videos from the ESGE Congress will be available.

KP reported that training for laparoscopic procedures will be included in the Benign Gynae Surgery ATSM, as a consequence the Laparoscopy Courses will evolve into a Benign Gynae course.

MA requested topics for new guidelines from members; Atia Khan will email go out via to all BSGE members.