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Newly Elected Members

Following the appointment of George Webster as Vice President for Endoscopy elections recently took place to fill his elected positions on BSG Council and the Endoscopy Committee. Following the recent election we are pleased to announce that Dr Mark Pritchard has been elected to BSG Council and Professor Pradeep Bhandari to the Endoscopy Committee. Our congratulations to both as well as our thanks to those that put themselves forward.

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Win a mini iPad for your firework ideas this November!

As always at BSG our main focus is supporting you, our members. We are currently reviewing our membership offering to ensure we are providing you with the best possible service and benefits. We would love to hear your ideas on what's great about being a member of the BSG and what we could do differently.

Keep a look out for a membership survey that will be coming round to all members in the next couple of weeks. Everyone who completes the survey will be entered into a prize draw to win a mini iPad.

We are also looking for a group of volunteers to take part in a virtual

8th December 2017

Krakow, Poland

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Intestinal Failure Study Day and Workshop in Home Parenteral Nutrition

11th - 12th December 2017

Royal Society of Medicine - London

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Gastroenterology and Hepatology in Pregnancy

11th December 2017

The Royal College of Physicians, London

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Screen-Based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course 'sets' Training Course

15th December 2017

Homerton Simulation Centre - London

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Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

15th December 2017

MATTU, University of Surrey - Guildford

membership panel by engaging in online discussions a couple of times a month across November and December. This is just a small commitment which can be completed from the comfort of your home or workplace at any time suitable for you so if you're full of firework ideas of new, exciting benefits the BSG could offer you then why not get involved? You will be entered into a smaller prize draw with a very good chance of winning a second mini iPad for supporting us with your ideas.

If you would be interested in this please get in touch with Ruth Ellenby at r.ellenby@bsg.org.uk.

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Endoclub on air!

Members are encouraged to view the cases from the recent partnership between the BSG and Endoclub Nord. The 40 cases and additional discussion and in depth interviews with world leading endoscopists by the BSG faculty will be available through the members section of the BSG website for the next two weeks.

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BSG 2018 – Call for Abstracts

The British Society of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting 2018 will take place at the ACC Liverpool from 4 – 7 June 2018. The conference will showcase the best of British gastroenterology, hepatology and endoscopy with hundreds of abstracts presented orally or as posters.

This is your opportunity to share your latest research and findings with colleagues and peers.

All accepted abstracts will be published in Gut, which is an official journal of the British Society of Gastroenterology. Submit your abstract now to be considered for the BSG Annual Meeting 2018 scientific programme.

For further information about how to submit please visit the [conference website](#).

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New BSG website

The BSG will be launching its new website in mid-December 2017 with a new membership portal following early in the New year. We need a new website to better communicate with our members, associates and the public on all matters gastroenterological: sharing our clinical guidelines, patient information, latest news and generating debate on key issues in health policy.

The site will offer members improved accessibility of content and enhanced search functionality based on a defined information architecture. Members will be able to use search and filter functions to organise content by membership type, sub-specialty interest and

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St Mark's Coloproctology for FRCS 2018

8th – 9th January 2018

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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ERCP Basic Training Course – London

9th – 10th January 2018

King's College Hospital – London

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ERCP Basic Training Course – Belfast

22nd – 23rd January 2018

Belfast City Hospital – Belfast

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22nd Advanced Gastroenterology & Hepatology Course

25th – 26th January 2018

Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh

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Portsmouth International Endoscopy Symposium 2018

the geographical region in which they practise.

We hope you like the fresh new look to the website and the improved navigation that will allow you to find the information you need more quickly and easily whether using a desktop, mobile device or tablet.

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Gastroenterologist wins NIHR Clinical Research Network award

The National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Clinical Research Network have announced the winners of the research awards run in partnership with the Royal College of Physicians. One of the winners is BSG Trainee member Mark Samaan, Gastroenterology Clinical Research Fellow, Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust. The awards recognise outstanding contributions of NHS consultants and trainees who are active in research. To view the full list of winners visit [the NIHR website](#).

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The National Endoscopy Database (NED) Project

The National Endoscopy Database (NED) project continues to develop. A number of sites are uploading endoscopy data in 'real-time' to a central national database. This allows individual endoscopists to view their key performance indicators (KPIs) on a website in a similar way to that which allows trainees to view their data on the JETS website. This automated system also means that trainees don't have to manually enter endoscopy data, NED automatically populates the JETS eportfolio.

