

BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION

NEWS: Summer 2012



Your opinions count



First of all, I would like to thank all members who responded to the membership survey. The results have been collated by Bruce Philp; a link will be circulated to members. We are taking all of your helpful comments on board and will discuss further at the AGM.

The last year has seen many challenges in individual burn services and I am ever impressed by the dedication and resilience of our members

ensuring we provide the best possible burn care for our patients. With the changing face of the structure of the NHS, the BBA is taking an active role wherever possible, to ensure our voice is heard.

I represent the BBA on the Clinical Reference Group chaired by Amber Young. This group acts as a resource for service specific advice to cluster Specialised Commissioning Groups (SCGs) during 2012/13 and the NHS Commissioning Board from April 2013 onwards. The BBA has the key task of leading on the outcomes and outcome measures for burns. The final draft report of work to date will be circulated to all members for consultation shortly. Please take the opportunity to comment so we can include your views. Once finalised, standards will be set from the information collected from our membership rather than from international standards that may not be directly applicable to our services.

The BBA is engaging with the burn networks and the National Network for Burn Care in ensuring its work streams complement each other. The BBA is leading the way forward in prioritising areas of research important for improving burn care. Together, we can make a difference.

Finally, as we look forward to inviting our international burn community to Edinburgh in September, the preparations for the congress are progressing well and it promises to be an exciting conference with a fantastic scientific and social programme led locally by Keith Judkins. I do hope you will be able to join me in Edinburgh and attend our AGM on Monday 10 September.

Mamta Shah
BBA Chair

Special Interest Groups: new forum

The Special Interest Group pages of the BBA website have been updated to include contact details for each and also a discussion forum section (accessed by members only once logged in).

Access these to share ideas, discuss topics or seek advice from other burns professionals.

Executive Committee

Chair Mamta Shah
Deputy Chair Remo Papini
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Peter Drew
Rebecca Martin
Clare McGrory
Bruce Philp
Amber Young

BBA SUBGROUPS

BBA Prevention Subgroup

Chair: Amber Young

BBA Education Subgroup

Chair: Clare McGrory

EMSB National Organiser

Rebecca Martin

Research Subgroup

Chair: Mamta Shah

Outcomes Subgroup

Chair: Remo Papini

Working Party Opportunity

The BBA is setting up a working party to refresh the contents of the website and would very much appreciate volunteers to join. This will be chaired by Bruce Philp.

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Prevention Subgroup: Future Meetings

The prevention subgroup core membership is now agreed and a work plan is drafted; both, along with the terms of reference, will be uploaded onto the BBA website soon. The next meeting of the Prevention Subgroup will be at the BBA/ISBI Conference in September 2012. The date and time will be posted on the BBA website shortly.

Prevention will be a key theme in the BBA/ISBI Congress with a Presidential Plenary directed towards global burn prevention on 10 September, a Prevention Symposium chaired by Mr Andrew Burd and a talk at the Paediatric Symposium chaired by Dr Amber Young both on 12 September. Attendance at these is strongly encouraged to all those interested in burn prevention.

There will be a 2nd BBA National Prevention Day in Spring 2013. Please email ideas for topics or speakers to the Prevention Group Chair.

In memoriam: Dr James Brown

We would like to thank the family and colleagues of James Brown for donations in his memory.

James was a burns survivor following a laboratory accident; he made a good recovery after skin grafts and physiotherapy.

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.

Education Subgroup: Date for your diary!

The next BBA Study Day will be on 'Burn Pain' on 8 November 2012 at Chelsea & Westminster Hospital, London. A programme for the day will be on the BBA website soon. If you have an interest in burn pain and have ideas for inclusion in the study day or would like to be involved in its organisation, please contact the Education Group Chair.

The 'Education' section of the BBA website hosts a variety of 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.

EMSB Courses: major service improvements

The updated 2012 EMSB manual (15th edition) has just been sent off to the printers! This will be launched in the Autumn alongside the new lecture slides, which are being fine-tuned following a recent "test run". All instructors will be invited to share the new slides when they are available.

Courses are run throughout the year around the UK for civilian, military and international candidates. The online booking system (www.emsb.org.uk) continues to work well and places on courses for later in 2012 are available to book via the website. 2013 dates will be confirmed in the autumn. Please note that the course fee will be increased to £295 from 1st September 2012.

The Senate meets twice yearly and is working to continually improve the course. We hope to add a FAQ section to the website later this year. If you have any questions/suggestions please email the Secretariat.

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



'One World, One Standard of Burn Care'

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

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

9 – 13 September 2012

Research Subgroup: Research Priorities Consultation

The group last met in December in Manchester. There was representation from doctors, nurses, therapists, basic scientists, charitable organisations, psychologists and scientists from companies working on burn wound care products.

Attendees gave brief presentations of their research work and interests, followed by a discussion on the unmet needs and areas of burn care that required further research. The group prioritised and shortlisted ten research areas. This list will be circulated for consultation to the BBA membership shortly.

