

#### BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF HEAD & NECK ONCOLOGISTS

# **BAHNO Newsletter Summer 2022**

## **BAHNO 2022**

Thank you to all who helped to make the day such a success! The event attracted the largest number of delegates ever and it was great to meet people in person again after such a long break.



Dr Jessica Allen, Deputy Director of UCL Institute of Health Equity gave a pertinent talk as the Blair Hesketh Lecturer. This was recorded and may be viewed here.

The issues surrounding 'hybrid' conferences in the future are being discussed by Council. There are hidden costs involved and the benefits of Face-to-Face meetings are huge.

There were three Lifetime Achievement Awards given by BAHNO President, Professor Paleri to honour long-standing BAHNO members:

Professor Chris Nutting, Professor Jo Patterson, Mr Richard Wight. Each has made a significant contribution to the specialty as a dedicated practitioner.

The latest technology enabled delegates at the meeting to vote for the best presentation in each session. The winners were:

**Robert Wescott**: Plasma cell-free DNA HPV in oropharyngeal cancer for patient characterisation pre-treatment and in clinical management during follow-up

**Michael Goodfellow**: The head and neck cancer patient's commute to hospital. An analysis of the travel distances and times in both public and private transport James Higginson: Real time margins analysis of head and neck cancer with rapid evaporative ionisation mass spectrometry- Interim results

The poster prize was won by:

Amarkumat Raigor: The application of radiomics in laryngeal cancer - a systematic-methods informed review.



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Save the date: BAHNO 2023 will take place at the Royal College of Physicians on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

# **UKNFR Reports**

These are available on the BAHNO website. Peter Kalu requests all data covering the period 9<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 8<sup>th</sup> August 2022 is submitted for inclusion in the 2<sup>nd</sup> UKNFR report by midnight 8<sup>th</sup> August.

Data is power and the findings of the 2<sup>nd</sup> UKNFR report will be of value to all involved with UK flap surgery.

## Website

A new Members' Area to our website is currently being developed. Members will be able to log-in and pay their subscriptions by credit / debit card, download invoices and receipts and view AGM minutes, etc.

Members will also be encouraged to keep their contact details up-to-date and provide other information (specialty, gender, ethnicity) that will enable BAHNO to ensure compliance with equality and diversity aims.

## **New Council Members**

The full list of Council Members is available on the website. From the recent AGM, the following appointments have been made:

President Elect – Ceri Hughes

Administrative Secretary – Andrew Schache

Conference Secretary – Stuart Winter

ENT rep – Hannah Fox

OMFS rep – Clare Schilling

Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity Officer – Somiah Siddig

BAHNON – Jo Greedy

# **Call for Nominations for Associate Rep**

There is an immediate vacancy for an Associate Rep on Council. This is an opportunity to see how BAHNO works and to keep your finger on the Twitter feed! The nomination form is available on the BAHNO website. *The closing date* for nominations is July 22<sup>nd</sup>.



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# Dates for the diary

There are details of conferences and courses relevant to BAHNO members on the BAHNO website

Here are a few notable ones:

20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> July - Head <u>and neck cadaveric dissection course</u>

5th – 8<sup>th</sup> September – Liverpool Advanced Head and Neck Reconstruction Course

7<sup>th</sup> September – <u>BIR Head and Neck Ultrasound Workshop</u>

16<sup>th</sup> September – National Head and Neck Oncology Meeting

10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> November – 4<sup>th</sup> International symposium on HPV infection in head and neck cancer: latest advances in biomarker-driven management

If you have an event you would like to advertise, please submit via the online form.