Many services have commenced the process towards being compatible with NED. The first steps are to engage with your Endoscopy Reporting System (ERS) manufacturer and to obtain Caldicott approval within your Trust. All major ERS manufacturers in the UK are engaged with the project. An update on their individual progress can be found in the [Resources section](#) of the NED website – www.jets.nhs.uk/ned.

In the [service documentation](#) section of their website, you can find the NED starter pack which contains a guide to applying for Caldicott approval and other steps your service should take.

Some ERS manufacturers are in the roll out phase meaning services can come online soon. Other suppliers have not yet completed preparations for NED compatibility. It is envisaged that these manufacturers will progress over forthcoming months. The GRS census in April 2018 will require services with systems compatible with NED to be uploading to the pilot database. It is important for

1st – 3rd February 2018

Lakeside North Harbour –
Portsmouth

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Lessons Learned 2018

2nd February 2018

National Liberal Club – London

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St Mark's Gastrointestinal
Histopathology Workshop 2018

23rd February 2018

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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BSG Management and
Leadership Weekend 2017

23rd – 24th February 2018

Woodland Grange – Leamington
Spa

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AGIP Upper GI Physiology
Masterclass

1st March 2018

Queen Elizabeth Hospital,
Birmingham

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services seeking to meet this GRS requirement that they commence the process soon.

If you have any enquiries please contact askjag@rcplondon.ac.uk.

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IBD Registry News – November 2017

The latest news from the IBD Registry can be found at the further information link below. Updates include:

- Richard Driscoll
- Data and reporting
- Resources for sites
- Opportunities
- Other news

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Volunteer with Macmillan's Online Community

If you're a health and social care professional working in cancer care, Macmillan need you to volunteer with their Online Community.

What's involved?

You'll answer questions from people affected by cancer on Macmillan's Online Community: a safe website where people can share their experiences with others.

How does it work?

You can commit to as little or as much time as you like – all we require is that you answer a few questions each week. Simply log on and answer questions at a time that's convenient to you.

What will you get from it?

You'll receive induction training and support, develop online communication skills and contribute to your continuing professional development.

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NICE guideline on Diverticular Disease

The final scope and equality impact assessment for this NICE guideline have now been published, along with all the stakeholder comments that were received during consultation and NICE's responses to these comments.

The following vacancies remain for the guideline committee:

- 1x Consultant colorectal surgeon
- 1x Dietitian

Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend 2018

2nd – 4th March 2018

Holiday Inn – Stoke on Trent

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Gastroenterology SCE Course 2018

5th – 6th March 2018

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course 2018

7th – 9th March 2018

Copthorne Hotel Newcastle – Newcastle

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Basic training for GI researchers: Young Investigators Meeting 2018

16th – 18th March 2018

House of European Gastroenterology – Vienna

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Screen-Based Endoscopy Technical Skills Course 'sets' Training Course – March 2018

- 1x Specialist or Practice nurse
- 1x Pharmacist
- 1x Radiologist (co-opted member)

For further information and details of how to apply please contact Nancy Pursey, Senior Project Manager at the National Guideline Centre: nancy.pursey@rcplondon.ac.uk

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NICE guideline on Colorectal cancer: diagnosis and management (update)

The final scope and equality impact assessment for this NICE guideline have now been published along with all the stakeholder comments and NICE's responses to these.

The BSG is a key stakeholder for this topic and will be commenting on the draft guideline in due course.

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Nurses sought for NICE guideline on Ulcerative Colitis

NICE are looking for a gastroenterology nurse to join their updates committee to update a guideline on ulcerative colitis and Crohn's disease.

If you or any of your colleagues would like to apply, there are more details on the NICE website. The deadline for applications is 5pm, Wednesday 8th November 2017.

If you have any queries about Committee membership or the recruitment process, please contact ulcerativecolitis@nice.org.uk.

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GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network

Midlands launch: 14.11.2017 – Holiday Inn Coventry, Coventry
North West launch: 21.11.2017 – Holiday Inn Haydock, Haydock

The GI and Liver Transformation and Sustainability Network will be launched in the North West and the Midlands this month. The network aims to support STPs and local stakeholders from all parts of the health and care system with an interest in gastrointestinal and liver conditions to embrace a Quality Improvement led approach to improving patient outcomes and experience within available budgets. This follows the continued success of the Regional Transformation and Sustainability Network meetings already established in Mental Health, Diabetes and Rheumatology.

