

President's message



The spring and summer have been exceptionally busy for BAHNO, reflecting the strength and enthusiasm of our multidisciplinary community.

Our Annual Scientific Meeting in May was a tremendous success, and I am delighted that delegate feedback was overwhelmingly positive. With over 400 delegates attending, this was our largest Meeting to date, demonstrating the growing influence of BAHNO as the UK's leading multidisciplinary organisation for head and neck oncology.

The theme 'Innovations in Head and Neck Oncology' could not have been more timely.

The recent NICE approval of peri-operative immunotherapy for patients with resectable locally advanced head and neck cancer marks one of the most significant advances in our specialty for many years.

The meeting provided an excellent opportunity to discuss how multidisciplinary teams can work together to implement this new standard of care safely, efficiently and equitably across the UK.



Prof Jean Bourhis

We were privileged to welcome Professor Jean Bourhis from Lausanne to deliver the Blair Hesketh Lecture. His review of more than two decades of research by the GORTEC group highlighted the remarkable progress achieved through international clinical trials.

The multidisciplinary team session, led by colleagues from Liverpool, once again demonstrated the value of collaborative decision-making in complex cases,



Liverpool MDT

while the BAHNO Debate generated lively discussion.



BAHNO debate session

My sincere thanks go to our outgoing Conference Secretary, Professor Stuart Winter, in delivering such an outstanding meeting.



I would also like to thank our speakers, sponsors, exhibitors and, above all, our members for making the conference such a success. It was encouraging to see the high quality of the free paper and posters, showcasing the excellent research being undertaken throughout the UK.

We are pleased to continue our collaboration with the Oracle Head and Neck Cancer UK Meeting in York on **25 September 2026**. This is an important event in the multidisciplinary calendar, and I encourage as many members as possible to attend: [Click here for more details.](#)

Finally, I would like to wish all our members a restful and enjoyable summer. Thank you for your continued support of BAHNO, and I look forward to seeing many of you at our next **ASM 14th May 2027** and educational events during the next academic year.

BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting 2026



[VIEW 2026 ASM PHOTOS HERE](#)

Free-paper prizes

Maria Kiakou Patient satisfaction with Nurse-led telephone triaging of primary care referrals for suspected Head and Neck Cancer.

Sanjena Mithra HERD: A prospective study integrating advanced imaging and multi-omic biomarkers to better risk-stratify and innovate post-treatment surveillance in high-risk head and neck cancer.

Carolyn Doughty & Imogen Brooks Impact of a custom tongue prosthesis on speech intelligibility following subtotal glossectomy with adjuvant radiotherapy: A Case Study.

Poster prize

Natalie Axiotis: From referral to diagnosis - The impact of triage assessment clinics and clinical decision meetings on head & neck cancer FDS performance.

Membership opportunities and invitations

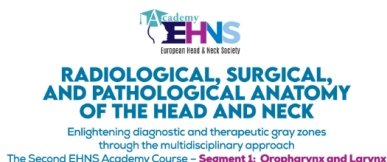


BAHNO panel session ECHNO 2027 in Berlin 3-6 March 2027


We invite expressions of interest to present as BAHNO panel speakers, showcasing evidence, emerging data, service innovation, and research relevant to improving outcomes in **oropharyngeal cancer**. Representation from across the MDT is strongly encouraged.

Selected speakers will be allocated 15-20-minute per presentation. BAHNO Council will support a set contribution towards expenses (amount TBC).

If you would like to be considered, please submit details to Somiah Siddiq (Hon.Secretary) via secretariat@bahno.org.uk by 11th August 2026



Second EHNS Academy Course- Oropharynx and Larynx. ITALY, Alba 31 Aug-2 Mar 2026

 *Three complimentary registrations available to BAHNO member trainees.*

A course providing a comparative analysis of radiological, surgical, and pathological head and neck anatomy using 3D visualization to improve diagnostic work-up and therapeutic planning in head and neck malignancies. Course details: <https://shorturl.at/nbs2i>

For **BAHNO trainee members** interested please submit expressions of interest by 24th July 2026



BAHNO Research and Travel Grants

Details for the next round of BAHNO grants will be announced soon. For application process and information – [BAHNO Awards](#) | [BAHNO - British Association of Head & Neck Oncologists](#)

2026 round awardees

Catriona Douglas *Equity in Radiotherapy for Head and Neck Cancer – Mapping Sociodemographic inequalities, frailty and outcomes.*

Munir Abukhder *Longitudinal multi-omic profiling of tumour and tumour-draining lymph nodes in locally advanced head and neck squamous cell carcinoma (LA-HNSCC) treated with surgery ± peri-operative pembrolizumab.*

Kristijonas Milinis Fellowship
Princess Alexandra Hospital, Brisbane.
Oliver Jones Elective experience
Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital.



Membership updates



BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF SURGICAL ONCOLOGY
The Association for Cancer Surgery

BAHNO-BASO AFFILIATION NEWS

New for BAHNO Members: BASO Affiliate Membership for Only £75! This exclusive partnership gives access to a host of benefits:

-  Reduced rates for BASO's ASM and educational events.
Online subscription to EJSO
BASO/Rosetrees Research Grants
-  Forward membership forms to BASO Office at admin@baso.org.uk with title as 'BASO-BAHNO membership' & include your BAHNO membership number.

**BAHNO
ASM
2027**



BAHNO subscription payments

From January 2027, all BAHNO membership subscriptions will be processed through **Stripe**, our new secure online payment platform.



Members will be able to choose between annual manual payments or automatic renewal. Further guidance will be provided ahead of the January 2027 renewal period.