THE BRITISH ASSOCIATION OF GYNAECOLOGICAL PATHOLOGISTS

BAGP NEWSLETTER 2015

President's report

Overall, 2015 has been a good year for the BAGP:

- We had a successful (and profitable) annual meeting in June.
- Our financial position is sound.
- Membership numbers continue to increase.
- The development of our new website is on track.
- The appointment of a BAGP Administrator has been a tremendous help to Council and the membership.
- We have established formal representation on all of the NCRI subcommittees and actively engaged with the NCRI.
- The establishment of an ACCEA Subcommittee enabled us to nominate BAGP members for national awards.
- The establishment of an Educational Subcommittee will enable the BAGP to develop a gynaecological pathology programme for trainees in histopathology.



The BAGP website subcommittee (Gerry van Schalkwyk, Elsa Taylor, Asma Faruqi, Roberto Dina, Raji Ganesan and I) obtained quotes from 5 website developers and shortlisted 3 for interview in July 2015. On the basis of the presentations and interview, Pixl8 (which recently developed the new RCPath website) was selected. The BAGP has a website support and maintenance contract with Pixl8 but Elsa Taylor, BAGP Administrator, will take on the responsibility of posting content and updating the website. We have experienced delays in transferring the domain name but, all being well, the go-live date is scheduled for the end of January 2016.

Now that Elsa has taken on responsibility for the BAGP website, the role of BAGP Website Administrator has become redundant. We have amended the BAGP Constitution to reflect this. Other proposed changes to the Constitution concern the terms of office and the number of offices that individual Council members may hold. The revised Constitution will be circulated to all BAGP members for comment with a view to ratification at the next Annual General Meeting, in May 2016.

This will be my last newsletter as my term of office as BAGP President ends in June 2016, just after the BAGP annual meeting in May. I am most grateful to my fellow Council members and Officers for their help and support in taking forward all of the new developments. Special thanks go to Glenn McCluggage, whose term of office on Council as co-opted RCPath Subspeciality Advisor in Gynaecological Pathology has ended. The

College is due to ratify the appointment of the new RCPath Subspeciality Advisor. The appointee will join Council as a co-opted member in May 2016.

I believe that over the past two years the BAGP has become a stronger and more influential organisation and hope that when I step down as President I will leave a sound base for my successor to build on.

With all good wishes for 2016

Lynn Hirschowitz

BAGP Treasurer's Report

The BAGP finances are healthy and membership continues to grow. There are currently 167 paying members.

Our financial summary as of 11/11/2015 is as follows:

Current account 1	£56,993.40
Current account 2 (non-active)	£4,842.36
Reserve account	£38,663.92
Total Assets	£100,499.68

The majority of our meetings to date have been profitable.

We have recently made our first payment of £3840.00 to Pixl8, and the remaining 2 instalments will be paid during the first quarter of the next financial year. We are awaiting an invoice for accountant fees (£672.00) for the current financial year. The BAGP Administrator salary commencing March 2015 amounts £1477.00 to date.

Members are reminded of the increase in membership fee in April 2016, from £30.00 to £40.00. The trainee membership fee will remain at £10.

SUMMARY:

The BAGP continues to be in good financial health. There will be a significant spend over the next few months for the new website (£10,420.00) with annual on-going support and maintenance costs of £2400.00. The satisfactory financial situation of the BAGP is due to the continued support and commitment of all Council members.

Gerry van Schalkwyk



Honorary Secretary's Report

The BAGP continues to grow and it is wonderful to welcome new members not just from the UK but also from Europe, Asia and the America.

We made amendments to the Constitution in 2014 and have made some further amendments this year which will be circulated to you for your opinions and comments.

Many of the current Council members will complete their terms of office in the coming months and it going to be an almost new Council in 2016!

Lynn will complete her term as President in June 2016 and as you all know the process of electing the next President is underway. Lynn's experience on national and international gynaecological pathology groups and her efficiency and her devotion to the BAGP have considerably furthered the aims of this association and also ensured that BAGP representatives are present and have a voice in various national committees. It has been a great pleasure to work with her (keeping up with her super-efficiency has taught me much!).

Mona, our Meetings Secretary will also complete her term of office in June in 2016. Mona has organised some great meetings during her tenure. The Annual meetings were extremely successful as were the short courses. I would like to thank her for all the hard work.



I would also like to thank our outgoing Councillors, Alex Polson, Robert Dino, Sanjiv Manek and Rahul Fulmali, all of whom complete their terms in June 2016. Their contributions, advice and help have all been extremely valuable.

My biggest thanks go to all of you, the members, who support this organisation and help to promote Gynaecological Pathology.

I wish you all a happy and prosperous new year.

Asma Zaman Faruqi

BAGP Meeting Secretary's Report

2015 has been an excellent year with regard to BAGP events. In February 2015 we held a one-day course on a practical approach to cervical pathology, and in September 2015

we held a one-day course on uterine pathology. Both courses were held at the Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College London. The courses included formal



lectures and practical microscopy sessions. The speakers on the courses were national experts and specialists in the field of gynaecological pathology.
In June 2015 we had our Annual meeting. This was a one-and-half day meeting held at the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists in London and featured lectures, cases presentations and updates on different topics in Gynaecological pathology. All contributors were nationally and internationally renowned speakers.