Developed by the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) and

23rd March 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Clinical Nutrition and Nutritional Support 2018

18th – 20th April 2018

Leggett Building – University of Surrey

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The S.T.I.G. Course – April 2018

26th April 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Falk Forum 65 – Sheffield Pancreatology Forum

27th April 2018

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

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Human Factors in Virtual Endoscopy – May 2018

10th May 2018

Homerton Simulation Centre – London

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Wilmington Healthcare, the network will bring together like minded people from across healthcare, local authorities, the third sector and other relevant stakeholders to demonstrate how the expertise within the BSG can support the transformation and sustainability of services for people with GI and liver problems. The meeting will provide a platform to showcase good practice, foster focused local discussion and closer collaboration between all parties who can make a difference through integrated planning and care delivery.

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CRUK Campaign: Early Diagnosis Workforce

Early diagnosis could help thousands more survive their cancer. Every year more people are referred for diagnostic tests and services are struggling to keep up with the growing demand. Cancer patients in England are being let down. The Government needs to train and employ more NHS staff to diagnose cancer earlier.

Why take action in this campaign?

- The earlier a cancer is diagnosed the more likely it is to be treated successfully. Look at bowel cancer for example: when found at an early stage, 9 in 10 people will survive. But when diagnosed later, only 1 in 10 people will survive.
- Just over half of people are diagnosed early in England. We can do so much better.
- Right now, over 1 in 10 NHS diagnostic posts are unfilled and thousands more staff will be needed in the future. These skilled NHS staff are vital to carry out cancer tests.

Two years ago, the Government announced their ambition to improve the lives of cancer patients. They recognised how important early diagnosis is to achieve this. Since then, not enough progress has been made. Survival rates plummet when cancer isn't caught early.

You can help give more people with cancer the best chance of survival through an earlier diagnosis. Use our template email to write to the Secretary of State for Health, Jeremy Hunt, and ask him to train and employ more diagnostic NHS staff to help diagnose people early.

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RCGP IBD Toolkit Official Launch

The Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP), in partnership with Crohn's and Colitis UK, has launched an IBD toolkit for GPs and healthcare professionals.

RCGP's Clinical Champion for Inflammatory Bowel Disease, Dr Kevin Barrett, who developed the toolkit together with the patient representative Rachel Fowler and the project's steering group, comments "Inflammatory Bowel Disease affects at least 1 in 250 of the UK population and the prevalence is rising. Early diagnosis, managing flares, supporting patients to stay well and monitoring long-term risks are all vital aspects of care. The RCGP's IBD toolkit is designed to help GPs better identify and manage IBD, and provide

UEG Summer School 2018

24th – 27th May 2018

Hotel International Prague – Prague

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BSG Annual Meeting 2018

4th – 7th June 2018

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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UEG Basic Science Course 2018

27th – 29th June 2018

TARGID laboratory, Clinical Motility Unit and ACRO – Leuven

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Glasgow Gastro 2018

5th October 2018

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow

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Gastroenterology Update: It's all a matter of nutrition!

12th December 2018

The Royal College of Physicians, London

education resources for healthcare professionals and patients alike."

Jackie Glatter, Health Service Development Manager at Crohn's and Colitis UK said, "GPs play a really important role in identifying people with suspected IBD and supporting these patients throughout their lives, in conjunction with the secondary care team. We are delighted to be working in partnership with the RCGP to provide resources for GPs and to highlight the information and support we can provide for people with IBD."

The IBD toolkit (www.rcgp.org.uk/clinical-and-research/toolkits/inflammatory-bowel-disease-toolkit.aspx) has been produced as part of the College's Spotlight Project on inflammatory bowel disease, which will be delivering a number of free workshops and further learning resources for GPs throughout 2017/2018.

For more information on the work of the College's Clinical Innovation and Research Centre, and for tools to support your practice, please visit <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/CIRC>

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Use of EUS for Staging Gastro-Oesophageal Cancer (GOC) – Approximately 10-minute Survey

Despite the research evidence on EUS sensitivity, specificity, and its effectiveness and cost-effectiveness, evidence on the utilisation of EUS in clinical practice is scarce. To date, only one US study exploring utilisation of EUS for staging oesophageal cancer has been performed. No UK study has ever been undertaken.

