

BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF ENDOCRINE & THYROID SURGEONS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

12 October 2017

4.45pm to 6.00pm

Main Auditorium

Technology and Innovation Centre

University of Strathclyde

99 George Street

Glasgow, G1 1RD

1 Apologies

None received

2 Minutes of the AGM, Belfast 2017

Available on website, approved by AGM.

3 President's Report – Mr Greg Sadler

The President thanked the local organiser Omar Hilmi and also thanked Mark Lansdown who is demitting office as Past President. The continued success of the society was mentioned, as evidenced by numbers new members registered in the last 12 months and a UK meeting with highest ever number of registered delegates (177).

The President then went on to outline progress made by Exec on two specific issues; guidance on optimising the management of post-operative haemorrhage following thyroid surgery and on consent for thyroid surgery. A web page of resources for embedding training in members' hospitals is currently under construction. In particular this hosts the 'SCOOP' protocol which can be easily adapted by members to suit their practice, and the SCOOP video and YouTube link that guides the

novice through opening the neck wound in the event of a bleed that leads to respiratory distress. The progress made by Neil Tolley (St Marys') towards a Montgomery-compliant consent form was also discussed. The AGM discussed this and there was universal support for both initiatives.

4 Treasurer's Report – Ms Fiona Eatock

a) Ms Eatock gave a detailed breakdown of the income and expenditure of the Association. The Belfast meeting and Masterclass both ran with a surplus and there was £10,000 donation to the society from Mr R Mihai, from the proceeds of ESES 2017. The society therefore operated with a surplus of £46694 pounds in the 2017 financial year. Total funds brought forward were £151,316

b) The financial forecast for the forthcoming financial year, 2018: surplus from the Glasgow annual meeting and the RCS Masterclass and an increase in subscriptions due to increased membership.

c) The separation from ASGBI with its attendant financial risks has been successfully completed. ACS Global now provides professional services for the membership database. Ms Bhavnita Patel provides day-to-day administration as a self-employed contractor and Mr Emmanuel Amadiogwu provides IT and web master, trading as Emmantech Ltd. All of these services are currently provided at similar (or lower cost) compared with ASGBI.

d) No significant financial risks were identified for the current financial year.

5 Secretary's Report – Mr M Stechman

a) Results of the 2018 elections for the President of BAETS

There were 4 candidates (Mr Radu Mihai, Mr Richard Bliss, Professor Neil Tolley and Mr Jeremy Davis) and the single transferable voting system was employed and there was 37% voter turnout for the electronic election.

Mr Jeremy Davis was duly elected as the new President Elect and will assume office at the Barcelona meeting in 2019 (term: Oct 2019-Oct 2021). He will join the BAETS exec as President-Elect.

In October 2019, three ordinary members of the Exec will demit office (or may stand for re-election). Professor Tolley will also demit as the co-opted member.

Expressions of interest will be sought for in Spring 2018 for a STV election in July 2019.

The secretary will advertise these posts in the Spring.

b) Contribution to the Eurocrine database

The secretary outlined that BAETS currently pays €1000 PA to allow its members to input a small number of rare endocrine cases to Eurocrine database. There was an extensive discussion on whether the society should either: stop this payment, continue this payment and continue with UKRETS or a third option of exploring a move to the Eurocrine database, including the possibility of paying to export the completed cases in UKRETS to that platform.

The AGM agreed to that the payment should continue and has asked David Scott-Coombes and Fausto Palazzo to explore the 3rd option.

c) Partnership between BAETS and BJS society

Despite the changes last year, BJS has reviewed its partnerships with all surgical societies again. The new proposed categories were outlined. In order to maintain sponsorship of the BJS lecturer and Prize sessions, this time, at a reduced rate, BAETS members would continue to be required to OPT OUT of subscription to the BJS (Associate level partnership, 100-249 subscribers).

The AGM voted by large majority to BAETS adopting the Associate Level partnership with the BJS society.

d) BAETS research grant

2018 Recipient of a peer-reviewed £5000 grant was Mr J Fussey of Exeter for his research into Molecular Genetic Investigation of Sporadic Medullary Thyroid Cancer.

Deadline for applications 31 December, for decision at the 2019 March Exec meeting

Access to UKRETS data - Current projects (Parathyroid: St Geroges)
Deadlines 31 Aug and 31 Jan

e). BAETS travelling fellowships - up to £1000 for trainees or newly appointed consultants. At the Trustees' meeting and Exec it was agreed that the society should encourage and facilitate the development of senior trainees and new consultants by travel to other units in the UK and abroad. The secretary proposed that the limit of £1000 be raised to £1500.

After a brief discussion and the AGM voted by a large majority (1 vote against) to increase the Travelling fellowships to £1500.

