

BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I hope all of you managed to enjoy the wonderful summer we had this year after the great “lateral thinking” experience at the annual BBA conference in May. Thanks to Ian, Sian, Kayvan, Donnas and their team for organising an interesting conference and networking events.

This year seems to have passed by rather rapidly and has seen a sea change in the NHS. Around the country, all burn services are experiencing changes in some form or other. The excellent influence of the Burns networks and the National Network of Burn Care in improving burn care and interaction between clinicians has been remarkable. Hopefully this should continue with the formation of the operational delivery networks (ODN). BBA has representation on the Clinical Reference Group chaired by Dr Amber Young and we will continue to ensure our voice is heard.

The BBA has also seen some major changes this year. We have taken the first steps towards stabilising our finances, having taken on board our members’ opinion on differential membership fees as set out in the secretary’s report. The EMSB senate chaired by Dr Becky Martin has updated the EMSB course and re-set the fees in line with other similar courses. Hard work and dedication in the face of adversity is certainly the strong point of Burn professionals.

Finally, I would like to thank Nechama for steering the secretariat into calmer waters! Wish you all a cosy winter and thank you in advance for participating in our surveys as your views will direct the future of BBA.

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Annual Conference 2014: The Only Way is Essex

The St Andrews Burns Service would like to invite you to the BBA Annual Conference to be held at the Post Medical Institute at Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford from 7th – 9th April 2014.

The theme of the conference is ‘Striding towards Excellence: TOWIE’

Abstracts are invited to reflect the theme and the sub theme; Teamwork, Outcomes, Wounds, Innovation, Experience. The abstract deadline is 2nd December 2013.

An exciting networking programme is being prepared to celebrate all that is good about Essex.

We look forward to seeing you all in Chelmsford next April.

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Education Subgroup

Congratulations to Award Winners from the Annual BBA Conference 2013:

Best Poster: Mr Pieter Vermaak, Registrar at Frenchay Hospital, Bristol: 'Exhaust mechanism-related burns affecting children: A UK-based study.'

Best Oral Presentation: Alice Varley, Medical Student, University of Bristol: 'Investigation to review if the current information provided to the general public regarding first aid treatment for burns and scalds in children is evidence based.'

The BBA Education Day was called 'Sepsis in Burns: Beating the Bugs' and was held on 24th October 2013 at the National Motorcycle Museum & Conference Centre, Birmingham. The meeting was a great success with over 50 attendees.

The education section of the BBA website hosts a variety of education information, including courses and study days around the country – see what is available near to you! If you are organising a course or study day and would like to let others know about it, please contact the BBA Secretariat.

The Education Subgroup value your thoughts to direct educational opportunities and we therefore invite you to take part in a short survey which can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RRRFKFT>. We would be grateful if you would please complete the survey by 30th November 2013.

Laing Essay

Laing Essay Prize 2013: 'Lateral Thinking, Different Perspectives to Burn Care':
Congratulations to winner Mr Adil Khan, ST3 Trainee Plastic Surgery, Frenchay Hospital, Bristol.

Laing Essay Prize 2014 now open to all involved in Burn Care: The Essay, titled 'What is the Role of the BBA in a Changing NHS?' should be of a maximum 5000 words and in the style used by *Burns Journal*. Three referees, appointed by the BBA, will judge and award the winner £500. The prize-winning Essay will be eligible for publication in *Burns* at the discretion of the Editor. **Closing date for applications: 31st January 2014.** Winner will be announced at the BBA Annual Conference, April 2014. For further information, email: info@britishburnassociation.org

Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB)

EMSB courses have now been allocated 8 consultant CPD credits.

Courses are available to book through to November 2014 on www.emsb.org.uk - please share with colleagues and encourage interested staff to book early. New dates will be coming out soon, and an Instructors course for those who have been recommended has been announced.

The EMSB Senate met in March and in October to review course feedback and to continue to work to ensure the course materials are up to date - please contact us with any suggestions.

The Healing Foundation Burns Collective

The Burns Collective provides vital, international centres for clinically-driven, patient-relevant research into all aspects of burns care. The Burns Collective is The Centre for Burns Research <http://www.research.uhb.nhs.uk/burn-injury-research-centre/>, led by Mr Naiem Moiemmen and The Children's Burns Research Centre <http://www.bristol.ac.uk/social-community-medicine/childrens-burns/>, led by Professor Alan Emond.