You are kindly invited to partake in a survey investigating the utilisation of EUS for staging GOC in the UK. This survey is undertaken online as part of the PhD study, funded by the Tenovus Cancer Care Charity. Members should expect to receive an email with further details shortly or alternatively the survey can be found at http://bangor.onlinesurveys.ac.uk/healthcare-professionals-survey_eus

In recognition of time given to complete the online survey (approx. 10 minutes), you will be offered to enter into a prize draw to win £100 Amazon voucher at the end of your completed survey.

Please contact Seow Tien Yeo (s.t.yeo@bangor.ac.uk), the survey co-ordinator and PhD student, should you require further information.

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BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

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From 1st September 2017, the Committee will not consider for endorsement any meeting taking place within a month each side of the BSG Annual Meeting. In 2018, the meeting will be held in Liverpool from 4th-7th June; therefore, no endorsements will be given for meetings taking place from 4th May through 7th July 2018. If you would like your meeting to be endorsed, please bear this timing in mind. The endorsement process and policy have been updated on the Education section of the website. If you have any queries, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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BSG Gastro Taster Course 2017 – 2nd–3rd December, UCH London

Online booking for this year's course is now available.

We would be very grateful if you could advertise the course to junior colleagues (CMT1, CMT2 and foundation doctors) who are interested in pursuing gastroenterology as their medical specialty.

The course will cost £150 to attend. There is a good mix of hands-on experience of the latest diagnostic technologies alongside interactive workshops, lectures on career pathways and how to secure higher medical training in GI medicine.

To book a place on the course, please visit www.gastro-tastercourse.co.uk and follow the instructions on the website. If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact MCI UK Ltd at BSG2017tastercourse@mci-group.com or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

Tickets are limited to 120 spaces and are sold on a 'first come, first served' basis and are likely to sell very quickly – so 'don't delay, book today'!

Free places for medical students...

The BSG Trainees Section is inviting UK final year medical students to apply for one of 5 fully funded places on the fifth 'Taster Course in Gastroenterology' Applicants need to be UK-based medical students starting their final year of study this year.

Applicants should send a 2-page CV and 250 word (maximum) supporting statement (explaining why they want to do gastroenterology, their inspiration, experience and steps they have taken to gain insight into the specialty) to BSG2017Tastercourse@mci-group.com by 5pm on the 6th October 2017. All applications must be supported by a covering letter, which is officially stamped or verified by the medical school faculty office.

An independent panel of gastroenterologists will choose the best applications. Successful applicants will be informed by the 20th October 2017. They will enjoy free registration to attend the course, have fully funded return transport to the course, and have overnight accommodation arranged for the 2nd December 2017.

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Cardiff Advanced Endoscopy Symposium

2017

9–10 November 2017, Cardiff

With national and international faculty including Eduardo Albeniz Arbizu (Spain), Jose Marin (Spain), Tomoki Michida (Japan), the symposium focuses on technical aspects of complex polyp management and EMR. With decision making on complex polyps and dealing with post polypectomy complications.

The conference has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. More information is available from wimatcourses.walesdeanery.org/endoscopy; to register, email wimat@cardiff.ac.uk.

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King's Live Endoscopy 2017

10–12 November 2017, King's College Hospital

There has been increasing interest in the endoscopic management of gastrointestinal polyps over the last decade. King's College Hospital currently offers a tertiary referral service for endoscopic resection of gastric, duodenal and colorectal polyps offering state of the art resection techniques including endoscopic mucosal resection (EMR), endoscopic submucosal dissection (ESD) and transanal endoscopic microsurgery (TEMS).

This three day conference offers tutorials from an extensive international faculty, including Professor Shin ei Kudo, Professor Takashi Toyonaga and Professor Paul Fockens, and will have live demonstrations from 4 endoscopy rooms allowing you the opportunity to experience 20–25 live cases in advanced endoscopy. The conference has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. More information is available from kingslive@mci-group.com or from [the course website](#).

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BSG Pathology Section Winter Meeting

The Annual 2–day BSG Pathology Section Winter Meeting will be held in the idyllic setting of St Hugh's College, Oxford this year. The college founded in 1886, boasts some of the largest college grounds with tranquil gardens and several listed Edwardian buildings.