6 Research Update – Mr J England/Mr R Mihai

a) THYVoice

David Gray from Oxford delivered a short update on the relaunch of the THYVoice study. Members interested in participating were asked to contact him via the following address:

<https://research.ndorms.ox.ac.uk/thyvoice/>

b) QoL in Graves' disease

JE continues to work on the study examining QOL after surgery for thyrotoxicosis. Plan to recruit 100 surgical cases and compare with 20 controls:

- Using ThyPRO-39 and HAD with additional qualitative questionnaire about experience of thyroidectomy
- Plan 10 centres

Plan to gain national adoption with longterm plan to develop an acknowledged template for adoption of further BAETS associated studies. Proposal submitted with approximate costings to regional research director.

c) Webpage research section

JE has now updated the research page from 2014. Currently paediatric parathyroid study is suspended. Latest publications will no longer be listed but if papers with free view available please email them to RJAEATHOME@aol.com. He also plans to put details of potential sources for grant funding on the webpage

d) Other studies

Hemi or Total thyroidectomy for low risk DTC (HoT) Iain Nixon and Dae Kim. BAETS members are invited to attend a break out meeting on this whilst in Glasgow. The PIs will submit an application for NIHR funding for a randomized controlled trial to compare the two approaches in patients with criteria similar to those submitted to the IoN trial.

7 UKRETS (separate session on Friday 12 Oct 2018) – Mr SR Aspinall

a) GDPR and Section 251 Application to the Confidentiality Advisory Group

SA gave an update on progress with GDPR compliance and the response from the Confidential Advisory Group (CAG) to BAETS' application for exemption from Section 251. Essentially, UKRETS has been given approval to hold historic Patient Identifiable Data (PID) and continue to process PID with conditions. In summary, patients must opt into having their data on UKRETS, some form of consent must be taken, patients must be allowed to withdraw that consent, BAETS must improve the patient information leaflet and the society should continue to try to improve case ascertainment in thyroid surgery. It was agreed that consent could be recorded in the notes or on the operation consent form. SA also directed members to the website where the UKRETS information leaflet and privacy notice are available for download.

b) Research update

SA also update the AGM on presentation of research from UKRETS over the last 12 months as follows:

ESES Amsterdam 2018

- Adrenalectomy in the UK: results from the BAETS database. Patel N, Eagan R, Scott-Coombes D, Stechman M (submitted BJS)

- Improving outcomes from thyroidectomy – effect of surgeons’ annual volume on late hypocalcaemia – analysis of UKRETS. Oweis D, Matthews J, Chadwick D, Aspinall SR (submitted Langenbeck Archives of Surgery)

BAETS Glasgow 2018

- Management of PHPT in the UK – analysis of BAETS database and current national practice. Ishii H, Mihai R, Watkinson J, Kim D
- Volume outcomes in adrenal surgery: results from the UKRETS database. Patel N, Eagan R, Scott-Coombes D, Stechman M

c) Consultant Outcomes Publication 2018-19

SA outlined the details of the next COP round with a deadline of January 2019 for cases from 1/7/2013 to 30/6/2017. The possibility of addition of parathyroid outcomes in the future was touched on, but this will depend on funding from HQIP.

d) Additions to UKRETS

These were outlined last year and are now live and include: prompts when adding patients age > 85yrs and LOS > 28 days, TNM updated to 8th edition, new fields for adrenal imaging, pathology, parathyroid localisation, thyroid core biopsy and tracheostomy, and the lists for Thyroid pathology, nerve monitoring and energy device have been updated.

e) Analysis of UKRETS (up to 7/2018) for risk post thyroidectomy haematoma

SA described analysis performed on UKRETS data for risk factors for bleeding following thyroidectomy (32,857 cases, 1.1% re-operation rate for bleeding).

- Predictive variables with significant increase risk of post-operative bleeding:
Age, Male gender, Total thyroidectomy, Retrosternal goitre, Hyperthyroidism, Autoimmune
- Predictive variables associated with decrease risk of post-operative bleeding:
Female gender, Hemithyroidectomy, Cervical goitre, Euthyroidism, Benign nodule

However, although risk factors might predict bleeding or a lower likelihood of bleeding the

correlation is very weak, with only 2% of bleeds occurring as a result of the above risk factors. The

majority of bleeds are completely unpredictable. This has implications for the safety of day case thyroidectomy since it may be possible to reduce risk but not abolish it in most cases.

8 Education Update – Mr S Balasubramanian

Mr Balasubramanian

Potentially to come over next year: Trainee session in Annual Meeting depending on the feedback from this year's session, further Webinars with RCSEd, online discussions for trainees e.g. Google Classroom and an Adrenal Workshop, along the lines of the Masterclass. The 2019 Masterclass is planned for 4th March 2019 and will take place in the Birmingham offices of RCSEdinburgh.

9 Future BAETS Annual Scientific Meetings

2019	3 rd and 4 th October	Barcelona
2020	October	Leeds

11 Date of Next AGM Thursday 4 October, Barcelona

Conclusion and Meeting closed