The British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists

NEWSLETTER 2025

See how 2025 initiatives benefited our members and communities and what we're preparing for 2026

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A Message from the President



Dear Members and friends,

I would like to wish you all a very happy New Year.

The start of a new year is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the past year and to look forward with optimism and enthusiasm to what lies ahead. I am delighted to share just how active, productive, and successful the past year has been for the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists (BAGP).

I am particularly pleased to report that the efforts of our Meetings Team and Council were *highly commended* at the RCPath 2025 Achievement Awards. The theme of the awards was "**Teamwork**", and this recognition reflects the outstanding work of our meetings team, supported by Council, in delivering regular, high-calibre educational meetings in gynaecological pathology. My sincere thanks go to everyone involved in this achievement.

I would like to sincerely thank **Dr Jason Wong** for his leadership and for so effectively setting the stage for my transition into the BAGP Presidency in June 2025. Building on his contributions, and with the support of an excellent Council, we are well placed to deliver our shared vision of advancing and enhancing knowledge in gynaecological pathology.

Highlights from 2025/2026

We have had another extremely busy and productive year. Our Meeting Secretaries, Dr Sarah Bell and Dr Jonathan Crook, have delivered an exceptional programme of educational meetings, all of which have been extremely well attended and highly regarded by members.

Our UK collaborations continued to strengthen, and we were delighted to be invited by the BGCS to host a gynaecological pathology parallel session at the BGCS Annual Meeting held in London in June 2025. We continued our collaboration with BSCCP by hosting the Basic cervical pathology course which continues to be popular.

Internationally, our overseas collaborations and networking expanded further. We renewed our Memorandum of Understanding with International Society of Gynecological Pathologists (ISGyP), enabling shared educational content across our respective websites. We collaborated with **ISGyP** to deliver our 21st Annual Meeting in Belfast in June 2025. In addition, our joint **PathSoc/BDIAP/BSP meeting in Ghent (June 2025)** marked our first meeting in Belgium and our first collaboration with the Belgian Pathology Society (BSP), an important milestone for the BAGP.

In December, we launched our **Mentorship Programme**, an exciting new initiative designed to support members at different stages of their careers. We now look forward to pairing mentee applicants with dedicated senior BAGP mentors as the programme gets underway.

The **Naveena Singh Research Award** once again attracted strong applications, reinforcing the high standard of research being undertaken in gynaecological

pathology. Similarly, the **Hilary Buckley e-Poster Competition** received many excellent submissions, showcasing innovation and academic excellence across our membership.

We continued to support education through **meeting bursaries**, helping BAGP members attend meetings and courses, and maintained our strong commitment to trainees and early-career colleagues. In September 2025, we hosted a **Virtual Half-Day Trainee Meeting**, developed in response to trainee feedback. The programme featured ten shotgun teaching sessions covering a wide range of gynaecological organs, delivered by a star-studded faculty. The meeting was extremely popular and very well attended.

Our membership continues to grow, reflecting the strength and relevance of the Association.

In response to requests for greater engagement, we also introduced an educational **Case of the Month** on X (formerly Twitter), further enhancing our digital educational offering.

Looking Ahead to 2026 – An Exciting Year Ahead

We are entering 2026 with a wealth of new initiatives and opportunities:

- Selected BAGP **e-poster abstracts** will be published in a dedicated supplement of the *International Journal of Gynecological Pathology (IJGyP)*.
- Following the success of our first dedicated trainee meeting, we plan to hold **two trainee meetings annually**, in February and November.
- We are delighted to launch a new webinar series, **"Beyond the Microscope"**, focusing on the essential soft skills needed for a successful and fulfilling career in pathology.
- The **Naveena Singh Research Award** will be increased to **£5,000**.
- Building on the success of our hybrid Annual Meeting in Belfast, applications are now open to host the **BAGP Annual Meeting 2028** in UK cities outside London.
- We are excited to collaborate for the first time with **Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi**, hosting a full-day gynaecological pathology meeting on **18 January 2026**.
- BAGP will have a presence at the **USCAP Meeting in Texas (March 2026)**, further increasing our international footprint.
- We are excited as for the first time, BAGP has been invited to host a **Gynaecological Pathology Specialty Conference** at the **IAP Meeting in Japan (October 2026)**.
- We will continue our successful collaboration with the **Singapore gynaecological pathology team**, contributing to their meeting in **November 2026**.
- In **November 2026**, we will launch a **site-specific workshop** — another first for BAGP.
- Again as a first, BAGP will collaborate with **BDIAP** to host a gynaecological pathology meeting in **London in December 2026**.
- At the invitation of **PathSoc**, we will host two gynaecological pathology sessions at the **PathSoc/BDIAP Joint Meeting in Manchester (June 2026)**.
- I would like to thank **Dr Jonathan Crook**, **Mrs Elsa Taylor (Operations Manager)**, and **Mrs Louise Gascoyne (Administration)**, who have been working hard on the development of a new BAGP website to be launched in the New Year. The new platform will include automated membership renewals and reminders, a dedicated member portal with CPD certificate downloads, automated bursary and award applications, streamlined membership applications, a new