A database of research and audit projects currently being conducted in the UK has been compiled but completion is dependent on contributions from members. Please send a list of all your projects to the Research Subgroup Chair so members can collaborate and junior members can seek support and advice on projects. This database will be held on the members' only section of the BBA website.

The next meeting will be held in Birmingham on 20 July 2012 in the Boardroom of the old Queen Elizabeth Hospital at 10.30am. To attend please email the Research Group Chair.

Date for your diaries!



BBA Annual Scientific Meeting

2013

To be held at the Britannia Adelphi Hotel, Liverpool

14 - 17 May 2013

Introduction to the Specialised Burn Care Clinical Reference Group

All NHS specialised service areas (including Burn Care) have recently established Clinical Reference Groups (CRGs) to develop nationally consistent commissioning policy for their service area. This is part of the transition of specialised service commissioning into the new NHS Commissioning Board. The CRGs will be the leaders in developing the products required for the effective commissioning of the service from 2013/14 onwards. The various products that should be developed as part of each CRGs work-programme include national service specifications, quality measures and clinical commissioning policies.



Specialised Services

The Burn Care CRG is made up of the following members:

Amber Young—CRG Chair	Baljit Dheansa—Southern Sector Representative
Nathan Hall—CRG Commissioning Lead	Henrietta Spalding—PPE Representative
Claire O'Donnell—CRG Public Health Lead	Kellie Farrell—PPE Representative
Michelle Das - London Sector Representative	Mamta Shah—BBA Representative
Peter Dziejewski—London Sector Representative	Ken Dunn—Burn Injury Database Director
Ian James—Northern Sector Representative	Jacky Edwards—Specialised Burn Nursing Representative
Sanjay Varma—Northern Sector Representative	Gabrielle Fairgrieve—Specialised Burn Care Therapy Representative
Naiem Moimen—Midlands Sector Representative	
Owen Jones—Midlands Sector Representative	
Peter Drew—Southern Sector Representative	

The Specialised Burn CRG met for the first time on 14 May and again on 29 June. The service scope for defining specialised burn care has been agreed. The Service Specification has been drafted (utilising work previously undertaken by the National Network for Burn Care). Proposals for potential national productivity/prevention (QIPP) schemes focussing on burn care outreach, procurement of high cost consumables and prevention of hot drink scalds are being developed. The CRG will also be considering any key areas that should be prioritised for national clinical commissioning policy, CQUIN Schemes and ideas for burn care innovations.

For more information, please contact nathanhall@nhs.net

BBA Membership Survey Summary

The BBA recently performed a survey of the BBA membership using the online SurveyMonkey service. The detailed results of the survey will be available to download from the BBA website (a PDF document). 117 of the 382 members responded (31%); 92% of the respondents were professional members.

The majority of respondents joined the BBA because it represents our profession and because it is multi-disciplinary, rather than for monetary benefits (reduced conference fees and grant funding). The majority of respondents wanted to participate in BBA activities and believed the organisation makes a difference to patients and the public. A large majority of respondents believe that the BBA does meet its main objectives to disseminate knowledge in its scientific meetings, stimulate burn prevention, promote education about burn care and promote and support research into all aspects of burn injury.

The most popular responses about improving the BBA's objectives were setting evidence-based standards for care, improving outcome measurement and audit of clinical practice in burn care and developing national strategies for prevention, research and audit for burn injuries.

BBA Members were asked their opinion about methods to increase the Association's income for research, grants, running costs and achieving its objectives. The majority response to the questions about membership fees was that there should be an increase to reflect the fees of similar-sized organisations and to introduce differential fees based on members' incomes. The majority also agreed that the fee of the EMSB provider course should increase.

Regarding interaction with, and the role of, the BBA Secretariat, the majority felt that the Secretariat should be available to answer subscription questions and queries about the scientific meeting and courses.

83% of respondents had attended the Annual conference and 48% completed the EMSB course. The majority of respondents wished to participate in Special Interest Groups.

The BBA is very grateful to its members for taking the time to complete the survey.

Laing Essay Prize



Applications for the 2012 prize have been collected after the closing date on 30 June for essays on 'The 21st Century Burn Care Team'. Three referees, appointed by the BBA, will judge and award the winner £500.

Details on the 2013 Essay Prize will be sent to members and added to the website soon.

For more information, please email the Secretariat.

Funding Available

**Healing Foundation/BBA Student
Elective Awards**
£1200

6-8 weeks of supervised research

Closing date: 29 October 2012

Please visit: www.thehealingfoundation.org

BBA Travel & Research Grants

Open only to BBA Members

Defined aim with an area of burn care identified

Relevance to your clinical practice

Please contact the Secretariat for more information and application forms.

£1,200 Elective Awards 2012



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- Craniofacial medicine, care and treatment
- Burn medicine and care

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Closing dates:
Wednesday 8th February 2012
Monday 29th October 2012

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