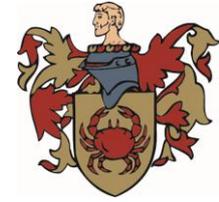


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Newsletter – Winter 2017



Letter from the
President

Prof Hisham Mehanna

Over the next two years, I am keen to see that BAHNO works to enhance its relevance to our members, our patients and the global head and neck cancer community. As a result, over the past 3 months, Council has been working on a strategy with the aim of expanding our activities and enhancing our structures. These plans are set out in our new strategy document, now available on our website <http://bahno.org.uk/news-information/>

The main highlights of our strategy are as follows and I hope you will agree that there are some exciting innovations: Firstly, we will propose at the next AGM to change our association's name to the British Association of Head and Neck Oncology to reflect our increasing reach and our widening membership, especially of allied health professionals. We will also expand our educational activities, with changes to the format of our annual meeting, establish an online webinar series, and explore setting up podcasts for trainees and for CPD. Linked to that, we will also revamp our online and social media presence with a new website, Facebook page and Twitter account.

In addition, we wish to expand our grants

portfolio offerings, with a new travel grant for MDTs - to allow MDT members to travel together to visit other teams nationally and internationally - and a new multidisciplinary research grant to encourage interdisciplinary research. We will also be working more closely with our sister associations (BAOMS, BAPRAS, ENT UK, RCR, and the Allied Health Professional bodies) to collectively increase the number and value of grants that we can give together.

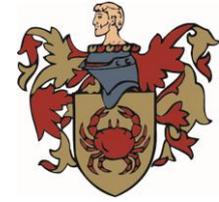
In addition, we aim to increase our public and patient engagement activities by supporting the newly-formed patient advocacy group, Head and Neck Cancer UK, and by building on our successful participation in the 'Make Sense' Campaign.

We also wish to expand our global footprint, by increasing collaborations with other head and neck professional bodies internationally. We will also explore setting up an International Fellowship to support clinicians from low and middle-income countries to visit UK MDTs.

In our efforts to achieve this ambitious programme, we will increase our fundraising activities to be able to meet the funding requirements of these plans.

We will also establish several new Committees, that will be open to participation by the membership (through open application), to enable BAHNO to capitalise on our membership's immense wealth of experience and energy.

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I hope you will agree that these are some exciting innovations. I very much hope that you will join us to work with Council to ensure the success of BAHNO's new programme.

[BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting 2018](#) [Ceri Hughes, Hon Conference Secretary](#)

For 2018, the annual scientific meeting for BAHNO will take place at its usual venue, The Royal College of Physicians, London. Please take note that the day has moved on a month, and this year the day for your diaries is **May 25th 2018**. This is the Friday before the Spring Bank holiday weekend so will need some extra forward thinking.

I would firstly like to thank, in particular, Mike Fardy and Jill McFarland for their many years of hard work and enthusiasm which has made the meeting work so well. I of course extend those thanks to the list of other conference secretaries whom I follow. I confess, I look forward with some relief, because this year BAHNO has engaged the services of Aesculap-Academia to help run the meeting. We feel that utilising the skills and experience that Aesculap-Academia has will increase the profile of the meeting and attract more industry support. I am also fortunate and look forward to working with Laura Manning, our new association secretary, who has organised many large meetings and conferences before. We anticipate on-line abstract submission being available from early December with registration through the BAHNO website. The fee structure remains unchanged and represents excellent value.

The theme of the meeting will be 'Management of Head and Neck cancer in a resource constrained environment'. We are fortunate to have Professor Johannes Fagan,

Chairman of Otorhinolaryngology, University of Cape Town, delivering the Blair Hesketh Lecture and participating in the panel discussion. The debate this year will aim to focus on whether the current MDT process is worth the money and certainly promises to raise either eyebrows or blood pressure, if nothing else.

