

President's Report June 2023

Another busy year for BAOS! Just to let all you faithful BAOS members know how hard we have all been working on your behalf, I wanted to summarise what has been going on over the past 12 months.

We (council and members) have been involved in the development of several national guidelines such as the Dental Sedation Pathway Working Group document 'Hospital dentistry: sedation pathway guide'⁽¹⁾ which was published earlier this year. Prof Paul Coulthard wrote the Oral Surgery Clinical Standard for NHS England 2023⁽²⁾. BAOS was represented by Divya Keshani, Alex Orchard, Julie Burke, Kate Taylor and Judith Jones on the Oral Surgery Task and Finish Group (Distribution of Oral Surgery Specialty Training Posts) working on behalf of HEE looking at how we might be able to 'level up' oral surgery provision across England and is due to be published shortly. GIRFT coding work⁽³⁾ has finally been completed with significant input from BAOS, particularly Prof Judith Jones, but also Dr Julie Burke, Mr Adrian Curtis, Dr Louis McCardle and Prof Kate Taylor. Many Council members have been involved with development of the new oral surgery curriculum

We also have representation on the following groups: the Oral Surgery SAC (Specialty Advisory Committee) represented by Prof Kate Taylor, Dr Adrian Thorp, Miss Divya Keshani and Mr Alex Orchard. In addition, BAOS is represented at Dental Senate by Dr Ed Bailey and the Dental Leadership Network has representation from BAOS by Dr Julie Burke and Dr Adrian Thorp. Internationally, we are represented by Prof Judith Jones at the European Federation of Oral Surgery (EFOS)⁽⁴⁾

Over the past 12 months we have also carried out many activities including the very successful Annual BAOS Conference held in Edinburgh (all Council contributed to this) and held 2 trainees study days (Callum Wemyss and Alex Orchard). We are delivering a Joint Study Day with SAAD at the end of June (Lee Mercer, Julie Burke). Pippa Blacklock and her team have run yet another successful Teaching and Learning Course, ably supported by our office team (Gail Hunter and Rita Capaldi).

In addition to this, we have been overseeing a move of office staff from Royal College of Surgeons (Edinburgh) employment to BAOS employment (BAOS office bearers). Kelly Gillan is constantly improving our website and Jack Williams works very hard on maintaining and developing our Social Media presence. Helen Petersen has continued to act as editor-in-chief of the Oral Surgery Journal.

Council met 4 times last year for Council meetings in London and the day immediately prior to the annual conference in Edinburgh (the September meeting is held online).

We have developed a Memorandum of Understanding with Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh and are currently working on one with the International Team for Implantology (ITI) (Julie Burke and Adrian Thorp) to foster closer, mutually beneficial relationships for our members, especially our trainees. There have been career talks delivered in several dental schools and plan to visit all in the next 2 years. We have collaborated on the World antimicrobial awareness week and with EIDO producing patient information leaflets.

I hope you can appreciate the huge amount of work that is carried out by the team, none of which can be achieved without support from the membership as a whole. So, to all members of BAOS, a big 'thank you!' for your continued support of the Association and Oral Surgery as a specialty,

Dr Julie Burke
BAOS President

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