The 2015 annual meeting and both one-day pathology courses received positive feedback. The participating delegates were from different parts of the United Kingdom and Europe.

With the conclusion of meeting activities for 2015 and with 2016 only a few days away I would like to announce that the BAGP Annual meeting for 2016 will be a joint meeting with the International Society of Gynaecological Pathologists. The meeting will be held at The Royal College of General Practitioners in London, on 19-20 May 2016.

Building on the success of this year's uterine pathology meeting held in September, we will run the course again on 12th February 2016 at the Hammersmith Hospital, Imperial College London.

Details of the meetings will be posted on the BAGP website and we are really looking forward to welcoming you to all future BAGP meetings.

Mona El-Bahrawy

Report of RCPath Subspeciality Advisor In Gynaecological Pathology

British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists (BAGP)

The 12th annual BAGP meeting was held in London in June 2015. This was a very successful meeting which was well attended. The membership of the BAGP continues to grow. There is an ongoing programme of BAGP sponsored study days for trainee and consultant pathologists; these are very popular and always oversubscribed. Membership of the BAGP is open to any pathologist with an interest in gynaecological pathology in the UK; several overseas members have also joined. The increasing membership of BAGP and the continuing successful meetings reflects the increasing subspecialisation in gynaecological pathology taking place in the UK. Lynn Hirschowitz is currently in her second year as President of BAGP. A joint meeting with International Society of Gynaecological Pathologists will be help in London in May 2016.

National Gynaecological Pathology EQA Scheme

Raji Ganesan has taken over from Laurence Brown as organiser of the Gynae EQA scheme. This scheme continues to run successfully with a growing membership and plans to include non-UK pathologists. There is now a “drop-down” box for recording individual diagnoses on line.

Pathology Input into Gynaecological Cancer Trials.

The BAGP has representation on the National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Gynaecological Clinical Studies Group. There are also representatives on the various subgroups (endometrium; ovary; cervix and vulva). Several trials necessitate central pathology review and this is organised through the respective BAGP representatives.

International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR)

In 2010, the College of American Pathologists (CAP), Canadian Association of Pathologists (CAP-ACP) in association with the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC), Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) and Royal College of Pathologists UK (RCPath) agreed to collaborate in the development of standardised cancer reporting protocols. To this end, the cancer leads representing the Colleges of Pathology from these 4 countries established a quadripartite group — the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) — with the aim of developing and producing common, internationally agreed, evidence-based datasets for cancer. As a pilot, the ICCR established four review panels to develop cancer datasets for prostate, lung and endometrial carcinomas and melanoma. The UK took the lead in developing the endometrial cancer dataset. Lynn Hirschowitz and Glenn McCluggage coordinated this. A paper detailing the entire process of development of the endometrial cancer dataset was published in International Journal of Gynaecological Pathology (2013;32;45-65).

A similar process was undertaken in 2014 for ovarian, fallopian tube and primary peritoneal carcinoma. This was again coordinated by Glenn McCluggage and Lynn Hirschowitz. The dataset has been published on the ICCR website and a paper regarding this has been published in Modern Pathology (2015; 28; 1101-1122).



Work will begin soon on a Cervical Cancer Dataset. This project will be sponsored by International Society of Gynaecological Pathologists (ISGyP). Development of the dataset will be led by Glenn McCluggage (President ISGyP). Lynn Hirschowitz will be the ICCR representative.

College Documents

The endometrial, ovarian/ fallopian tube and vulval datasets are currently being updated and it is hoped these will be submitted to the College soon.

Glenn McCluggage



BAGP and BAGP-supported educational meetings for 2016

In London:
Joint BAGP/ISGyP Annual Meeting
May 2016

Uterine Pathology Study Day
February 2016

For details contact:
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In Birmingham:
Update in Cervical Pathology
September 2016

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National Gynaecological Pathology EQA report

Circulation P had 314 members responding on scoring cases. Only one case was not scored. There were no persistent poor performers. 39 pathologists attended the Participants' meeting for Circulation P.

Circulation Q had 310 members responding on scoring cases. Two cases were not scored. 60 pathologists were in attendance at the Participants' meeting for Circulation Q.

This was the first time that the EQA used dropdown menus on the www.histopathology.org website for submission of responses. In Circulation Q, the drop-down list was arranged alphabetically. For the first time scanned slides were available on all cases for Circulation P. In Circulation Q, the educational cases were available only as scanned slides.

The educational component of Circulation Q included two topics. Dr Baljeet Kaur from Imperial College, London provided an educational slide seminar on 'Products of conception: when to worry'. Dr Lynn Hirschowitz from Birmingham delivered a slide seminar-based lecture on measuring cervical carcinomas. Both lectures are available on the EQA website.

The National Gynaecological Pathology EQA is considering using software for remote attendance and voting at the review meetings. This will allow greater member participation in scoring of cases.

Raji Ganesan

With best wishes for a happy New Year!