Last year we attracted the highest delegate number recorded for our association meeting and we are hopeful to achieve at least the same this year. We will once again try to encourage participation of all groups involved in Head and Neck Cancer care, with an anticipated increase again this year of AHP participation. We are introducing some minor changes, such as incorporation of the AGM into the programme at a more inclusive time. We are including an 'after meeting' cheese and refreshment event, which should allow daytime conversations and networking to be completed. This will also hopefully fill the time before the 'off-peak' rail fares begin. We would encourage delegates to make this part of the day's itinerary.

I look forward to welcoming both members and non-members from the UK and overseas to our 2018 meeting.

[Treasurer's message](#) [Cyrus Kerawala](#)

The association remains financially sound with the planned modest and gradual increase in overall assets now becoming evident. The move towards direct debit payments continues with the anticipation that next year's subscriptions fees will be collected by this method.

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HANA update Iain Hutchison / Mike Fardy

See all relevant information on the HANA website with its various portals (www.headandneckaudit.com). Register with Dendrite at registrations@e-dendrite.com to access your own hospital's information, or contact HANA with queries at HANA@savingfaces.co.uk.

The new national audit (HANA), a collaboration between BAHNO and Saving Faces with technology partner Dendrite Clinical Systems, has been running for just over 2 years. It may seem longer because for one year after November 2014, when the previous contract with NHS Digital ceased there was no National Audit funded by the NHS through the Health Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP).

In our first 18 months after July 2015: Our steering group chaired by the BAHNO President Mike Fardy, with patients and representatives from every specialty, designed the first HANA dataset. This new dataset has been used in 50% of major MDTs from November 2016 to October 2017. We will be reporting on this data in the autumn of 2018. After the normal delay of 3 to 18 months we gained approval to collect and use patient identifiable data without consent (section 251) and obtain linked data from other national statutory organisations. At HQIP's request we carried out an analysis of the previously unreported 2012/14 DAHNO data designed and collected by the previous provider and we then published the data on the hana.e-dendrite.com site and a simpler set of data on NHS Choices in March 2017

We visited most major MDTs explaining why there was a new audit and that we had included more Clinical Oncology and Outcome fields. This built strong relationships with most MDTs and many clinicians including AHPs From February 2017:

7 HANA /SF researchers have been working with managers and clinicians at each hospital to improve the DAHNO data they collected between November 2014/October 2016 data (half of this was collected before we were the audit provider). By May 2017 we'd received 23,558 records and some managers and clinicians have worked hard to improve data to exceptional levels over the past 5 months. We anticipate reporting for NHS Choices in spring 2018 but will have data available on The HANA website earlier than that.

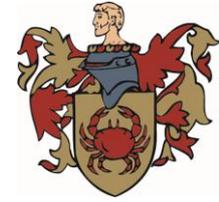
We have discovered that it is rare for the people responsible for data improvement and upload to have any contact with the Head and Neck MDT and the clinicians. Also, some hospitals have not replaced essential administrative staff after their departure because of cut-backs. These issues will be addressed in our correspondence with hospitals.

We have created a new HANA database which includes more robotic and sentinel node opportunities.

Starting in early 2018 we will be carrying out two 3-month pilot studies in a few hospitals on patient consent to collect and hold their identifiable data and direct contemporaneous data entry (DDE) into local hospital systems or direct onto the HANA portal in Dendrite. If these studies are positive we will discuss these possibilities whilst re-visiting all sites clinicians and managers to go over the logistics of monthly upload, the benefits of the new database and answer any queries.

16 hospitals have already entered over 4,000 patient records for the year that just ended on

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31st October 2017 because of monthly upload arrangements so after playing catch up for data collected 3 years before we started we are ahead of the game for the very first time! The monthly upload and the 24/7 facility to download data means the audit comes alive and data collected can be discussed at the next months M&M meetings.

Finally, we will reward all staff who help make their H&N data better with thank you letters which can be use for ARCP, Appraisal or simply showing your senior management just how wonderful you are.

