

BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION

NEWS: Winter 2011/12



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Chair: Clare McGrory

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Chair: Miss Mamta Shah

Outcomes Subgroup

Chair: Mr Remo Papini

Executive Committee Member Vacancy

Details, criteria and the application procedure will be sent to the BBA Membership soon.

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Moving forward together



I am greatly honoured to Chair the British Burn Association and thank you all for giving me this prestigious opportunity. I have to thank Mr Naiem Moiemem for steering the BBA through some challenging changes over the last two years.

Since taking over, I have been made aware of some difficult times ahead but this gives us the opportunity to move with the current climate and "modernise" the BBA. The Executive Committee members have drawn up action plans and time frames for planning the BBA's strategy for the next few years.

I would like to seek every member's views and expectations of the BBA and urge you all to respond promptly to the BBA membership survey.

The BBA welcomes the emergence of the four Burns Networks and the National Network of Burn Care for England and Wales and we will work closely with these organisations to complement the work streams and continue to be the voice of the multi-professional Burns team.

I am ever impressed by the enthusiasm and dedication of our multi-professional membership in improving burn care and rehabilitation but more importantly in their endeavours to prevent burns. Multi-professionalism is the under-pinning strength of our association and long may it continue.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy festive season.

Mamta Shah



45th BBA Annual Meeting 2012 is combined with the ISBI 2012 Congress at Edinburgh

'One World, One Standard of Burn Care'

The congress aims to draw together physicians, PhD, nurses, rehabilitation specialists and other specialties devoted to burn and wound care from around the globe.

For further details and registration:
<http://www.isbi2012-edinburgh.org/>

Outcomes Subgroup: Policy Recommendations

This committee's members cover burns nursing, physiotherapy, psychology and surgery, among others. The patient journey has been divided into 3 phases: pre-admission care, acute burn care (subdivided into resuscitation and non-resuscitation) and rehabilitation with a final category of 'Global Outcome measures'. For each stage we have defined what outcomes we would expect to achieve and the measures we would choose to assess this.

There is a great deal of pressure from Commissioning groups and the Department of Health for us to come up with robust outcome measures, which can be included in the next commissioning round. We have resisted this until we can produce measures, which the BBA can sign up to, but in order to expedite the process we have decided to increase the frequency of meetings to 4 per year until the first draft is produced.

We have had three meetings and a final meeting is planned in January to finalise the global outcomes before we submit our recommendations. Once this has been agreed by the subcommittee and the BBA executive we will circulate it to all members. After publication we will need to reassess these measures after 6 months and revise them.

AB Wallace Award 2012



THE HEALING FOUNDATION
Enabling the better, whole and true of people with disfigurement

£10,000 Burns Research Award

The Healing Foundation and the British Burn Association wish to award a prize of up to £10,000 to support research in the area of 'burns, disfigurement and visible loss of function' and which pays tribute to the visionary ideals of AB Wallace, the pioneering burns research surgeon, famously passionate about the role of research in advancing burns medicine and care for patients.

The winner will be announced at the 16th Congress of the International Society of Burn Injuries 2012 in Edinburgh.

Closing date for applications: Friday 6 July 2012
Applications are welcome from all members of the BBA and ISBI

For further information please visit www.thehealingfoundation.org

Student Elective Awards

£1200

Please visit:

Membership Payments

Most BBA members now pay annual membership fees by Direct Debit, our most preferred method and the most cost effective means of supporting your Association. However, a number of members (even some with Direct Debit instructions in place!) are still paying a yearly contribution by Standing Order.

Please check your bank account details to ensure that no Standing Orders to the BBA are still active (but please do not cancel your DD by mistake) as all future Standing Orders for less than the full membership can only be received as 'donations' to the charity and will not count towards your membership.

Thank you.

Prevention Subgroup: National Meeting

The First National BBA Prevention Meeting was organised by the Prevention Subgroup and took place on 20th May in Birmingham hosted by the Lord Mayor. Mary Creagh MP visited and spoke on how her 'Hot Water Burns Like Fire Campaign' prevention campaign success had been achieved. The day was free to all attendees after kind donation by the Midlands Burn Care Network. There were well-received talks by national prevention experts including representatives of non-governmental organisations on all aspects of burn prevention. Evaluation forms were completed and were positive. There are early plans for a second meeting in Spring 2012 to agree and finalise the BBA prevention strategy.

The 2012 meeting of the prevention Special Interest Group will be held at the joint BBA/ISBI meeting in Edinburgh. There will also be a prevention section of the meeting which will be organised by Mr Andrew Burd (ISBI prevention lead).