overseas membership category for developing countries, an associated web app, enhanced event management tools, and much more.

Thank you all for your continued support, enthusiasm, and commitment to the BAGP. I look forward to another successful and inspiring year ahead.

Dr Rupali Arora (London)

General Secretary Update



Welcome to the 2025 BAGP annual newsletter. It is now just over a year since the BAGP attained charitable status. We are now in a secure and stable footing for the future. Our financial position is healthy allowing us to invest in a new website and support educational activity to fulfil our charitable purpose. Our membership continues to steadily grow. It is encouraging to see more trainees joining the BAGP. Our CPD calendar including trainee focussed events remains the first port of call for gynaecological pathology CPD in the United Kingdom and abroad. Collaborations with other medical societies continue to grow.

In June 2025 we had our flagship annual meeting in Belfast to honour Professor Glenn McCluggage, and this was a resounding success thanks to your support. This year, the annual meeting is back in London. We hope you will be joining us in London for another CPD feast.

Our success as an organisation would not be possible without support from you, our members, BAGP trustees, and operational support from our two magicians Elsa Taylor and Louise Gascoyne who deliver the impossible all the time. Thank you all! I would also like to extend a warm thank you to our past presidents Dr Jason Wong, Professor Raji Ganesan and Professor Glenn McCluggage for their ongoing support.

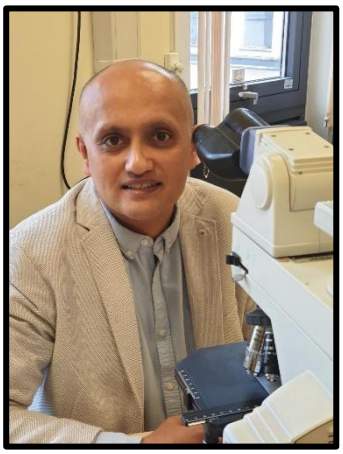
There have been changes in the BAGP council in 2025. We welcomed Dr Rupali Arora as president in June 2025 and bade farewell to Dr Jason Wong. Dr Jonathan Crook is stepping down as meetings secretary and Dr Mahfooz Basha will be replacing him. Thank you, Jonathan, for your hard work performed with admirable calmness. We are also excited to welcome Dr Thomas Pilkington to the BAGP council as a new trustee.

The BAGP council needs more trustees as our activities continue to grow. We are working at increasing the number of trustees on the Council and tidying up our governing documents. Please keep an eye on our emails as we will be looking to recruit enthusiastic gynaecological pathologist to join the council as trustees in 2026. We will be ratifying any changes to our governing document at our AGM in June 2026.

Thank you so much for your support.
Wish you all a happy new year!

Dr Pinias Mukonoweshuro (Bath)

Financial Update and Looking Ahead



Every year, the writing of the newsletter entry allows me to reflect, reminding me to consider how fortunate I am for the opportunity to support the BAGP. And it has been a tremendous year.

The BAGP's income this year has continued to be generated predominantly through the delivery of high-quality educational

activities and membership contributions. These educational activities would not have been possible without the exceptional commitment of our volunteers, the generosity and expertise of our global speakers, the enthusiasm and engagement of our attendees, and the passion of our operational management team. I'd like to extend my sincere thanks to everyone who has contributed to the successes over the course of 2025.

I am also pleased to report that the BAGP's charity status has now been firmly established, alongside the introduction of more robust and automated processes for financial management and accounting. These developments have strengthened governance and ensured greater transparency, resilience, and sustainability in how we operate.