Nominations sought for Council members

Nominations are sought for the following posts on Council:

Honorary Administrative Secretary

Four-year tenure; post currently held by Nick Roland

Honorary Treasurer

Four-year tenure; post currently held by Cyrus Kerawala (who is eligible for re-election)

One OMFS Representative

Four-year tenure; post currently held by Sat Parmar (who is eligible for re-election)

One Oncology Representative

Four-year tenure; post currently held by Bernadette Foran (who is eligible for re-election)

Nomination forms available on the BAHNO website: <http://bahno.org.uk/news-information/>

Chairs sought for committees

BAHNO Council is establishing several new committees to deliver its ambitious new

Strategy 2018 – 2020 and is looking to appoint two Chairs for the following committees: The Public Engagement Committee and the Fundraising Committee. The Public Engagement Committee will undertake activities to engage the public and patients and to raise awareness of head and neck cancer. The Committee chair will also lead the organisation of Head and Neck Cancer Awareness Week, which is a national campaign run in the UK as part of the Make Sense Campaign by the European Head and Neck Society.

The Fundraising Committee will be responsible for developing and implementing a fundraising strategy for BAHNO to raise funds to underpin and undertake the various activities in the BAHNO Strategy 2018 – 2020.

For application, please send in your CV and a cover letter stating which committee you are interested in participating in and why you think you would be suitable to the following email:

secretariat@bahno.org.uk

Application deadline: 12 November 2017

Committee members sought

BAHNO Council is looking for applications for membership for our new committees: The Education Committee, the Course Approval Group, Fundraising Committee, the International Collaboration Committee, the Public Engagement Committee, the Conference and Membership Engagement Committee, and the Online Media Committee. The committees will work towards implementing the BAHNO Strategy 2018 – 2020. In addition, the committees are also expected to develop activities relevant to the

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membership. Each committee will be composed of five members, including the Chair. Applicants can be either full members or associate (trainee) members. Most meetings will be undertaken by teleconference. The committees will report to Council on their activities and progress, on an annual or biannual basis.

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BAHNO Research Grant and Travel Scholarships

Applications are invited for these awards. A Research Grant of up to £4,000 is available to BAHNO members; the Travel Scholarship is for Associate members only and up to £1,000 will be made available for the winner to visit an institution in the UK or abroad. Details are available on the BAHNO website – or contact the secretariat.

Council

President Prof Hisham Mehanna

Past President Mr Mike Fardy

Admin Sec Mr Nicholas Roland

Conference Sec Dr Ceri Hughes

Treasurer Mr Cyrus Kerawala

Elected members:

OMFS Reps Mr S Parmar

Mr J McCaul

ENT Reps Prof J Homer

Prof V Paleri

Oncology Reps Dr B Foran

Prof C Nutting

Plastic Surgery Mr W Townley

Mr O Ahmed

Pathology Dr A Jones

Associate Rep Dr J Fleming

Co-opted Mrs S Philpott

Dr J Patterson

Ms R Donnelly

Membership fees

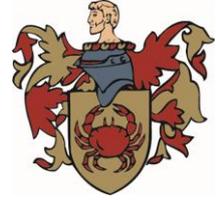
As agreed at the last AGM, revised fees will be payable from January 2018. There has been no increase for many years and it is preferable for all members to change to Direct Debit. Further instructions regarding this will be sent shortly. The new fees will be:

Full Membership	£80
Associate	£40
Affiliate	£25
Overseas	£40
Senior	£0
Honorary	£0

Direct Debit forms will be sent to all members – prompt action may be required in order for the mandates to be in place for January 2018.

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Changes at the Secretariat

Please note the new postal address – telephone and email contact details remain unchanged. Jill McFarland is now concentrating on the European Association, Laura Manning is your new contact in the Secretariat office.

Membership database

Please ensure you notify the secretariat if you wish to change your main correspondence contact details or need to change your membership category.

FHNOS and EHNS

BAHNO is a fully paid up member of the International Federation of Head and Neck Oncologic Societies (IFHNOS) and the European Head and Neck Society. <http://www.ifhnos.org/home.asp>

Remember that full details of all membership categories, how to join BAHNO, application forms for research grants and the travelling fellowship, full programme for the Annual Scientific Conference, abstract forms etc. and much more can be found on our website at: -

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