

BAHNO Newsletter, Spring 2024

Election news

There will be several new faces on BAHNO Council following the AGM on 17th May. Many thanks to the nominees and to all members who voted and supported the process.



BAHNO Council is delighted to announce that the next BAHNO President will be **Professor Chris Nutting**. Following this year's AGM Professor Nutting will take up the position of President Elect, taking over the role of President in 2025.

Council is pleased to note that 50% of all members eligible to vote actually did so, leading to an exceptionally close contest. Professor Nutting's tenure will be the first for a Clinical Oncologist.

There will be several new and returning specialty representatives on council also commencing following the AGM in May 2024. They are as follows:

AHP representative – Samantha Holmes

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Oncology representative – Mehmet Sen

Plastic surgery representative – John Biddlestone

Pathology representative – Lisette Collins

Radiology representative - Abhishek Mahajan

In another first for BAHNO, inclusion of representation for both pathology and radiology on council has been achieved.

We would like to express our gratitude to all those colleagues who were prepared to put themselves forward in the elections – the strength of the competition is testament to the healthy state of our association.

BAHNO Annual Scientific Meeting – 17th May 2024

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

The theme of the conference is [Data and Outcomes in Head and Neck Cancer](#).

The Blair Hesketh Memorial Lecture will be given by Professor George Davey Smith: ***Chasing down causes in observational data –Triangulation of evidence in practice.***

Because of the larger venue, there will be even more opportunities to tailor the meeting to your particular educational needs – over 20 free papers and presentations by the GIRFT team and an update on the proposed new National Audit. Of special interest to trainees, there will be a session led by people who have negotiated the grants and awards pathway already – interested in applying for a Fellowship? These people will show you how!

A reminder of the new venue:



NEW! BAHNO Accredited Short Fellowships

BAHNO members may apply for an ASF which offers the successful applicant the opportunity to spend a short but focused period of time at a centre/unit offering a specific learning experience. We are currently proposing a one-month period, but this period can be flexible according to the host unit and applicant.

This round of fellowships will offer positions as follows:

- Clinical Oncology fellowship at The Christie Hospital (Manchester) with the focus being Proton Beam Therapy.
- Multidisciplinary fellowship at UCL (London) with exposure to Sentinel Lymph Node Biopsy for Head & Neck aimed at any specialty involved with this technique.

We anticipate that as the period of time is short it will cause minimal disruption at the applicant's home unit. BAHNO is offering an award of £2500 towards accommodation, travel and necessary expenses.

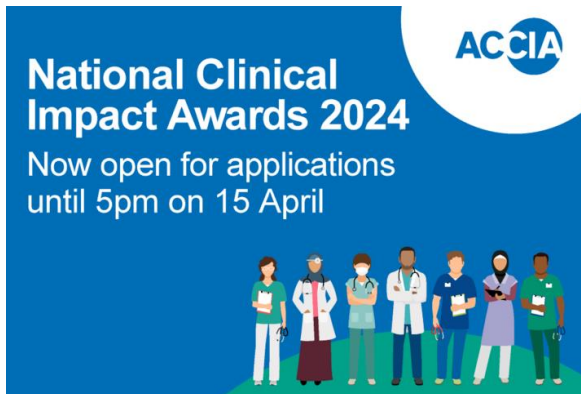
BAHNO is committed to supporting equality, diversity and Inclusion. Applications are encouraged to reflect the broad community of BAHNO membership and any adjustments to the fellowship required for the candidate will be accommodated.

Applicants should apply to BAHNO (secretariat@bahno.org.uk) with:

- A letter explaining their motivation and what they wish to obtain from the fellowship.
- The applicant's up-to-date CV.
- Details of two current referees.
- Written evidence of provisional approval for them to take time away from their unit if applicable.

The applicant must agree to provide a structured report to BAHNO following the fellowship and should agree to its publication on the BAHNO website. The closing date for applications is **Sunday April 21st (at midnight)**. We expect to announce the successful applicants at our annual scientific meeting (17th May). The detailed plan of timing for the fellowship will be arranged by the applicant and host unit.

NCIA Awards 2024



Following changes to the ACCIA application process, BAHNO (as a Member Organisation (MO)) will no longer provide citations and rankings to a selected number of applicants. This means that applicants will no longer be able to choose to request support from MOs such as BAHNO (previously known as National Nominating Organisations (NNOs)).

BAHNO will however still play an important role in supporting members across our specialty groups and areas of practice to apply for awards.

Further details on the [BAHNO website](#)

News from the specialties

Radiotherapy Dose Fractionation, Fourth Edition

The Royal College of Radiologists (RCR) is pleased to confirm that the above guidance has now been published online: [Radiotherapy dose fractionation, Fourth edition | The Royal College of Radiologists \(rcr.ac.uk\)](#).



Compiled by a team of highly experienced clinical oncologists, the fourth edition incorporates changes based on evidence published since the last update in 2019. It provides a concise summary of evidence-based radiotherapy fractionation schedules for all anatomical sites, to ensure its continuing role as a key reference document for all practicing clinical oncologists.

Bob Woodward

It is with great sadness that BAHNO has been notified of the sudden death of Bob Woodward. Bob was an BAHNO member for many years, a leader within his specialty of Oral & Maxillofacial Surgery and an inspiration to many of those with whom he has worked and trained.

On behalf of the Association, council would like to express our condolences to his family and friends. Our thoughts are with them and his many close colleagues at this difficult time.




Suspended members

A reminder that if you have not paid your 2024 membership fees you will be suspended and unable to register for BAHNO 2024 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 [Laura in the secretariat](#).

For the diary

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


Upcoming Events




APR 17 2024

Sexual Misconduct in Surgery
with
Prof. Carrie Newlands

Cons. OMFS and lead for clinical skills at University of Surrey



19:00
BST

 **UCL_HNAC**

REGISTRATION:
Update.TheHNAC.com

- 19 April [3rd Developments and Controversies in Thyroid Cancer 2024](#)
The Royal College of Physicians, London
- 16th May [The International Centre for Recurrent Head & Neck Cancer: 2nd Annual Meeting](#)
BDC, London
- 17th May [BAHNO 2024](#)
BDC, London



Have you completed the BAHNO survey yet?

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GVK5G7Q>