Day 1 (30/11/2017) – The Liver Pathology Update Meeting

A great CPD day, put together by the UK Liver Pathology Group, will appeal to anyone reporting liver pathology, including senior trainees. It covers recent advances in liver pathology from around the world with updates from the AASLD and Gnomes Meeting. Choice of practical topics for reporting for this year are drug induced liver injury and the transition for young people moving from paediatric to adult liver pathology. During the National Liver EQA Scheme discussions, non –EQA members attending the meeting can also use that as learning opportunity by participating in a MCQ quiz organised for them.

This study day is both CPD and BCSP (Bowel Cancer Screening Programme) accredited and is suitable for specialist GI pathologists, consultants with an interest in GI pathology and senior trainees. For BCSP related topics, there will be update sessions on the guidelines on reporting (2nd edition) BCSP pathology specimens and minimum datasets, challenging diagnostic cases from the Expert Polyp Board and serrated lesions. Practical topics for reporting on the 'not so common' pathology chosen this year are appendiceal mucinous neoplasm and anal pathology. Molecular pathology on recent advances in the understanding of colitis related cancer and applied molecular diagnostics will be presented by leading experts and the latest circulation of the National GI EQA Scheme will also be discussed.

Details about the meeting and registration form can be found on the BSG website, education events calendar.

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GI Lesions Diagnosis, Characterisation and Advanced Therapeutic Endoscopy – Practice Like the Experts

8th December 2017, Institute of Translational Medicine, Heritage Building, University of Birmingham, UK

Optical characterisation of colonic lesions, neoplasia, dysplasia, cancer, is a hot topic. New advanced optical technologies now permit lesion characterisation with unparalleled precision. This symposium will provide participants cutting edge information about lesion characterisation from leading experts in the world. The participants will learn how to apply different endoscopic optical platforms with their distinctive characteristics to characterisation of neoplastic, dysplastic, cancerous and inflammatory lesions. The symposium will be highly interactive and make extensive use of high quality videos and images to increase the diagnostic confidence of participants. There will be ample opportunities to interact with leading experts from USA, Japan and Europe.

Objectives –

1. To understand the evidence supporting lesion characterisation of colonic lesions using high definition, NBI, iSCAN and BLI and confocal endomicroscopy.
2. To be able to appreciate the latest classification systems of lesion characterisation that may be applied in clinical practice to increase confidence in diagnosis.
3. To use lesion characterisation to aid decision analysis regarding feasibility of local endoscopic resection and determine completeness of resection.

The conference has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. More information is available from <http://bit.ly/2yJ0EbD>, or from med-cpdbookings@contacts.bham.ac.uk. Alternatively dial 0121 414 8606 / 8607 / 8608 for more information and to register.

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Gastroenterology and hepatology in pregnancy

11 December 2017, Royal College of Physicians of London

Organised by BSG member Coral Hollywood, this conference will cover both common ailments associated with pregnancy as well as those patients with ongoing gut and liver conditions who become pregnant. Gastrointestinal conditions can be a concern to manage in pregnant patients. This educational day will enable physicians and obstetricians to manage common complaints as well as to be confident in when to refer to specialist centres for more complicated co-morbidity, enabling the teams looking after these women to offer more support during their pregnancy.

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Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Training Weekend

2nd – 4th March 2018, Holiday Inn, Stoke on Trent

Hosted by the NGM Section of the British Society of Gastroenterology and endorsed by the BSG Education Committee

This training weekend will cover the basic pathophysiology and treatment of the functional gastrointestinal disorders (FGIDs). This training will be complemented by break-out sessions covering the indications and basic interpretation of motility testing as well as a perspectives session covering the view point of patients, GPs, hypnotherapists and dieticians. Trainees will be invited to submit abstracts of difficult cases which they will be able to present to an expert panel for discussion. The weekend will be free of charge for trainees to attend (including travel and accommodation). It is anticipated that 25–30 places will be offered. To register, contact Dr Adam Farmer at neurogastro@mac.com and explain in 100 words or less why you should be offered a place on the course.

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course

7–9 March 2018, Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle

Organised by Dr Chris Mountford and Dr Nick Thompson, this is the fourth year of the Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course. It lasts 3 days and is delivered by national and regional speakers at the Copthorne Hotel in Newcastle. All aspects of clinical nutrition in the GI curriculum will be covered. It is aimed at GI trainees in gastroenterology and surgery, with a maximum of 30 delegates to allow small group teaching and interaction. The conference has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. For information and to register, please contact Claire Dixon, Secretary to Drs Mountford and Thompson, Level 6 Gastroenterology Secretaries Office, Freeman Hospital, Newcastle, NE7 7DN. Phone 0191 213 7209 or email claire.dixon@nuth.nhs.uk.

