

Dear Colleagues

I hope this email finds you well. Despite the challenge that has been presented to us with GDPR, I was keen to contact BHS members directly, both to provide an opportunity to detail a few ideas and opportunities, but also to allow members to comment and feedback to me, or to the Society, on our plans as an executive to improve the BHS.

As you will be aware, last year was a challenging one for the BHS. Further information on the fraud to which we fell victim were given at the AGM and in Andy Hamer's recent newsletter. We are moving forward and I am keen to 'draw a line' under the fraud incident.

To summarise more recent developments, enquiries identified a number of aspects of how the fraud was effected and an idea as to from where it originated, with no possibility of recovering funds. A review of BHS governance processes was undertaken and previous procedures, in place for many years, have been changed. We are doing everything possible to ensure there will be no such concern in the future.

I hope that we, as the exec, have answered all questions about this. I am really keen to ensure that any residual concerns are addressed. If any BHS member would wish for further information or to make any further comment, please feel free to email me, or Andy Hamer, directly and we will do everything possible to answer any queries.

Away from this and looking forward, we have spent some time looking at how other Specialist Orthopaedic Societies are run, what they offer and what their members contribute. We are keen to ensure the BHS is at least as good as other societies and we hope, over time, better.

Some thoughts, suggestions and information:

The possibility of a winter BHS meeting.

We are keen as an exec, to make the BHS informative, supportive, relevant and helpful. We want to develop and to upgrade our activities. Prior to becoming President, I canvassed opinions from a number of BHS members, both established and new. One area that was mentioned and that we have discussed, is the introduction of a second (? winter) gathering of BHS members

We would not plan a 'huge' and elaborate meeting. More likely a short, 36 hr, programme with instructional talks, case presentations and practical discussions, likely starting on a Friday afternoon / evening, with a social gathering over dinner and with further similar sessions on the Saturday morning. We could even arrange a social or sporting activity on the Saturday afternoon.

The plan would be to hold the meeting fairly centrally initially, possibly with an opportunity to become more regional, and perhaps more topic specific, over time. We will work to keep costs low and are open to your comments and suggestions on this. Our initial thoughts had been to plan something for early December 2018

American Association of Hip and Knee Surgeons

As you will have seen the BHS will be the guest society at the excellent AAHKS meeting in Dallas in November 2018. We really hope that a good number of BHS members will look to attend that meeting.

AAHKS has blossomed to become a huge and specialised arthroplasty-based meeting. The programme is packed with useful content, informed debate and clinical discussion. Having presented at AAHKS, I can reassure colleagues that the programme content is taken very seriously, the symposia submissions are hugely over-subscribed, maintaining an excellent quality. As Guest Society, we will hope that 5 of our BHS papers will appear in the programme.

I am keen to make the trip as useful as possible for any BHS members planning to attend

I have investigated whether we could arrange short 1-2 day visits 'en route' to Dallas, for BHS members. I have had preliminary discussions with AAHKS colleagues and have identified a few possible options. Centres such as The Rothmans Institute in Philadelphia, Rush in Chicago, Hospital for Special Surgery in New York and the

Mayo clinic in Rochester have been mentioned. Clearly, I would need some expressions of interest, if we were to take this forward.

The cost of registering to attend the meeting will be for an International AAHKS Member rate US\$350; or non AAHKS member rate of \$675.

We will also have an opportunity to award a funded travelling fellowship to a 'young' and upcoming BHS member, which would provide a travel bursary, a week long observership at a US unit of their choice, culminating with a free ticket to AAHKS. This will be advertised in the very near future.

Website

We are looking to upgrade our website.

In addition to ensuring administrative detail is kept up to date, we will look to develop additional clinical and academic content, with access to information from talks given at the annual meeting. We hope BHS members will find our website helpful and instructive.

Subscriptions

A quick reminder to please check your subscriptions are in order. It is a concern that we are behind with our subscription income and support. Details of relevant subscriptions and bank details can be clarified on the website or via direct communication with our Treasurer, Anil Ghambir

Miscellaneous

I have been asked to remind colleagues to review and respond to the BOA survey relating to winter pressures, commissioning and waiting times.

The link for this is: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MembersWaitingtimes>

I hope our recent newsletter and this email will serve to demonstrate to BHS members, that we, as an executive, are working to make the BHS 'work' for fellow hip surgeons, in all areas of their practice.

Please let me know of your thoughts and comments on any of these suggestions. I will do my very best to respond in explanation or support.

With very best wishes



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President and on behalf of the BHS executive.