As a result, the BAGP continues to be financially stable. This stability has enabled the delivery of a new website, forward planning for educational activities in the coming year, support for national clinical audits, and the award of research grants and educational bursaries. Importantly, it also provides a strong foundation for an additional strategic aim: enhancing collaboration with international organisations to further extend BAGP's impact and influence.

With these foundations in place, we look forward with confidence to a successful and ambitious 2026, continuing to support education, research, and collaboration for the benefit of our members and the wider community of people that we serve.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and successful New Year.

Dr Nirav Gandhi (Derby)

Meetings Secretary Update





Our meetings continue to be the highlight of our BAGP activities. The scale of our events continues to grow, attracting diverse delegate attendance and is expanding into collaboration with other societies both in the UK and internationally.

Events over the last year have included:

- **February:** Basic Cervical Histopathology half day virtual Course in partnership with BSCCP.
- **March:** Everyday dilemmas in gynaecological pathology full day virtual course.
- **June:** 21st Annual Meeting (hybrid) in Belfast: including e-Poster competition, 'Meet the Experts' session for residents, Consultant Masterclass and two day full meeting.
- **June:** Joint symposium (full day in person) with BDIAP/Path Soc/BSP in Ghent, Belgium.
- **July:** Parallel session and workshop (in person) at British Gynaecological Cancer Society (BGCS), London.
- **September:** Week long virtual course in gynaecological pathology.
- **September:** Mock Exam half day virtual course.
- **November:** Half day virtual course on Syndromic tumours in gynae pathology – diagnoses not to be missed.

- **November:** Trainee resident half day virtual meeting (new).
- Monthly virtual webinars

Our collaboration with the British Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (BSCCP) continued this year with delivery of a half day virtual Basic Cervical Histopathology course in February relevant for colposcopy training requirements. This was attended by 95 delegates, similar to the last course attendance, and continues to be popular with both pathologists and colposcopy trainees.

Our March full day meeting remains a popular event with over 330 delegates attending this year. We provided a full day of talks and case presentations on the theme of 'Everyday dilemmas in gynaecological pathology'. This included a diverse range of lectures and case presentations on topics such as immunohistochemistry interpretation, endometrial cancer staging and tubal pathology and included a fantastic line up of speakers from USA, Canada and UK.

Our hybrid 21st Annual Meeting in June was a very special event hosted in Professor McCluggage's hometown of Belfast and delivered in collaboration with International Society of Gynaecological Pathologists (IsGYP). On Wed 4th June we hosted parallel sessions for residents (Meet the Experts) and consultants (Masterclass) for the first time, providing more choice for delegates and more educational content geared towards residents and allied professionals. The top posters from the e-poster competition were presented at the Meet the Experts session. Our main meeting provided a broad update on gynaecological pathology and we had a fantastic line up of keynote speakers including Prof Hui (ISGyP president), Prof Rabban (USA), Prof McCluggage, Prof Parra Harran (USA) and Dr Talia (AUS). The venue at the assembly rooms in Belfast was spectacular and the perfect location for such a special event. We also hosted very popular social events for delegates at Game of Thrones including a special appearance by some of the characters from the series and a very special gala dinner on Thurs night at the grand Titanic museum ballroom. This meeting was our best attended yet with a total of 422 delegates (both in person and virtual).



In June we also held a parallel symposium at the BDIAP/PathSoc/BSP pathology meeting in Ghent, our first meeting in Belgium and an opportunity to engage with the wider European Pathology community.



The September virtual long course continues to be a highlight of the BAGP calendar and is consistently oversubscribed. We opened up more spaces this year, with 107 delegates attending the course.

We continue to provide a number of events specifically aimed at residents at a significantly reduced fee including a Mock Exam course and an e-poster competition. New for this year we hosted a half day

trainee meeting on approaches to macroscopic pathology, immunohistochemistry and molecular pathology providing an excellent introduction to common issues. These sessions are also available on our website.

Our half day virtual November meeting provided a deep dive on Syndromic tumours in gynaecological pathology and related topics including expert sessions on DICER associated tumours, BRCA and HRD testing and Lynch Syndrome. This was attended by 160 delegates.

Our virtual monthly educational webinars continue to attract 200+ each month and these remain free for anyone to register and attend. Past webinars can also be accessed on our website.

Our meetings team and council was 'highly commended' at the recent RCPath 2025 Achievement Awards, the theme of which was 'Teamwork', acknowledging the hard work of our meetings team, with the support of the council, in providing regular, high calibre meetings in gyn path.