The Healing Foundation Centre for Burns Research is based at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham and looks at understanding how the body responds to burn injury and developing new treatments. The centre is a partnership between University Hospitals Birmingham, University of Birmingham, Ministry of Defence, Birmingham Children's Hospital, University College London and the Royal Free Hospital in London. There two main themes: the Acute Response Pathway theme led by Professor Janet Lord from University of Birmingham and the Reconstructive Theme led by Professors Alex Seifalian and Peter Butler from University College London.

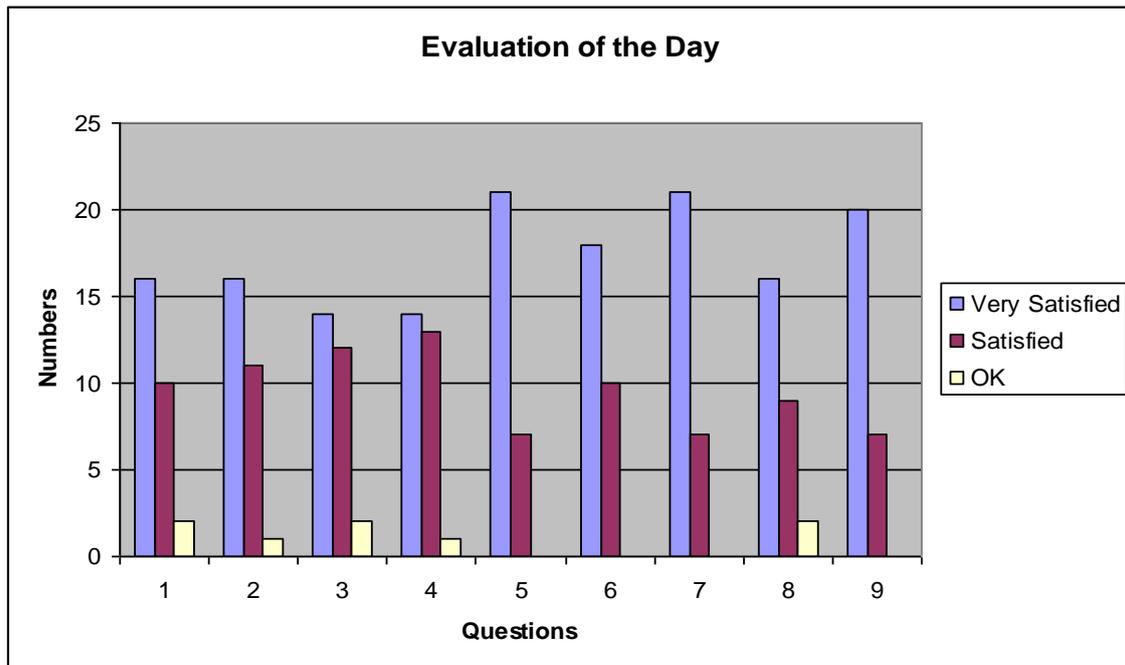
The Healing Foundation Children's Burns Research Centre is led by the University of Bristol in partnership with the University of the West of England, Cardiff University, University of Bath and North Bristol NHS Trust. The research consortium has a track record of working together and has partnered with voluntary agencies and patient groups, with the aims of delivering a patient-centred research programme to provide measurable outcomes for real patient benefit, and developing multidisciplinary research capacity in burns research. The three key themes of the Centre are Prevention led by Professor Alison Kemp and Dr Julie Mytton, Clinical Management led by Dr Amber Young and Psychosocial Adjustment and Rehabilitation led by Professor Diana Harcourt and Professor Nichola Rumsey.

Research Special Interest Group

The BBA Research SIG will be holding its next meeting in February 2014 (date to be confirmed). All members who wish to have their projects peer-reviewed, please forward them to Mamta latest by 20th December 2013 so as to circulate to members of Research SIG. All members wishing to discuss / seek advice on any proposals, please let Mamta know so time can be allocated on the agenda.

Prevention

The 2nd BBA prevention meeting was held prior to this year's British Burn Association Annual Meeting in Liverpool. The day was entitled "Working together, crossing boundaries". The meeting was successful with total attendees of 42. Talks included facts about data impacting on prevention themes by Ken Dunn, to talks from the fire service perspective, the industry perspective, the charity perspective from the Children's Burns Trust and most importantly an excellent talk from the parent of a scalded child. The evaluation of the day is as below. We plan to hold the 3rd BBA Prevention day next year. Further details to follow.