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ESGE Days 2018

Venue: Budapest, Hungary
Date: April 19 – 21, 2018

The goals of the European Society of Gastrointestinal Endoscopy (ESGE) have always been underpinned by the fundamental aims of increasing quality of care, establishing guidelines for best practice and developing educational programmes.

Their first congress, ESGE Days 2018, will provide an ideal interactive arena to discuss, debate and disseminate.

- Registration open: early bird deadline December 3, 2017
- Call for abstracts now open: deadline November 15, 2017.
 - Accepted abstracts will be published in the journal Endoscopy
 - Top abstract authors invited to submit original articles to Endoscopy with priority processing
 - Travel grants for top abstract authors
 - Three dedicated sessions (including plenary session) where abstract authors can present their work
- Programme finalized and available to view online.

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Falk Forum 65 – Sheffield Pancreatology Forum

27th April 2018, Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield

This unique, one day meeting, held in conjunction with the pancreatic section of the British Society of Gastroenterology, aims to cover both the daily challenges and the most up to date advances to improve care for patients with pancreatic disease. Presentations and debates will be delivered by some of the leading UK and international specialists in Pancreatology who will all bring their invaluable insights. With this in mind the meeting is relevant to the whole multidisciplinary team working that is vital to pancreatology including Nurses, Dieticians, GI Medical trainees, Surgical trainees, Liver trainees and GI Consultants.

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Research news on the BSG website

News has been added to the Research section of the BSG website; there are quite a few research training courses listed, as well as

patient experience conferences, grant and fellowship application support, building research capacity, learning modules and webinars, awards and more, including the role of nurses in research, with info on the new NIHR research nurse strategy, and news on clinical trials.

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Research funding opportunities

See the <http://www.bsg.org.uk/research/research-funding-opportunities/index.html> page for updates on research funding, including fellowships, grants, professorships, commissioned calls and more. There are several upcoming deadlines – don't miss your chance!

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NASBO – National Audit of Small Bowel Obstruction

Friday 1st December 2017
The Bramall, University of Birmingham

Highlights:

First complete presentation of NASBO results

Facilitated break out sessions on:

- Implementing change
- Defining quality
- Developing clinical guidelines
- Designing trials in SBO

Target Audience:

- NASBO collaborators
- All health professionals involved in management of SBO
- All surgeons and trainees providing emergency general surgery
- Hospital nutrition teams

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Invitation to nominate panel members for the Research Excellence Framework 2021

The BSG has been invited to nominate candidates (both REF/RAE-panel-experienced and –naïve individuals) to be panel members. Nominees must confirm they are willing and able to serve as a panel member (timeline and workload), before their names and details are put forward. Full details on the roles and the workload implications can be found in 'Roles and recruitment of expert panels' (REF 2017/03) available at <http://www.ref.ac.uk/>. Nominations must be completed online at www.ref.ac.uk/about/nompan by noon, 20

December 2017. REF 2021 are looking for a wide range of individuals to cover the full breadth of research interests. Diversity needs to be specifically addressed during the nominations process; guidance on addressing diversity issues can be found in 'Roles and recruitment of expert panels' (REF 2017/03) available at <http://www.ref.ac.uk>. Any suggestions should be sent by the end of November to the Chairs of the BSG Section Committees, Research Committee and Clinical Research Groups for assessment.

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Will you be a 2018 BSG research champion?

The Research and Academic Development Committees of the BSG are seeking research champions to advise and mentor up to 3 Gastroenterology trainees at the BSG annual meeting in 2018. Research champions would meet with self-nominated trainees to discuss research, future projects, career and fellowships opportunities etc. The trainees and their champions will have access to the trainees' meeting area, where they can meet to exchange scientific ideas and opportunities. We hope that this will facilitate links between established researchers and future research active trainees, with the eventual development of a nationwide research champion network, with opportunities for our trainees similar to those supported at the UEG week, through the young GI network programme.

The champions and trainees will have the option to maintain an informal link for up to one year after the Annual Meeting to support further discussions around opportunities related to research-active careers.

