



BRITISH SOCIETY for GYNAECOLOGICAL ENDOSCOPY

**British Society for Gynaecological Endoscopy
Annual General Meeting
Thursday, 15th May 2014, 17:30 to 18:15
At The Carrow Road Conference Centre, Norwich**

Present: Mr Kevin Phillips (President)

Mr Ertan Saridogan (President elect)

Mr Thomas Ind (Honorary Treasurer)

Mr Mark Whittaker (Honorary Secretary)

Plus approximately 70 members of the BSGE.

4. BSGE Awards committee report

4.1 BSGE/Ethicon Training programme outcome

Mr Simon Jackson, Chair of BSGE Awards portfolio started the AGM with BSGE/Ethicon Training programme outcome. SJ announced winners of the programme:

- Ebeid Elhami
- Colette White
- Bally Attilia
- Ilias Nikolopoulos
- Nick Matthews
- Donna Ghosh
- Lutfi Shamsuddin
- William Hoo
- Dana Touqmatchi
- Hani Shuheibar
- Suruchi Pandey
- Rebecca Hardcastle

SJ requested the members to visit Ethicon booth for photograph. SJ informed the meeting that the training programme is split over 5 days with training events at the MATTU, Guildford, ESI, Hamburg and Vesalius, Bristol.

4.2 BSGE Awards 2014/15 (SJ)

SJ reported that the Awards and Bursaries round will open after the ASM. Budget for this is to remain the same as last year which is £20k. Atia Khan, BSGE Secretariat will email BSGE membership with details.



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KP welcomed members at the AGM attended by about 70 delegates.

1. **Apologies:** Adrian Lower, Saikat Banerjee, Shaheen Khazali, Cathy Dean
2. **Minutes of the last AGM held on 11th April 2013** were received and accepted as correct.
3. **Matters arising:**

KP reported that statement on morcellation has been circulated and uploaded on the BSGE website. BSGE is working with the ESGE and will produce new document soon.

BSGE will celebrate its 25th Anniversary next year and will hold special Annual Scientific meeting in London in 2015. It may be expanded to 3 days. ESGE 2015 will now take place in Budapest and will not be a joint meeting with the ESGE. Please email AK at BSGE with expression of interest for 2016 and 2017 ASM.

KP reported that the AAGL membership with the BSGE is up for renewal. For U\$14k, up to 900 BSGE members would receive AAGL e-membership with access to their vast video library and journals and other benefits for another year. Members were requested to email AK at the BSGE if they think the BSGE should continue their membership deal with the AAGL.

5. **President's report (KP)**

5.1 **Council Elections 2014**

KP announced newly elected BSGE Council members:

- Tyrone Carpenter- re-elected
- Chris Guyer
- Elizabeth Ball
- Natasha Waters
- Kirana Arambage- re-elected
- Fevzi Shakir

Dominic Byrne was elected as the Vice President of the BSGE.

7. **Honorary Treasurer's report (TI)**

TI reminded the AGM that the BSGE has charitable status and as Honorary Treasurer of the society, he is responsible for financial governance and end of year accounts to be submitted to the Charity Commission. Haslers are appointed accountants for the BSGE and Trustees' report and financial statements of the year ending 31 December 2013 are now ready.



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BSGE expenditure has increased last year with purchase of Laprotrainers and increase in Awards payments. Total amount in the bank is £363,411.35. There are approximately 760 fully paid member of the society. Income from BSGE membership subscription fee was £88k and £32k was paid in bursaries and £70k to run BSGE office.

TI would like BSGE membership to increase to 1000 in the next two years and explore new ways to bring money into the society.

TI proposed membership fee changes to the AGM.

- BSGE Annual fee for Consultants/SAS Doctors/GP from £150 to £160.
This was agreed at the meeting.
- BSGE Annual fee for Doctors in Training from £75 to £80.
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- BSGE Annual fee for Nurses from £75 to £70.
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There was a discussion on reducing membership fee for nurses to £50 and to reduce registration fee for future ASM. It is mandatory for nurses to attend the ASM as it is ideal in meeting their needs and the fact that the update is mandatory has encouraged some Trusts to fund their attendance but it is still difficult to claim monies back. Many nurses find that their Trust won't pay annual membership fee therefore they won't join the BSGE.

Cathy Dean is a member of the Endometriosis Nurse Project Working Group in conjunction with Endo UK and the BSGE. They are planning on developing a job specification, the qualifications and skills needed to undertake the role of Endometriosis Specialist Nurse.

It was agreed that TI will take to the Council if the BSGE nurses fee can be reduced to £50 and explore claiming Gift Aid from HMRC.

8. Honorary Secretary's report (MW)

MW reported that BSGE membership is growing and is near 800. Please email BSGE secretariat on how BSGE can increase numbers and develop better relationship with membership. MW is developing laparoscopic hysterectomy course for trainees to develop knowledge and skill levels and gaining certification of completion of the course and attainment of a minimum level of competence in the performance of laparoscopic hysterectomy.



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KP informed the AGM that the Breakout sessions for Endocentre database will take place following day with first session from 12pm to 1pm and the other from 3pm to 4pm.

9. **Endometriosis Centres report**

This report will be uploaded on the BSGE website.

10. **Portfolio Committee reports:**

Portfolio reports will be uploaded on the BSGE website.

11. **Member's items:**

The BSGE and Laparoscopy Surgery

Ray Garry commented on depressing levels of laparoscopic hysterectomy in UK. Whilst UK is good at collecting data but not good at rates as they are very low compared to other European countries. BSGE needs to do better and improve this situation by promoting live surgery at the conference and teaching and training the trainees by best methods and trained members.

Jonathan Frappell said the BSGE has laid a fantastic programme for the ASM. The society is constantly maturing and lot more training packages are available to trainees now.

Mo'aid Alazzam said that many procedures are available in the video library and requested members to upload videos and trainees to watch.

KP informed the AGM of the two joint meetings at the RCOG.

12. **Future meetings:**

Joint BSGE/RCOG meeting- Benign Abdominal Surgery- 22-23 September 2014

Joint BSGE/RCOG meeting- Diagnostic and Operative Hysteroscopy- 2, 3 and 4 December 2014

KP thanked Edward Morris and his team and Atia Khan for a great BSGE ASM in Norwich. KP thanked everyone for their support.