1.	With the booking process and pre-event organisation?
2.	With the organisation of the day?
3.	With the venue and facilities?
4.	With the arrangements and quality of the catering?
5.	With the relevance of the topic areas?
6.	With the presentations that were delivered at the venue?
7.	With the time keeping at the event?
8.	With the access at the venue (technical, physical or other)?
9.	Overall assessment of the event?

We plan to hold the 3rd BBA Prevention day next year. Further details to follow but in the meantime we would like to keep in touch via a Prevention Newsletter. Please contact us if you have any news or ideas you would like to share, posters and campaigns that you feel would be of interest to other prevention colleagues and any issues you would like to raise. Please send all contributions to: laurie.sparks@nbt.nhs.uk

Other work on-going is to try to fund and appoint a national burn prevention coordinator between Dr Young and Mr Dunn. This is in progress and further information will follow when possible.

Nurses Special Interest Group

This special interest group is designed for nurses to get together, share and learn from each other and to aim to influence the nursing aspects of caring for a burn patient. The last couple of years there have not been any meetings as much of the remit was being met via the Burn Care Network meetings. At the Nurses SIG meeting at the BBA conference in Liverpool it was agreed that with the change in the network structures there was a need for this Special Interest Group.

It was agreed to try and hold a separate meeting outside of the BBA conference that more people may be able to get to. Therefore we are planning to arrange a meeting in the new year (provisional date 16th January 2014). A nurses email list is also being put together to enable us to discuss issues throughout the year. If you want more information or to be added to the circulation list please let Nechama know at info@britishburnassociation.org

Psychosocial Special Interest Group

The BBA Psychosocial SIG continues to meet twice a year. The SIG generally comprises psychosocial professionals but is open to anyone who is interested in psychosocial issues in burns. Anyone wanting to join the SIG can contact Natalie Holman (Secretary) or Laura Shepherd (Chair). The recent focus of the SIG has been the development of psychosocial screening for burns inpatients, considering the measurement of psychosocial outcomes of burns patients and the challenges associated with this, and psychosocial research in burns.

Burn Therapists' Interest Group (BTIG)

BTIG remains active predominantly in an email capacity sharing ideas and information, and providing peer support and problem solving for difficult patient cases. Following our meeting at the Annual Conference, a survey has been created to seek therapists' views on what the key priorities for the group should be. This can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9MPLFWD>

Any physiotherapist or occupational therapist working in burns can take part in the survey. We would be grateful if you could please complete the survey by 30th November 2013.

NEW FORUM

Microbiology / Infection Prevention Group

This new Special Interest Group, formed at the 2013 AGM in Liverpool is chaired by Ibrahim Hassan.

Members wishing to join the group should contact the BBA Secretariat.

Details of the first meeting will be disseminated to BBA Members in due course.

Informatics Group (IG) and International Burn Injury Database (iBID)

The unprecedented and profound level of change seen in the English NHS in the period running up to April 2013 created a series of challenges for the maintenance and future of all clinical registries in the UK. After many months of intense communication and discussion the picture is slowly clearing and the future for the Burn Injury Database appears promising.

The Burn Injury Database was accepted as one of the 11 registries necessary for specialised commissioning in 2012. With all the financial challenges in the NHS this decision has been reviewed twice since that time, but the decision reaffirmed on each occasion.

Of particular importance is that the Clinical Reference Group for burn care (CRG-BC) has formally accepted the work of what was the NNBC Informatics Group (IG) as part of its responsibilities and is currently reviewing the structure and work programme. The IG is working to align the agreed funding against the work of the Informatics Group for 13/14.

It has recently been affirmed by Chris Moran, program director for all of the trauma CRGs in the Trauma Programme, that injury prevention should form part of the responsibilities of the CRGs in that Programme, which for the burn care CRG is to be taken forward with BBA and Chief Fire Officers Association (CFOA) in the near future.

Additionally, there are plans for all clinical registries necessary for commissioning to be linked with NHS data under the umbrella of the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). The timetable for this is unconfirmed, although the first four registries are expected to start work on linkage imminently.

Over the same period as all the NHS changes, we have of course been rolling out the new version of Burn Injury Database software which is now being used in all English major burn services and will next be rolled out to the new burn facilities in the south-east of England and latterly to Swansea.