Our 2026 events calendar is being finalised and is set to be the biggest yet. Our 22nd Annual Meeting will be back in London at the iconic Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and will continue to be offered in a hybrid format. We are also collaborating with other UK and international societies for the first time including a full day symposium in gyn pathology in Abu Dhabi, UAE in January and a gyn symposium at IAP in Japan in October.

The meetings team would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Dr Jonathan Crook who has recently stepped down from his meetings secretary role. We would like to welcome his replacement Dr Mahfooz Basha as the new meetings co-secretary.

Finally, our meetings can only run with the support of our delegates so we are always keen to hear your feedback or any particular topics/themes you would like to see in future meetings.

Scan the QR code below to view our upcoming meetings/courses

Click this HERE to add any specific topics/themes you would like covered at future meetings

Dr Sarah Bell (Glasgow) and Dr Jonathan Crook (London)

Hilary Buckley Poster Competition Award Winner 2025



Getting the opportunity to attend and present at the BAGP 21st Annual Meeting in Belfast was a highlight of my 2025! I want to say a big thank you to the BAGP team for putting on such a fantastic conference and inviting me to be a part of it. I learnt a great deal by not only attending the conference and listening to the engaging talks but also in the process of preparing my poster presentation. My supervisors, Professor Glenn McCluggage and Dr Shatrughan Sah, were a constant source of support and I learnt so much from their expertise and guidance. This was the first time I'd

been given such an opportunity and I'm grateful that it was with the BAGP, who were supportive and communicative throughout. The conference also had an enjoyable evening programme where I was lucky enough meet experts in the field from all over the world, as well as other enthusiastic trainees. Receiving the Hilary Buckley award was a huge honour and I will continue to take a keen interest in gynaecological pathology going forward.

Dr Lucy Hamer ST2 Histopathology Trainee University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust

Naveena Singh Research Award Winner 2025



Thank you so much to the BAGP for awarding the Naveena Singh Research Award to my project on HPV-independent squamous cell carcinomas of the cervix. Professor Singh was an exceptional pathologist, leader and mentor to so many: her career and approaches to complex issues have heavily influenced my work within histopathology, research and in my roles nationally especially within the EDI sphere.

With the guidance of the excellent Drs Sarah Bell and Kate Cusheri, for my project, I have been exploring the clinical, radiological, morphological, immunohistochemical and molecular profiles of HPV-independent squamous cell carcinomas of the cervix in patients within the West of Scotland. Furthermore, we are utilising both HPV genotyping and next generation sequencing to provide novel data on whether these entities truly are HPV-independent. With the more recent inclusion of this entity within the WHO classification, but with the very limited information available in the literature, this is an important but poorly characterised entity owning significantly to its current rarity. Therefore, further characterisation is essential.

I am so thankful to the BAGP for recognising the importance of this topic and supporting an academic resident doctor in developing their research ambitions. Through this help and support, I have been able to develop a keen interest in this area, and I am so very pleased to report that I will now be expanding and developing this area further in my upcoming PhD. This could not have been possible without the support of the BAGP – thank you!

Dr Ryan Clark, University of Glasgow

A view from our Councillor



I have just completed a year as a councillor for the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists and will provide my perspective on that experience as both a new councillor and non-UK resident. By way of background, my connection with the BAGP goes back more than a decade, when I was invited to the BAGP annual meeting to present on endometrial cancer, and I accepted with alacrity. I mostly wanted to go to London. Growing up in a small town in Canada I had travelled little and the opportunity to visit one of the great cities of the world was too good to be true. Having accepted the invitation, though, I then had to find out more about the BAGP, so entered "BAGP" into my internet search engine, and the first hit was the Bengali Association of Greater Phoenix. Number two was the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists website so I read up and was, I thought, prepared. What surprised me was the impact of two days immersed in gyn pathology with others who shared my