We are asking research champions to self-nominate for this role. At this stage, we are asking BSG members to register their interest by emailing research@bsg.org.uk. Please include your work region and area of research interest along with a brief research-relevant CV. The only initial commitment would be to a meeting with up to three trainees at the BSG Annual Meeting at Liverpool ACC (4th to 7th of June 2018).

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forCrohns/Core Crohns Disease Research Grant

Applications are invited for a grant of up to £50,000 for a scientific research project on Crohns Disease. The research question should reflect at least one of the top ten research priorities identified in the James Lind Alliance [Priority Setting Partnership on Inflammatory Bowel Disease](#).

The grant call is open to established investigators, both clinicians and scientists, based at a UK university or hospital. Academic Clinical Lecturers who have a contract of sufficient length to cover the duration of the research project will be considered. This award is not for a fellowship; the principal applicant must have an established academic or clinical position though co-applicants may be fellows. Funding will be available only in the UK.

The maximum allowed budget is £50,000. Only the direct costs associated with the project will be funded; overhead allocation or other indirect costs, including senior or supervisory posts which are already covered by HEFCE or other funding will not be funded; equipment or capital costs will not be funded either. The maximum duration of the projects should be 24 months.

The deadline for applications is 5pm 19 January 2018. The awards will be decided in March/April.

To download an application form, guidance notes, grant terms and conditions go to: <http://corecharity.org.uk/research/research-awards-information/forcrohnscore-research-grant>

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Research priorities in Barrett's oesophagus and GORD

Last year Core and the BSG facilitated a priority setting exercise to determine the top ten uncertainties in Barrett's oesophagus and gastroesophageal reflux disease. The project, which followed the James Lind Alliance methodology, aimed to identify and rank the most important areas for future research, as prioritised by patients and health-care providers. This has been the first patient-centred assessment of research priorities in this disease setting.

The priorities, which cover a range of issues, have been published by The Lancet Gastroenterology & Hepatology journal. Core and the BSG hope that recognition and dissemination of these results will shape the future direction of research and translate into meaningful gains for patients.

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Core-Dr Falk SpR Trainee Audit/Quality Improvement Awards

The deadline for the CORE-DR FALK SPR TRAINEE AUDIT/QUALITY IMPROVEMENT AWARDS has been extended to 5pm on Friday 17th November 2017.

The aim of this award is to engage and support trainee gastroenterologists in audit and quality improvement that will bring about real benefits for patients.

Applications can be made for the full £10,000 or for smaller amounts. Applications can come from individual trainees or from collaborators within trainee networks working across different sites regionally or nationally.

To fill out the application form for this award, [please click here.](#)

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Core-BSG Trainee Research Network

Award

Core have also re-opened the CORE-BSG TRAINEE RESEARCH NETWORK AWARD with a new deadline of 5pm on Friday 17th November 2017.

This award is open to UK-based gastroenterology specialty trainees who would like to conduct research in any area of gastroenterology, pancreatology, liver disease or nutrition.

One grant of up to £5,000 is available for collaborators within a Trainee Research Network. Applications for amounts above £5,000 will be rejected.

Applications for the network award may be for new projects for existing networks or for the development of a project within a new research network.

To fill out the application form for the Trainee Research Network Award, [please click here](#).

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TRAINING

Survey of Hepatology Training for ALL current gastroenterology trainees

Dr Katie Arndtz, BSG Liver Section Trainee Rep

Liver patients make up around half of all inpatients on gastroenterology wards so it is vital that ALL gastroenterology trainees have adequate training in hepatology. We are therefore interested in exploring the hepatology experience of gastroenterology trainees around the country and we therefore ask for a small amount of your time to fill out an online questionnaire, available on the link below.

<http://www.centralnhs.com/BSGliverQ/>

If you are currently an ST3 or above in gastroenterology then this is aimed at you. This will take under 5 minutes if you have no specific interest in hepatology, and up to 20 minutes if you do. If you experience any technical difficulties or wish to provide more information please feel free to contact me directly.

Without feedback from your kind selves we cannot hope to make meaningful improvements to our training experiences so I thank you in advance for your time and do hope as many people as possible complete the questionnaire.

This survey closes at the end of November.