EMSB Courses

EMSB has had another successful year. A new online booking system via the BBA website allows candidates to book themselves onto available courses. The courses continue to be popular and we have two new centres for 2011 at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital and Southmead Hospital, Bristol.

*****Dates for early 2012 are available online now.*****

The Senate has met twice this year and the updated version of the manual is complete with plans to use it from early next year. ANZBA are currently revising and updating course material and we are hoping to benefit from this in 2012.

ANZBA representative, Andy Ives, made a flying visit to Chelmsford to observe the courses in October and Lt Col Tania Cubison was the elected representative to visit the Annual ANZBA Conference in Brisbane, Australia.

National Network for Burn Care **NHS**

The BBA maintains its representation at the NNBC. The work programme led by Nathan Hall is available on the NNBC website (<http://www.specialisedservices.nhs.uk/burncare>) where key documents and the newsletter can be found.

Following the work of the NNBC Major Incident Planning Subgroup, led by Greg Williams, the Department of Health published the NHS guidance on emergency planning for burn care in April 2011. The consultation for the revised burn care standards, led by Owen Jones, included the entire BBA membership and this work is now in its final stages with publication due in early 2012.

Education Subgroup: The Future

The Education Subgroup supports the BBA in meeting its aims to promote education in all aspects of burn care, for example, BBA Education Days and the Laing Essay Prize.

Future BBA Education Days are being organised; chosen topics for the next three are 'Pain', 'Sepsis', and 'Safeguarding'. More information will be on the website and future mailings. If you have any suggestions for other topics or would like to assist with organising any of the above topics, then please contact the BBA.

The Education section of the website will be updated soon with information on training, courses and other education-related topics.

The 2012 meeting of the Education Special Interest Group will be held at the joint BBA/ISBI meeting in Edinburgh. This is an open meeting for all with an interest in education to attend, so please join us to share your ideas.

Laing Essay Prize

Open to all involved in burn care, the essay titled "**The 21st Century Burn Care Team**", 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:

Saturday 30th June 2012.

For further information email the BBA.

Travel & Research Grants

The BBA will consider applications for travel/research grants (not normally exceeding £1000) from BBA Members.

For further details and application forms see website or email the BBA.

The following Research and Travel grants have been awarded by the BBA in the past year:

- ◇ £1,000 to James Clover towards research on 'Use of Circulating Progenitor Cells to Induce Rapid Wound Healing in Burns'.
- ◇ £1,000 to Mr William Holmes: travel grant to a Paediatric Regional Burn Unit, Red Cross War Memorial Children's Hospital, Cape Town, South Africa
- ◇ £1,000 to Professor Peter Dziewulski & Miss Thet Su Win towards research on 'Development of HLA-specific antibodies following cadaveric skin allografting in acute burn management'.
- ◇ £980 to Mr Jonathon Pleat for his Observership at Shriners Hospital for Children, Galveston, Texas.

Research Subgroup: Progress

The BBA met with Prof Tim Coates (NIHR national lead for Injuries & Emergencies Research) to discuss how to get Burns Research recognised by the NIHR. Baljit Dheansa has now been nominated as the BBA representative on the NIHR Injuries and Emergencies group.

The next Research SIG Meeting is on 16th December 2011 in Manchester.

To facilitate collaborations and contacts, a database will be set up for all Burns Research and audit projects conducted in the UK and Ireland and request all members to send a list of their active projects (titles and a brief outline summary) to the BBA.

The Healing Foundation will award Burns Research Centre status to the University of Bristol and University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust. More details will follow next year, and we look forward to collaborative working throughout the UK and Ireland following this important initiative.

In memoriam: Anne Bryson Sutherland

An active member of the BBA, Anne was the first lady Chairperson. She presented the AB Wallace Lecture in 1986, organised the Annual Conference in 1974, and was made an Honorary Life Member.

Anne will be deeply missed. Our thoughts are with her family.

For a full obituary please see BMJ 2011:343:d6741

In memoriam: Brian Percy Dowdell

We would like to thank Mrs Doreen Dowdell for donations totalling £410.30 in memory of her husband.

Donors include VR Dowdell, HR & AR Finbow, Mr & Mrs Gwinnell, Mr Bap, DA Douse, KF Tarbin and CM Dupreez. These kind donations will go towards work on burn prevention and the propagation of knowledge on the best treatment and rehabilitation following a burn injury.

Have you filled in the Membership survey yet?

Please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/BBA_survey_2011 to complete this survey about roles and functions of the BBA and the subscription for the Association.

Please could you complete it before 30 December 2011.