interest. It was amazing! Was my approach to atypical foci in the basalis of the endometrium in line with what others in the field were doing? How to report one or two squamous morules in an endometrial biopsy without glandular crowding? There are so many things like this that you will not read about in the literature or text book but impact on practice. It was a pleasure to find others interested in the same things as me and had thought about them deeply. It was a transformative experience. The BAGP annual meeting rapidly established itself as the world's premier in-person educational meeting devoted to gyn pathology, and I have missed few meetings since. (An aside – our BAGP has long since displaced the Bengali Association of Greater Pheonix as the top hit when you search "BAGP") The BAGP Council is responsible not just for the annual meeting but for many other educational offerings, the website content, and ensuring that our business affairs are in order. The latter is particularly important as the BAGP has now been accorded official status as a charitable organization in the UK. The BAGP would not be able to function without its slate of officers and the competent administrative support provided by Elsa Taylor and Louise Gascoyne. In applying to become a councillor I was motivated by a desire to support the important work of the BAGP. I hope that you consider will how you might participate in this organization and support our profession and our patients.

Prof Blake Gilks (Canada)

Trainee Representative Update



Supporting the education of early-career pathologists and advanced practitioners remains a key priority for the BAGP. In September 2025, we hosted a half-day Trainee Meeting showcasing how we have responded to trainee feedback, expanded our resources, and developed new learning opportunities over the past year. The programme featured ten shotgun teaching sessions covering a range of gynaecological organs, delivered by a star-studded line-up of speakers. It therefore came as little surprise that the event was both popular and well attended.

The Trainee Meeting directly addressed priorities highlighted in previous trainee surveys. Sessions focused on grossing, morphology, and ancillary testing, providing a foundation in core pathology while also incorporating material aimed at advanced practitioners. More broadly, many BAGP events reflect topics requested by trainees. Our annual Mock Exam covers short and long cases, macroscopy and OSPE components and, in response to feedback, now includes a frozen section session.

If you haven't already explored the BAGP website, I'd encourage you to visit both the educational and the trainee sections, which host a growing library of recordings, guidance documents and presentation slides. We're also developing a brand-new BAGP website designed to simplify membership payments and renewals, improve access to certificates and receipts, and enhance navigation of our educational resources. This will be launched alongside a BAGP app, putting key information at your fingertips. In response to requests for greater social media engagement, we've

also introduced an educational Case of the Month on X.

Our monthly webinar sessions continue to be a popular fixture in the calendar and, from January 2026, we're delighted to launch an exciting new webinar series, Beyond the Microscope, focused on the essential soft skills needed for a successful and fulfilling career in pathology.

The BAGP offers a range of educational bursaries to support attendance at meetings and courses, and we also offer the Naveena Singh Research Bursary. Trainees participating in our E-Poster Competition stand a chance to win the Hilary Buckley Poster Award and have their abstract published in a special featured supplement of the International Journal of Gynecological Pathology.

Building on the success of the September Trainee Meeting, we're excited to introduce a new biannual trainee-focused meeting covering topics requested by you. I look forward to meeting many of you there and, in the meantime, wish you a very happy new year.

Dr Nataliya Piletska (Maidstone)

*** New BAGP Webinar series starting January 2026 * Beyond the Microscope: Skills That Strengthen Practice**

Being a pathologist is about far more than reaching the right diagnosis — it's about navigating complex teams, balancing demands, leading with clarity, and sustaining personal well-being in a challenging profession. Recognizing this, the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists (BAGP) is delighted to launch a new webinar series for January 2026: Beyond the Microscope: Skills That Strengthen Practice.

This engaging series is designed to help pathologists and trainees develop the essential soft skills that support excellence both inside and outside the laboratory. Each month's expert-led, interactive session will explore practical, real-world strategies for building resilience, improving communication, and fostering leadership — the human skills that underpin professional success.

The first four webinars will cover:

- Communication in the MDT – how to contribute effectively and confidently in multidisciplinary settings.
- Getting Started in Research – practical advice on launching and sustaining research projects.
- How to Present a Poster – useful tips to help you shine in the upcoming BAGP Poster Competition.
- Resilience and Work/Life Balance – strategies to maintain well-being and career satisfaction.

Whether you're early in training or an experienced consultant, Beyond the Microscope offers an opportunity to invest in the skills that help pathologists thrive personally and professionally.

Join us in developing confidence, connection, and capability that extends far beyond your slides.

Click HERE for session dates and registration details.



Educational Bursary Recipient – 21st Annual Meeting

I was very happy to get an opportunity to attend the 21st Annual Meeting of the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists (BAGP), in collaboration with the International Society of Gynaecological Pathology (ISGyP). In view of childcare responsibilities, I chose to attend it virtually.