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Changes to the Specialty Certificate Examination

The Specialty Certificate in Gastroenterology will become the European Specialty Examination in Gastroenterology and Hepatology from 2018

Dr Geoff Smith, Lead Specialist and Exam Board Chair

The SCE, co-run by the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians and the BSG, is a compulsory part of the accreditation process for the Completion of Training in the UK. It is designed to test knowledge of the Curriculum, helping to ensure a safe standard of practice.

Over the last 4 years the BSG, the European Section and Board of Gastroenterology and Hepatology and Federation have worked to develop a joint exam and this is now mandated in the Netherlands and Switzerland as well as in the UK.

In October 2017 the GMC approved the change to a single exam, identical across the UK, Europe and the rest of the World, with the first sitting in April 2018. The style, content and curriculum upon which the exam is based will remain unchanged from that of the SCE and resulting qualification will also remain unchanged.

The exam will continue to a computer-based test hosted by Pearson Vue.

2018 examination

The key dates for the Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology will be:

- application period of 27th December 2017 – 31st March 2018
- examination date 18th April 2018

Fees

- The Fee will remain £665 for UK trainees

More information on the structure, content and application process can be found at: www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/specialty-certificate-examinations/specialties/gastroenterology

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JAG Quality Assurance of Training Working Group – chair role open for applications

The Joint Advisory Group on GI Endoscopy (the JAG) invites applications from persons interested in taking up an important role in supporting the further development of quality assurance in endoscopy. The JAG wishes to appoint a Chair of the QA of Training Working Group. The Chair of the quality assurance of training working group will be responsible for providing leadership and direction to the group in developing policies and themes of work relevant to training in endoscopy. A list of current priorities is provided in [the job description](#).

The role will be for two years, renewable for a further year by agreement and will be funded at 0.75 PA per week, reimbursable to the post holder's employer.

To apply please send a short CV and covering letter to askjag@rcplondon.ac.uk by 22 November 2017. For shortlisted applicants, interviews will be held on 8 December 2017.

Please see [the advert](#) and [job description](#) which are available on www.thejag.org.uk for further information.

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BSG National Introduction to Gastroenterology 2017

20th November 2017 – Royal College of Physicians

The BSG is holding its third introductory day for newcomers into higher specialist training. Our main aim is to welcome you to our great specialty but particularly to encourage you to look into the future not so much as the training programme ahead of you but beyond that into a career in gastroenterology.

We feel that many trainees focus on their training years that lie ahead and so don't take a long view about training as a pathway to prepare them for their eventual career as a specialist.

The morning comprises a series of introductory talks from senior gastroenterologists who have wide experience of training. In the afternoon there will be a series of 'Musical Tables', which will commence after lunch and continue after tea. Between 8-12 trainees will rotate around separate tables which will be hosted by a gastroenterologist and a trainee where a series of relevant topics will be presented and discussed in a more informal manner.

The BSG Training Committee, the BSG Trainees' Section and your regional Training Programme Director all support this very important day and strongly encourage you to come along. It may very well be that the consultants where you are working are aware that you won't be in the hospital that day but we do advise you to check this and book your study leave for the day. There is no attendance fee, lunch and refreshments are provided and the BSG will reimburse travel expenses (of journeys over 100 miles) for BSG members or those who make a commitment to become a member (but you must please take advantage of any advanced booking discounts if using the railway). Expenses claim forms MUST be returned to the BSG office by 1st December.

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OTHER MATTERS...

Receiving Your Journal(s)

The BMJ Publishing Group (BMJPG) manages production and distribution of Gut, Frontline Gastroenterology and BMJ Open Gastroenterology, NOT the BSG. The BMJPG uses a mailing list provided by the BSG to post copies of the printed journals to BSG members; this mailing list is not held or maintained by BMJPG.

The journals' publication schedule means that there is a period of 3-4 weeks between the time the BMJPG needs the mailing list and when

the journals are posted; in addition, the journals are always distributed during the month before the cover date. As an example, the mailing list for the January issue of Gut is required towards the end of November, but dates change from issue to issue.

Please help the BSG to ensure you receive your copies to the correct address by logging into your Aptify account and keeping your contact details up to date, you will also need to mark your preferred address to receive your journals. You can e-mail the BSG office at membership@bsg.org.uk if you need a reminder of your USER ID and Password for the BSG's membership database. If you have updated your contact details and taken the BMJPG's schedule into account, then enquiries about delays or delivery failures should be directed to support@bmj.com.

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