Centralisation of data and data validation has successfully recommenced and the database is now standing at 114,000 cases. Website based reporting has fully recommenced and a new web-based system to allow the central database to be queried by the public, burn services and Commissioners, while maintaining confidentiality, is being trialled currently.

A record is being kept of the number of presentations and publications that have been dependent on the Burn Injury Database collection and this will be soon published on the iBID website.

In addition to the basic training courses previously run for iBID software users the first advanced course is soon to be run to introduce experienced data coordinators and others to the additional features available in the new iBID software, which will again be enhanced with the release of version 1.2 in the late autumn.

If burn service staff wish to access reports about their own burn service on the iBID website (www.ibidb.org) they should contact their clinical lead or data coordinator for the necessary username and password or contact their Network Manager, should they have one. Or they can contact Cathy Reade, the IG National Coordinator using the details below:

E: Cathy.Reade@uhsm.NHS.uk T: (0161) 291 6323

For any further information you can check the website in the first instance or contact Cathy, especially if you wish to use some of the data held in the central database. Local access to the data concerning your own burn service is controlled by your local clinical lead and data coordinator(s).

Ken Dunn
Medical Director, iBID & Chair (joint), Informatics Group
BBA Executive Committee member

Burn Care Clinical Reference Group

The Burn Care CRG was initially formed in January 2012. Since the changes to the NHS this April, CRG membership has been updated and for clinical members is now complete with a doctor, nurse or therapist representing all Senate Areas (<http://www.england.nhs.uk/resources/spec-comm-resources/npc-crg/group-d/d06/>). There is also representation from four affiliated organisations: British Burns Association, Royal College of Nursing, The Association of Burns Reconstructive Surgeons and Anaesthetists and Chartered Society of Physiotherapists. We have two of four patient and lay representatives and are actively recruiting for two more. If any BBA member knows of a patient or member of the public who would like to get involved with this work please let us know. Our NHS England accountable commissioner is Sarah Marsh (sarah.marsh5@nhs.net) and public health representative is Claire O'Donnell (claireo'donnell@nhs.net). The CRG is also actively looking for appropriate stakeholders who can register as such via the weblink:

<http://www.england.nhs.uk/2013/08/19/reg-crg/>.

Current work includes review of the Burn Care Specification in response to feedback from the public consultation, a reader friendly version of this Specification developed by our patient and carer members, partnership working on a national care pathway for skin loss conditions with the Dermatology CRG and production of a national policy for management of the hypermetabolic response to burn injury.

This is exciting work enabling real clinical input into the development of commissioning products to support the progress of implementation of the standards for burn care across England. Please direct any comments to Sarah Marsh or Dr Amber Young.

Dr Amber Young, Chair Burn Care CRG amber.young1@nhs.net

Secretary/Treasurer Update

A detailed update regarding the BBA financial and membership position was provided to those attending the 2013 BBA AGM in Liverpool. Following some discussion a majority vote confirmed an update in membership fees with effect from December 2013 to:

Doctors and consultant nurse/AHP	£75pa
All other staff	£50pa
Students and retired members	£30pa

The BBA Executive members will continue to consider options to improve income and reduce expenditure.

A copy of the power point presentation can be obtained from the BBA secretariat.

Jo Myers



Advance Announcement

CPD points applied for

British Burn Association

Annual Meeting - Chelmsford: 7 -9 April 2014
Anglia Ruskin University, Chelmsford

Striding towards Excellence

Hosted by: St Andrews Burn Service

We would like to invite you to the BBA Annual Conference 2014 to be held in the Essex city of Chelmsford, hosted by the St Andrews Burns Service and supported by Anglia Ruskin University.

The venue will be the Post Graduate Medical Institute at Anglia Ruskin University.

The theme of the conference is 'Striding towards Excellence'. To reflect our pride in Essex our sub theme is;

T = Teamwork
O = Outcomes
W = Wounds
I = Innovation
E = Experience

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS: We look forward to receiving abstracts to reflect our theme and sub theme. Please visit the event website for full information and online submission.

Challenging Scientific Programme
Distinguished Speakers
Full networking programme
Early Bird registration rate before 20th January 2014
Trade exhibition

Member: Earlybird:£275.00 - £310.00 Regular

Non Member: Earlybird:£350.00 - Regular:£390.00

Day Delegate: £150.00 per day attended.

For further details, abstract submission & to Register Online, please visit the website or contact the Conference Secretariat: www.conventus.com/bba

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