This meeting was an academic feast for me and most of the sessions had a very practical problem-solving approach. All speakers were leaders in gynaecologic pathology and the content of presentations was excellent. Prior to the annual meeting, I was able to attend the "Meet the Experts Meeting" which was a one day event and had many practical approach lectures by experts on different topics.

I learnt a lot during this meeting particularly the stress on morphologic findings and not to get swayed by aberrant immunohistochemistry results in difficult cases.

Another plus of attending virtually was the ability to ask questions on the Q&A box and all questions would be answered either orally or the presenter would type out the answer after their session. This was a great learning experience for everyone.

I hope to continue practicing gynaecologic pathology in my career and attending this meeting has been very useful for me overall.

Dr Angad Singh (Hull)



Educational Bursary Recipient – 21st Annual Meeting



I am very glad and thankful for the opportunity to attend the 21st Annual Meeting of the BAGP. The event was truly enriching, bringing together pathologists from different parts of the world who work on similar topics. This diversity significantly enhanced the discussions and broadened my perspective.

One of the most valuable aspects of the meeting was the opportunity to ask questions and exchange ideas directly with the panel of experts as well as with other attendees. The topics covered were highly relevant to our daily practice and provided important updates that I will certainly apply to my work.

I also had the opportunity to present a poster. The feedback and suggestions I received were helpful and will greatly improve my project.

Overall, this meeting was an exceptional learning experience, and I am highly motivated to continue participating in future BAGP events. I look forward to attending again, as each edition offers new knowledge, insights, and opportunities for growth.

Dr Lourdes Salazar-Huayna (Spain)

Educational Bursary Recipient – 21st Annual Meeting



I would like to thank the BAGP for awarding me an educational bursary to attend the 21st Annual Meeting, in-person, in Belfast. My poster "Cytology at endometrial cancer surgery: A relic of the past or an undervalued prognostic tool" was selected as a top 10 poster for a short oral presentation, and the educational bursary made in-person attendance for both my presentation and full participation in the conference possible. The commitment of the BAGP to support trainees was apparent at the Meet the Experts for Trainees and Early Career Pathologists event on the first day of the conference. I had the opportunity to meet global experts, engage in case-based discussions and learn about practical approaches to most gynaecological specimens. I gave my presentation in this session, which was well received, but more importantly it was a pleasure hearing about the research, audits and case reports being completed by my colleagues across the county and internationally.

The main conference on day 2 and 3 included a sneak peak of the changes to come in WHO 6th Edition and the evidence underpinning these changes, newly recognised entities in gynaecology and case-based discussions by world class gynaecological pathologists. As a junior trainee, the extensive morphological descriptions in all the presentations have left a distinct impression on me. I am reminded of the importance of having a good command of morphology, as regardless of the availability or utility of IHC, molecular and genetics, we need to come back to morphology to understand the ever changing landscape of disease. This was a different approach to conferences I have attended in the past. Belfast is a beautiful city and the evening events at the Games of Thrones studio and Titanic Museum facilitated networking, extended discussions and making new friends in the gynaecological pathology community. I feel inspired and motivated to continue to explore a future in gynaecological pathology.

Dr Diana Frimpong (Maidstone)

Educational Bursary Recipient – Week-long course

I was delighted to receive The BAGP educational bursary to attend the long course in September this year. As a Biomedical Scientist, access to timely funding for courses of this calibre is often limited, so this was an invaluable and unparalleled opportunity.

National and international experts delivered the sessions with clarity and approachability, making even the most daunting topics accessible. As a BMS, I was initially concerned that some material might be beyond my scope, but I was pleasantly surprised by how engaging, relevant, and clearly presented the content was.

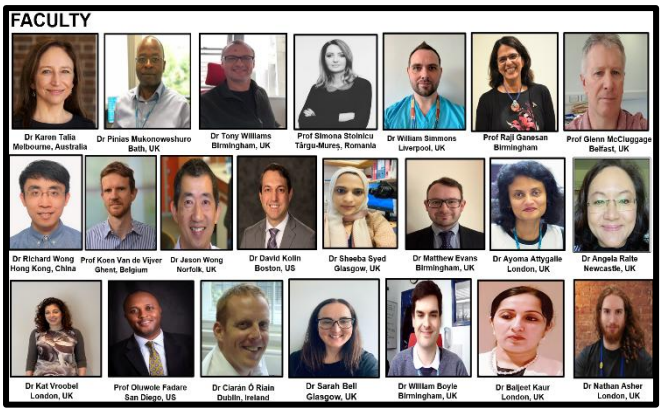
A well-balanced combination of highly informative lectures and slide seminars created an engaging and dynamic programme. The Q&A function and polls integrated into many lectures encouraged interaction with the speakers, allowing complex topics to be addressed in real time based on participants' responses. Access to the slides in advance also enabled delegates to test their knowledge and reflect on challenging or rare cases beforehand.

