

## BAHNO Newsletter, Spring 2026

### Election news

There will be several new faces on BAHNO Council following the AGM on 15<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks to the nominees and to all members who voted and supported the process.



Following the recent elections, I am pleased to announce the new and returning specialty representatives on council commencing following the AGM in May 2026. They are as follows:

- ENT representative – **Kat Davies**
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Speciality Representative – **Saadia Farooq**
- Oral Maxillofacial Surgery Speciality Representative – **Prav Praveen**
  
- EDI Officer – **Sabina Khan**

We also welcome 2 new trustees

- Honorary Conference Secretary – **Clare Shilling**
- Honorary Admin Secretary – **Somiah Siddiq**

President Elect, who will become BAHNO president following the AGM in 2027  
- **Andrew Schache**

Council would like to give thanks to **Stuart Winter** who is ending his term on Council as Honorary Conference Secretary, **Hannah Fox** who ends her term as ENT Rep, and **Mike Nugent** who ends his term as OMFS Rep.

Finally, BAHNO council would like to make a particular point of thanking **Ceri Hughes** for his hard work and dedication to the association. Ceri will end over a decade of tenure on BAHNO Council both as conference secretary and then importantly, as president of the association.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those colleagues who were prepared to put themselves forward in the elections.

## BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Have you booked your place at the BAHNO meeting, yet? There are still tickets available [here](#) – please **DO** book in advance as there will be difficulties if you try and register on the day.

### BAHNO 2026 Annual Scientific Meeting

Friday 15th May | London



Registration Now Open!



The theme of the conference is **Innovations in Head and Neck Oncology**

The Blair Hesketh Memorial Lecture will be given by **Professor Jean Bourhis**

### Membership Categories

It has been noted that a number of members seem to be registered under the incorrect category e.g. – Consultants are showing as trainees, please can we ask that you review your category and ensure it is correct. Whilst in the membership system – please also include your speciality details, this will ensure you receive tailored information that is most relevant to you.

### Suspended members

A reminder that if you have not paid your 2026 membership fees you will be suspended and unable to register for BAHNO 2026 at the reduced rate. You are, however, still able to log in to your BAHNO account and make payment via STRIPE. Any problems, please contact [Leanne in the secretariat](#).

## For the diary

Please check the events listing on the [BAHNO Website](#)

## NICE

National Institute for  
Health and Care Excellence

NICE has recommended pembrolizumab for the treatment of resectable locally advanced head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (LA HNSCC) for use on the NHS in England.

In draft [guidance](#) published on 24 March 2026, pembrolizumab (Keytruda; MSD) was approved for use before surgery, and after surgery alongside radiotherapy, with or without chemotherapy. It is also recommended as monotherapy in patients whose tumours express PD-L1.

This marks the first significant advance in treatment for LA HNSCC in over 20 years, and the first perioperative immunotherapy recommended in this setting in the UK. The recommendation follows reporting of the results of the Keynote 689, phase III clinical trial in this setting which demonstrated improved disease-free survival with pembrolizumab compared with standard of care.

Final NICE guidance is expected in April 2026.

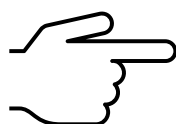


**WORLD RADIOTHERAPY  
AWARENESS DAY 7 SEPT**

**One Voice for Radiotherapy**

## Important Guidelines & Publications

Members may be aware that the BAHNO website hosts links to a variety of important guidelines and related publications that are important references for H&N cancer care.



[BAHNO publications & Guidelines](#) link

## BAHNO Committees

Education committee - The education committee have making great progress with a number of initiatives, most notably the webinar series from 'BAHNOHow' if you are interested in joining the Education committee, or any BAHNO committees please contact Leanne in the Secretariat for more details. been

## Upcoming AGM

Please note, the Annual General Meeting will be held during this year's Annual Scientific Meeting at 4.15pm, Honorary members of Council will share a short update on some important association news. It will be great to see as many members as possible in attendance.

## Clinical Impact Awards (ACCIA)



The poster features a green and blue background. On the left, a large green circle contains the text 'National Clinical Impact Awards' and 'Apply from 1 April 2026'. On the right, a white circle contains the ACCIA logo and the text 'We want the awards to reflect the diversity of the consultant population. The scheme is open to all eligible consultants and recognises those who demonstrate genuine national impact.' Below this, it says 'Closing date for entries is 5pm 20 May 2026'. At the bottom, there is a QR code with the text 'Register Now' and an illustration of seven diverse healthcare professionals standing in a line.

**National Clinical Impact Awards**

Apply from  
1 April 2026

**ACCIA**  
Advisory  
Committee on  
Clinical Impact Awards

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Register Now

The 2026 round of National Clinical Impact Awards opened on 1<sup>st</sup> April. Information and guidance about the awards process for potential applicants is

available now on the .gov website and can be found via the following [ACCIA](#) link.

BAHNO (as a Member Organisation (MO)) no longer provides citations and rankings to ACCIA however it is important for our Association to be represented by the wide range of medical specialties with our broader membership. BAHNO will continue to play an important role in supporting members across our specialty groups and areas of practice to apply for awards aim to provide strong representation.

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