Spread over five full days, the course was intensive but exceptionally comprehensive, covering virtually everything one might encounter in a diagnostic setting, and more. Presentations on common entities reinforced my existing knowledge, while sessions on

rare and complex cases underscored the breadth and depth of gynaecological pathology. Lectures on related subjects complemented one another without unnecessary duplication.

Overall, this course offered a true deep dive into gynaecological pathology, and I thoroughly enjoyed both the experience and the extensive knowledge I gained. I would highly recommend it to anyone involved in reporting gynaecological pathology at any level, and I look forward to attending again in the future.

Dr Layla Wakefield (Kent)



EQA Organiser's Report



As 2025 concludes, we reflect on a year of significant growth and transition for the National Gynae EQA Scheme. Our achievements this year are a direct result of your continued engagement and professional dedication.

<u>2025 Year in Review</u>

Throughout 2025, the Scheme successfully conducted two primary circulations. Our June hybrid event in Belfast, held in collaboration with the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists (BAGP), and our virtual November meeting both saw exceptional participation. These meetings remain a cornerstone of our mission to enhance educational standards, facilitate networking, and support the professional development of both consultants and trainees.

<u>Key Achievements:</u>

- Membership Growth: The Scheme has expanded substantially, now comprising 551 UK consultants, 85 trainees, and 36 overseas participants.

- Revised Fee Structure: To improve accessibility, the annual fee has been reduced to a flat rate of £60 for all UK consultants. Furthermore, a reduced rate of £30 has been introduced for overseas participants from developing countries (as defined by the RCPath).

- Committee Membership Transitions: We extend our sincere gratitude to Dr. Mohanad Alalusi for his dedicated service as he departs the committee. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Debbie Baishnab, Dr. Arun Manoharan, Dr. Hafza Asma Adnan, and Dr. Tegan Miller as new committee members, and congratulate Dr. Trupti Mandalia on her appointment as Deputy Organiser.

<u>Looking Ahead to 2026</u>

Regulatory Update:

The Royal College of Pathologists (RCPath) has temporarily paused NQAAP activities and withdrawn formal support from EQA schemes while internal discussions continue. Consequently, the Gynaecological EQA Scheme will proceed as scheduled in 2026, though no formal action points will be triggered for the upcoming circulation pending further guidance.

Opportunities & Resources:

- Council Vacancies: Two council positions are available for 2026. We

encourage members to apply and contribute to the strategic direction of the Scheme.

- Educational Resources: We invite consultants to encourage trainees to utilize the Pathology Portal, where our EQA cases serve as an excellent self-assessment tool for routine and complex gynaecological pathology.

- Call for Cases: The November meeting offers a prestigious platform for trainees to present educational cases. Contributors receive 3 additional CPD credits. Please submit case details to Dr. Baljeet Kaur at baljeet.kaur1@nhs.net.

- Documentation: An updated Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) will be published shortly in the "EQA Lite" document section.

Save the Date

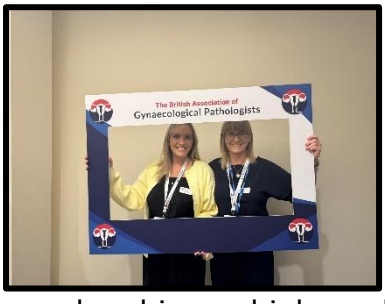
- June 3, 2026: National Gynaecological EQA Review Meeting (Royal College of Physicians, London & Virtual).

- November 13, 2026: Virtual EQA Review Meeting.

Thank you for your steadfast support of the Scheme. We wish you a prosperous 2026.

Dr Baljeet Kaur (London)

Operational Support - A Year in Review



2025 has been an exceptionally busy and successful year for the BAGP, marked by growing membership, high-quality educational delivery and expanding national and international collaborations. Our 21st Annual Meeting in Belfast was our best attended to date and a true highlight of the year, alongside strengthened partnerships across the UK and overseas, including our first collaboration in Belgium at the joint PathSoc/BDIAP/BSP meeting in Ghent.



We are also nearing the launch of our new BAGP website, a major year-long project for the Society, which will introduce automated membership renewals, automated course certification, an enhanced member portal, improved event management and a new BAGP web app, all designed to improve the member experience.



Looking ahead, 2026 promises an exciting and ambitious programme with expanded trainee meetings, new webinar series, increased research support and further international meetings and joint society collaborations.

On a personal note, 2025 was also the first year that I, as Operational Manager, supported BAGP activities outside the UK; this was a hugely positive experience and a valuable opportunity to meet both new and existing members, helping to strengthen relationships, support our growing international presence and contribute to the continued growth and success of the BAGP.

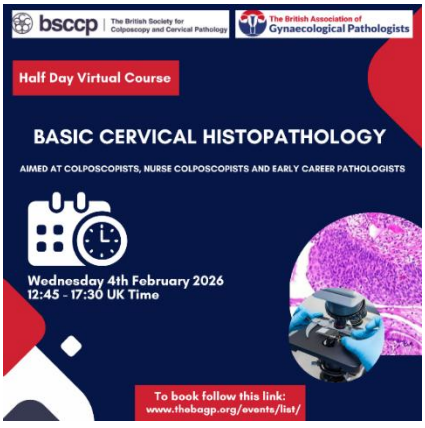
Elsa Taylor and Louise Gascoyne (Derby)

Upcoming Events

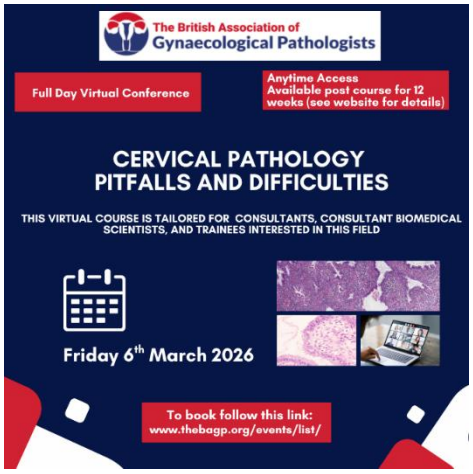
*** New BAGP Webinar series starting January 2026** * Beyond the Microscope: Skills That Strengthen Practice
Click HERE for session dates and registration details.



REGISTRATION OPEN! BAGP BSCCP Basic Cervical Histopathology Course (Half-Day – Virtual): 4th February 2026
https://www.thebagp.org/event/basic-cervical-histopathology-virtual-course-2026-half-day/



REGISTRATION OPEN! Cervical Pathology Pitfalls and Difficulties (Full Day - Virtual): 6th March 2026 (early bird rates available)
https://www.thebagp.org/event/everyday-dilemmas-in-gynaecological-pathology/



REGISTRATION OPEN! Free monthly webinars
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0YFcUYMRRESpu_U9-CWm3Q

SAVE THE DATES!

Masterclass with the Experts (London & Virtual Option): 3rd June 2026 (early bird rates available)
https://www.thebagp.org/event/bagp-22nd-annual-meeting-2026/

Meet the Experts (London & Virtual Option): 3rd June 2026 (early bird rates available)
https://www.thebagp.org/event/bagp-22nd-annual-meeting-2026/

BAGP 22nd Annual Meeting (London & Virtual Option): 4th – 5th June 2026 (early bird rates available)
https://www.thebagp.org/event/bagp-22nd-annual-meeting-2026/

BAGP Long Gynae Pathology Course (5 days -Virtual): 21st – 25th September 2026
Joint BAGP / BDIAP Gynaecological Meeting (in Person only – London) 04th – 05th December 2026

Research Bursary

Invitation to apply for the Naveena Singh Research Bursary of £5000 (2026) is now open.
https://www.thebagp.org/trainee-section/bagp-research-award/guidelines/



Poster Competition

Hilary Buckley Poster Award: Invitation to submit an abstract for the BAGP e-poster competition
www.thebagp.org/trainee-section/bagp-poster-competitions/poster-competition-guidelines/



Education Bursary for BAGP Members

Application deadline for Annual Meeting and Long Course 2026 is 1st March 2026.



Scan QR code here to book any event: