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### Regional and Local Gastroenterology Meetings

If you have a local Gut Club or hospital meeting that focuses on any aspect of GI medicine and is open to a wide audience please send details through to [Howard Ellison](#) at the BSG for inclusion in the BSG website's events calendar.

### Short Course in Lower GI Physiology 2016

29th February – 2nd March  
2016

Northern General Hospital –  
Sheffield

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### Joint SSG/BSG meeting

4th March 2016

Royal College of Physicians of  
Edinburgh – Edinburgh

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## Register now – Joint SSG/BSG meeting

The Joint SSG/BSG meeting will take place on 4th March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh. This meeting will include sessions on functional GI disease, endoscopy, inflammatory bowel disease and liver disease. There will be free paper sessions and poster displays. Abstract submission forms are available on the SSG website.

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## Last chance to register! BSG Oesophageal Section Symposium: Therapeutic Dilatation and Oesophageal Physiology Testing

This symposium will take place on 7th March 2016 at the Royal College of Physicians, London. It has been assigned 5 external CPD credits by the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the

### BSG Oesophageal Section Stand Alone Symposium

7th March 2016

The Royal College of Physicians – London

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### St Mark Hospital's GastroSCE Course

7th – 8th March 2016

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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### Coeliac UK Research Conference 2016

9th – 10th March 2016

The Royal College of Physicians – London

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### Pan London Regional BSG Meeting

11th March 2016

The Royal College of Physicians – London

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### 8th Newcastle ERCP and EUS Course for Endoscopy Nurses

United Kingdom. Expert speakers, both UK-based and international, will present a full programme – excellent value at only £60 (consultants) or £30 (all other roles/grades). The meeting is not restricted to BSG members.

By the end of the day attendees will have:

- learned about the up-to-date methods of oesophageal dilatation to be used in gastrointestinal endoscopy procedures, including patient safety, standardisation of technique, and new methods of prevention and treatment.
- learned new methods of performing medical investigations of manometry using new high resolution equipment, and in using impedance monitoring alongside pH monitoring.
- learned performance of procedures, patient education, analysis, clinical interpretation and reporting skills.
- built guideline-development skills.

Click the 'further information' link for full details and how to register. Don't delay – register now!

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## Applications for BSG President (2018–2020) and President Elect (2016–2018)

Applications are now open for the role of BSG President from June 2018 until June 2020, succeeding Professor Martin Lombard. The successful candidate will serve as President Elect from June 2016 until June 2018. The President Elect is a member of the BSG's key committees (Executive, Council and Strategy Group) and is a member of the BSG's board of Trustees. During this period, the President Elect also chairs the Joint Specialty Committee for Gastroenterology of the Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and attends the RCP Medical Specialties Board.

This is the principal leadership role in BSG, with 2 years of close involvement in the Society's activities and decision making before the main role commences. For informal discussions and questions about the role, please email [President@bsg.org.uk](mailto:President@bsg.org.uk). There is a 4 year total commitment to the role with fairly frequent attendance required at committee meetings.

Please send a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role, to Richard Gardner ([r.gardner@bsg.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 29th February 2016. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in April 2016 (exact date tbc).

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## Applications for BSG Vice President, Hepatology (2016–2018)

Applications are now open for the role of BSG Vice President, Hepatology, succeeding Dr Steve Ryder. A 2 year appointment, the Hepatology Vice President is a member of the BSG's key committees (Executive, Council and Strategy Group) and is a member of the BSG's

11th March 2016

Freeman Hospital – Newcastle upon Tyne

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Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course 2016

16th – 18th March 2016

Copthorne Hotel Newcastle – Newcastle

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3rd International Conference on Nutrition and Growth

17th – 19th March 2016

Reed Messe Wien Exhibition & Congress Center – Vienna

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15th Bill Owen Oesophago-Gastric Symposium 'Meet-the-experts'

18th March 2016

Royal College of Surgeons of England – London

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The 3rd Leeds Functional Gastrointestinal Disorders Symposium

18th March 2016

Crowne Plaza – Leeds

board of Trustees for the second year of their term.

This is the principal leadership role for the hepatology interested community of BSG and a vital support role to the President on key matters and decisions in this important part of our specialty. The role must also lead BSG engagement and interaction with partner Societies, such as BASL and EASL. For informal discussions and questions about the role, please email [President@bsg.org.uk](mailto:President@bsg.org.uk) or [Stephen.Ryder@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:Stephen.Ryder@nuh.nhs.uk). There is a 2 year total commitment to the role with fairly frequent attendance required at committee meetings. By convention, the Vice Presidents for Hepatology and Endoscopy serve as Trustees on alternate years.

Please send a brief CV (no more than 2 pages) and a statement of application detailing why you would like to be appointed to the role, to Richard Gardner ([r.gardner@bsg.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk)). Applications will close at 5pm on Monday 29th February 2016. Interviews by a panel of officers, Council members and Trustees will take place in April 2016 (exact date tbc).

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## Appointment: Member of the Gastroenterology Specialty Certificate Examining Board

The British Society of Gastroenterology and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member to the Gastroenterology SCE Examining Board. The Examining Board has the responsibility of selecting the questions for the Gastroenterology SCE Examination so previous experience in other roles in the SCE is desirable.

Closing date for application is 4 March 2016.

For details, please see the advert on the MRCP (UK) website <https://www.mrcpuk.org/get-involved-examiners/how-become-involved> and also <https://www.mrcpuk.org/news/vacancies-members-gastroenterology-specialty-certificate-examining-board-and-specialty>

The next Gastroenterology Examining Board takes place on 29–30 June 2016 and the successful applicant will be required to attend.

Dr Mounes Dakkak  
Lead Specialist for Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology

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## Appointment: Member of the Gastroenterology Specialty Certificate Examination – Standard Setting Group

The British Society of Gastroenterology and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint a member to the Gastroenterology SCE Standard Setting Group. The Standard Setting Group has the responsibility of determining the pass

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SpR Management Skills Workshop 2016

23rd – 24th March 2016

Boston Scientific Clinical Education Centre – Hemel Hempstead

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The 10th National Barrett's Symposium

8th April 2016

UCH Education Centre – London

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EASL 2016

13th – 17th April 2016

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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ESGE /ESDO Quality in Endoscopy Upper GI Endoscopy & Neoplasia Symposium

15th – 16th April 2016

Andel's Hotel Berlin – Berlin

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The VIII Coloproctology Symposium – RCPSG

mark for the Gastroenterology SCE Examination so previous experience in other roles in the SCE is desirable.

Closing date for application is 4 March 2016.

For details, please see the advert on the MRCP (UK) website <https://www.mrcpuk.org/get-involved-examiners/how-become-involved> and also <https://www.mrcpuk.org/news/vacancies-members-gastroenterology-specialty-certificate-examining-board-and-specialty>

The next Gastroenterology Standard Setting Group meeting takes place in November 2016 and the successful applicant will be required to attend.

Dr Mounes Dakkak  
Lead Specialist for Specialty Certificate Examination in Gastroenterology

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## ACCEA Awards 2015

Dr Ian Forgacs, President BSG

Each year the BSG is asked to make nominations of meritorious gastroenterologists to ACCEA in support of their applications for National Level Clinical Excellence Awards. There are many worthy candidates each year but the number of nominations we can make is strictly limited and competition for our support – especially at Silver level – is intense. This year, there were over 2000 applications to ACCEA from consultants in all specialties for a total of only 300 new awards at all levels. In view of that intense competition where only one in seven applicants succeeds, the BSG was delighted to learn that 9 of its 16 nominees were successful (two at gold, three at silver, four at bronze).

Every individual who receives BSG support is worthy and while warm congratulations are due to those who received their awards, we commiserate with those whose merit was recognised by their specialist society but who did not quite make the cut with ACCEA. We expect there will be a 2016 round and all those who did not quite make it should not hesitate to re-apply both to us and ACCEA again – as indeed should others among the many members of the Society who consider themselves deserving. Please read the [rules about applying for national awards](#) and if your contribution is on a wide scale (and you feel under-appreciated in your institution), please note that at least in recent years, it has not been necessary to have reached the top of the local CEA scale to put yourself in the frame nationally. The BSG will again publish detailed advice and guidance about its role in the process when the 2016 round opens.

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## Trainee Section Representatives – Election Results

Dr Laith Alrubaiy – Chair, BSG Trainees Section

It is my pleasure to announce that the following two members of the Trainees Section have been elected as representatives onto the

15th April 2016

Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow – Glasgow

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ERCP Basic Training Course 2016

21st – 22nd April 2016

European Endoscopy Training Centre (EETC) – Rome

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BSG Research Workshop – Cystic Lesions of the Pancreas

28th April 2016

Barts and The London Medical School – London

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3rd European Update Congress in Gastroenterology

29th – 30th April 2016

National House of Vinohrady – Prague

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London Pancreas Workshop 2016

29th April 2016

Barts and The London Medical School – London

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Gastroduodenal and Neurogastroenterology & Motility Sections accordingly:

- Dr Monika Widlak
- Dr Dipesh Vasant

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## BSG Annual Meeting 2016

We are delighted to announce that the BSG Annual Meeting 2016 will once again return to Liverpool from Monday 20 – Thursday 23 June 2016 at the ACC, Liverpool.

The four day annual meeting will begin on Monday with the Gastroenterology Masterclass, which will host world renowned speakers from the UK providing cutting-edge updates, state-of-the-art lectures and interactive sessions on managing endoscopic complications.

The main scientific programme (Tuesday – Thursday) will include basic and clinical science symposia, one whole day of live endoscopy, state-of-the-art lectures, clinical updates, a Translational Science Masterclass, moderated poster rounds and industry exhibition.

Abstract submission and registration are now open. The early-bird deadline is 18th March 2016. Abstract submission closes on 26th February 2016.

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## CLINICAL

### Opportunity: Chair of NICE diagnosis and management of pancreatitis guideline committee

NICE are looking for a chair to join the diagnosis and management of pancreatitis guideline committee.

Closing date: 5pm, Friday 5 February 2016

Interview date: Thursday 24 March 2016

Time commitment: 2 years.

They are looking for:

a skilled chair with experience working with multi-professional committees or working groups at a national or regional level. They will be required to:

- advise the team regarding planning the development of the guideline
- assist in interpreting and discussing the evidence with the committee

#### The 6th Nottingham Barrett's Endotherapy Course

12th – 13th May 2016

Queens Medical Centre Campus – Nottingham

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#### Digestive Disease Week® 2016

21st – 24th May 2016

San Diego Convention Centre – San Diego

[Further Information](#)

#### UCL–Royal Free Hepatology Postgraduate Course 2016

24th – 25th May 2016

Royal Free Hospital – London

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#### Birmingham Liver Course 2016

26th – 27th May 2016

Centre for Professional Development, Edgbaston – Birmingham

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#### Gastroenterology Update for Primary Care 2016

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## IBD Registry News – February 2016

### Submit your data

The IBD Registry is growing! Last time round, 8 hospitals submitted information on 8,037 IBD patients. The next submission opportunity is coming up at the end of January, when we hope that 5 more sites will submit their data for the first time. Another 6 teams are already in the process of registering with HSCIC to participate next quarter. The deadline for January data is Friday 5th February.

In other good news, we now have the go-ahead to appoint a data manager, so we hope to be able to provide sites submitting data in April with a first local report. We envisage this first report describing the demographic and clinical profiles of patients in the Registry, with analysis and interpretation becoming gradually more possible over time as the patient data becomes more complete.

### Regional meetings update

We held meetings in London, Cardiff and Taunton in January, so we've now met with over 120 members of IBD clinical teams, and look forward to meeting more in Birmingham, Darlington and Glasgow. Slides are available at <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/workshops/>

Many teams are preparing business cases to support obtaining a patient management system or database; if you need help writing your business case, there's an example here <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/3.-Business-case-example.pdf>. With different data entry options available, if you're thinking of opting for a patient management system it's worth contacting suppliers ([CIMS](#), [Emis Health](#) etc) direct to get an accurate cost estimate for your trust or hospital.

There are some places available at the following meetings:

BIRMINGHAM Friday 5th February Chair: Prof Tariq Iqbal  
DARLINGTON Tuesday 1st March Chair: Dr John Mansfield  
GLASGOW Wednesday 20th April Chair: Dr Ian Arnott

We'd really encourage you to attend, and to bring your team if you can. There is no charge to attend, thanks to support from Tillotts, Takeda, Janssen and Shire. For more information and to register please go to <http://ibdregistry.org.uk/>

To find out more about joining the Registry [click here](#) or email [simone.cort@ibdregistry.org.uk](mailto:simone.cort@ibdregistry.org.uk)

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## Published MHRA and HTA guideline on FMT

Please find below the recently published MHRA and HTA (Human Tissue Authority) guideline on FMT (Faecal Microbiota Transplantation) for information. This specifically states that FMT must be considered as a CTIMP (medicinal product) and that MHRA approval for any trial utilising FMT should be now sought.

7th June 2016

Centre for Professional Development – Edgbaston – Birmingham

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ACP NSM 2016

8th – 9th June 2016

The Hallam Conference Centre – London

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International Symposium on Pancreatic Cancer

9th – 12th June 2016

University of Glasgow – Glasgow

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ACP NSM 2016 (Association of Clinical Pathologists)

9th June 2016

The Hallam Conference Centre – London

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18th TECNA Course

10th June 2016

Holiday Inn, Filton – Bristol

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▶ [HTA Policy on the Regulation of Faecal Microbiota Transplant](#)

▶ [MHRA's position on FTM](#)

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## UK NSC recommendation on Bowel Cancer screening in adults

Following evaluation and consultation, that BSG fed in to, the UK National Screening Committee (NSC) has recommended a change to the test used in the Bowel Cancer Screening Programmes. UK NSC has announced that the use of Faecal Immunochemical Test as the primary test for bowel cancer should replace guaiac Faecal Occult Blood Test. UK NSC has also indicated that as colonoscopy capacity grows or screening uptake increases, the programmes should review and recommend alteration of the cut offs to increase the number of cancers detected.

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## NICE Quality Standard on Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease in children and young people

This NICE quality standard covers managing symptoms of gastro-oesophageal reflux (GOR) and recognising, diagnosing and managing gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD) in children and young people under 18. It does not cover dyspepsia and GORD in adults. This is covered in NICE quality standard 96 ([Dyspepsia and gastro-oesophageal reflux disease in adults: investigation and management \[2015\]](#)). For more information [see the topic overview](#).

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## NICE Quality Standards: Obesity in adults – prevention and lifestyle weight management programmes

This quality standard covers ways of preventing adults (aged 18 and over) becoming overweight or obese and the provision of lifestyle weight management programmes for adults who are overweight or obese. Although local definitions vary, these programmes are usually tier 2 interventions covering lifestyle interventions that may include weight management programmes, courses or clubs, and form one part of a comprehensive approach to preventing and treating obesity.

This quality standard does not cover specialist management (tier 3 interventions) or bariatric surgery (tier 4 intervention). For more information see the [obesity: prevention and management in adults topic overview](#).

Warwick University Short Course 2016 – 'Laboratory Skills'

13th – 24th June 2016

University of Warwick – Coventry

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The King's Liver Golden Jubilee: International Summit 2016

16th – 18th June 2016

King's College Hospital – London

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BSG Annual Meeting 2016

20th – 23rd June 2016

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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48th meeting of the European Pancreatic Club

6th – 9th July 2016

St George's Hall, Liverpool – Liverpool

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3rd Athens International Symposium

8th – 9th July 2016

Athens Hilton Hotel – Athens

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## Do you treat children with Hirschsprung's or Gastroschisis?

Would you be interested in sharing your expertise, improving the quality of research, and helping to improve outcomes in both conditions? NETS (Next stage in Evidence-based paediatric surgical Treatment Strategies), are developing core outcome sets for Hirschsprung's Disease and gastroschisis, and need doctors, nurses, allied health professionals, parents and patients to help us by completing three online questionnaires over the next 6 months. For more information and to register your interest, please go to [www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/nets/taking-part](http://www.npeu.ox.ac.uk/nets/taking-part)

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## Survey: Palliative care in advanced chronic liver disease

Dr Ben Hudson, Professor Julia Verne, Dr Anne McCune

Despite an ever increasing trajectory of deaths from liver disease across the UK, specialist palliative care services are seldom involved in its management. The importance of high quality palliative care was highlighted by the Lancet Standing Commission on Liver Disease in its most recent report, however there is a paucity of research into if, how, and when it should be integrated into patients' care.

This short survey aims to assess the current attitude of the UK hepatology community to the use of specialist palliative care in patients with liver disease. It is supported by BASL, the BSG liver section, and the British Liver Trust, and will inform wider research in this area.

It should take no longer than 5 minutes to complete.

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## Survey: GI physiology and motility

Dr Dipesh Vasant, Dr Nerukav Radhakrishnan, Prof Shaheen Hamdy, Kumud Solanki, Lynne Smith and Dr Josephine Barlow.

Due to increasing clinical demands and advances in diagnostics and therapeutics, there has been a rapid growth in GI physiology and motility services. A wide range of specialist investigations are now offered in most centres. There is now an acute need to assess the practice, training and attitudes towards GI physiology and motility services nationally to determine if these aspects have kept pace with the expansion and to identify areas for development.

With this in mind, we have created this short questionnaire to be completed by all clinicians who refer patients for GI physiology and motility studies, GI physiologists and clinical scientists.

Warwick University Short Course 2016 – 'Techniques and Applications of Molecular Biology'

11th – 14th July 2016

University of Warwick – Coventry

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Indonesian Society of Internal Medicine (PAPDI)

22nd – 25th August 2016

Bali Nusa Dua Convention Center – Nusa dua

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UEG 2016

15th – 19th October 2016

Austria Center – Vienna

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APDW 2016

2nd – 5th November 2016

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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JDDW 2016

3rd – 6th November 2016

Your input in this short survey would be much appreciated.

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## EDUCATION

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### FG: Twitter Debates – Frontline training: The shape of gastroenterology training in the UK and beyond

The Frontline team are delighted to invite you to our upcoming twitter debate on 23rd February 2016 8–9pm. Dr Gavin Johnson, renowned ERCPist and Senior Lecturer in Medical Education at UCL, will be in the hot seat and leading the debate entitled, 'Frontline training: The shape of Gastroenterology Training in the UK and beyond'. It's up to you to lead the debate: whether it's endoscopy training, out of programme research or carving out your specialty interests...This is your chance to interact with expert clinicians, academics and trainees themselves and voice your opinion.

For those who are new to twitter please visit [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com), joining is very easy and takes only a few minutes. Please follow [@drgavinoz](#) and [@FrontGastro\\_BMI](#) as well as #FGDebate and join in.

More information will posted on <http://fg.bmj.com> and <http://blogs.bmj.com/fg/> in the next few weeks. We look forward to you joining the debates and remember to add #FGDebate to your tweet!

PS if you have any suggestions for future debates drop us a tweet [@FrontGastro\\_BMI](#)

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### BSG Survey: How is gastroenterology taught in UK Medical Schools?

Dr [Vincent Cheung](#) (SpR Gastroenterology, John Radcliffe Hospital) & Dr [Gavin Johnson](#) (Consultant Gastroenterologist UCLH)

Very little is known about how gastroenterology teaching is delivered at an undergraduate level in the UK. The aim of this project is to inform how the BSG could support undergraduate teaching and to build links with students with an interest in gastroenterology.

We are inviting anyone with involvement in undergraduate teaching from Consultant to FY1 to complete a questionnaire about how gastroenterology/hepatology teaching is delivered at your medical school. The survey should take no longer than 5–10 mins to complete.

Your valuable participation will be greatly appreciated and will contribute towards identifying current practice and highlight how we can deliver best practice. All responses are anonymous. Thank you

Kobe Convention Centre – Kobe

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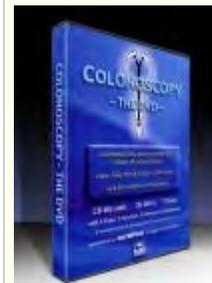
19th TECNA Course

18th November 2016

Manchester Conference Centre – Manchester

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St. Mark's Educational CDs and DVDs



St. Mark's Hospital is a leading provider of medical training materials in gastro-intestinal care, catering for students, doctors, nurses, research scientists, surgeons and patients to a professional standard.

A variety of educational CDs and DVDs and interactive DVD-ROMs have been produced by an international line-up of top endoscopic professionals and surgeons.

The library contains everything from practical colonoscopy, nutrition, nurse training in endoscopy, fistula in ano, laparoscopic surgery and advanced polypectomy to new techniques and methods such as Narrow Band Imaging and ESD (endoscopic submucosal dissection).

You can find out more about the St. Mark's range of DVDs at this website: [Click Here](#)

very much for giving your time to help us with this important BSG project.

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## BSG TV

Presentations from DDF 2015 are now available through BSGtv. For the first time, all main-programme sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday have been recorded! To access the recordings, log in at [www.bsg.org.uk/component/option,com\\_rsform/Itemid,657/](http://www.bsg.org.uk/component/option,com_rsform/Itemid,657/) and use the left-hand navigation to access BSGtv. BSGtv is a membership benefit from the BSG.

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## UEG Training Support – funding for educational activities

The UEG spends €1.8 million per year on grants, prizes and support programmes, a fifth of their total spending, according to Erik Schruppf, UEG Treasurer. Supporting collaborative efforts between national and specialist societies is at the core of UEG's long-term strategy. The UEG is offering funding support of up to €25,000 to support educational activities. If you have an idea for a CPD-accredited meeting, course, workshop, symposium or other educational event in 2017, start planning now. Make sure you [read the conditions and requirements](#) and note that the application must be made by the BSG, NOT by individuals.

Further information on what is required in the application can be obtained from Ms Julia Kasper in the UEG Secretariat at [j.kasper@medadvice.co.at](mailto:j.kasper@medadvice.co.at). The application deadline is 20 April, 2016. Organisers of activities selected for funding will be contacted by July 5, 2016.

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## ECCO'16 Amsterdam – Online registration is open

Please be informed about the upcoming Annual Congress of the European Crohn's and Colitis Organisation (ECCO) in Amsterdam, The Netherlands from March 16–19, 2016. The online registration is now available – [click here to register now](#).

ECCO'16 Congress website: [www.ecco-ibd.eu/ecco16](http://www.ecco-ibd.eu/ecco16)

Scientific programme:  
View the scientific programme on the [ECCO Congress website](#).

Educational programme:  
Browse through the educational programme on the [ECCO Website](#).

Deadline to register for all courses: March 1, 2016

The number of participants for each educational activity is limited. Registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Register in advance through the online registration system, no onsite registration possible.

In case of further questions, please contact the ECCO Office at [ecco16@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco16@ecco-ibd.eu).

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## Newcastle Clinical Nutrition Course

16–18th March 2016

3-day clinical nutrition course covering all parts of GI curriculum, targeted to GI and surgical trainees.

This is the second year of the Newcastle Clinical nutrition course. It lasts 3 days and is delivered at the Cophorne 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 25 delegates to allow small group teaching and interaction. Speakers are from the north-east, Glasgow and Southampton.

The course has been endorsed by the BSG Education Committee. BSG members receive a 10% discount on course fees.

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## 3rd European Update Congress in Gastroenterology

29th – 30th April 2016

Over two full days, 14 different sessions will cover the newest developments in gastroenterology. There will be time for interactivity during the lectures, in the speakers' corners, at the Friday evening Get Together and, last but not least, during the interactive case discussions. Several ePoster sessions with the latest scientific research results will give young physicians the opportunity to present their work.

The BSG has a few free registrations to offer on a first-come, first-served basis for gastroenterologists participating with an ePoster. If you plan to submit an abstract for the meeting, please send it to [Julie Solomon](#) after submission to the conference and ask if a free ticket is still available.

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## Association of Clinical Pathologists National Scientific Meeting – National Leadership Programme & GI Pathology

Hallam Conference Centre, London – 8th & 9th June 2016

Book on either day or both – limited places!

GI pathology component of the meeting features:

Lectures

Large bowel epithelial neoplasia:

- The pathology of bowel cancer screening
- Clinical trials in colorectal cancer
- Appendiceal mucinous neoplasms and pseudomyxoma peritonei

Non-epithelial pathology of the gastrointestinal tract:

- Recent developments in gastrointestinal lymphoma and lymphoproliferations
- Neuropathies and myopathies of the gastrointestinal tract

New investigations and pathologies of the gastrointestinal tract:

- Practical molecular pathology of gastrointestinal neoplasia
- IgG4-related disease and the gastrointestinal tract

Slide Seminar:

- Duodenal pathology

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## UEG Week 24/7 features all recorded scientific lectures of UEG Week 2015 Barcelona

You missed this year's congress? Don't worry!

Get access to the complete set of core scientific lectures recorded. Stream over 400 lectures and know what is to know in the field of gastroenterology and hepatology for €99!

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## Badging by the BSG Education Committee

The BSG is keen to enhance the exposure of the many excellent educational events that take place across the UK by providing BSG endorsement for the event. BSG endorsement carries many benefits to the organisers, including a presence on the BSG website & newsletter and assistance with conference calls. The guidance for BSG endorsement has been agreed by the Education Committee and is on the website [www.bsg.org.uk/education/general/in-this-section.html](http://www.bsg.org.uk/education/general/in-this-section.html). Please refer to this if you are considering seeking the advantage of BSG endorsement for your event.

Jessica Williams, BSG Education Committee Chair

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## RESEARCH

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### Sir Francis Avery-Jones BSG Research Award 2016

Applications are invited by the Research Committee of the British Society of Gastroenterology and must include:

1. One A4 page ONLY describing the work conducted.
2. A bibliography of relevant personal publications.
3. An outline of the proposed content of the lecture, including title.
4. A written statement confirming that all or a substantial part of the work has been personally conducted in the UK or Ireland.
5. A written statement confirming that the applicant will be aged 40 years or less OR will have held a Consultant/Honorary Consultant post for less than 5 years (or whole-time equivalent if part time or in intermittent employment) on the date of the lecture.

Entrants need not be a member of the Society.

The recipient will be required to deliver a 20 minute lecture during the plenary session at BSG 2016, which will be held on Tuesday 21 June 2016 at the ACC, Liverpool. The winner will be entitled to full registration for the whole meeting (20-23 June 2016) and to travel and accommodation expenses as specified in their speaker entitlement letter.

Applications should be composed electronically in Word or PDF format and emailed as an attachment to the BSG Office ([research@bsg.org.uk](mailto:research@bsg.org.uk)) with the email subject line "Avery-Jones BSG Research Award 2016" by 5.00pm on Monday 29th February 2016. Applicants will be notified of the decision in mid-March 2016.

### Bowel & Cancer Research and Core Joint Development Award

Diverticular disease is common and is the subject of 1 in 3 patient enquiries to Core, yet it is a relatively neglected area of research. This joint call from Core and Bowel & Cancer Research, under the umbrella of the Diverticular Research Campaign, is motivated by a desire to change that.

Appropriate applications for development award funding may range from basic and translational science to research for patient benefit, including but not limited to:

- Pathogenesis (including role of the microbiome and other mechanisms and relationship to IBS)
- development and validation of robust assessment tools,

- symptomatology and clinical impact
- early phase assessments of new therapeutic approaches
- comparison of currently available treatments or their appropriate deployment, including appropriate selection and use of surgical techniques.

Proposals need not be narrowly focused on diverticular disease as long as they have the realistic potential to advance understanding or management of this condition. For this call there is a maximum of £80,000 available for two awards.

Funded projects should be completed within 18 months of commencing. This call is only open to UK applicants. We will fund only the direct costs associated with the project and will not fund overhead allocation or other indirect costs, including senior or supervisory posts which are already covered by HEFCE, or other, funding. We will not fund equipment or capital costs. Applicants must have established academic positions.

In assessing proposals equal weight will be given to the intrinsic merits of the application and to the chances that the research will lead to a further successful application for more substantial funding. It is hoped successful applications will spearhead further fundraising.

The deadline for applications is 5pm on 3rd February 2016.

To download the application form and guidelines please visit:  
[www.corecharity.org.uk/diverticular-research-campaign/](http://www.corecharity.org.uk/diverticular-research-campaign/)

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## Core Research Essay Prize 2016

[Core](#) is offering a £1,000 award for the best essay based on gastroenterology or hepatology research undertaken by a clinical or basic science researcher during their MD or PhD. The work must be the subject of at least one abstract submitted for presentation at the 2016 British Society of Gastroenterology Annual Meeting in Liverpool. Further information and the application form are available [to download](#). The closing date is 4th March 2016.

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## Dr Falk Pharma UK/Core Awards 2016

The Dr Falk/Core awards recognise those who bring new knowledge and insight to the field of gastroenterology and hepatology. For those committed to furthering research or patient care, the 2016 awards are an opportunity to achieve national recognition as well as the financial support to take your career further.

This year's prizes consist of the following:

- A £1000 prize for the best essay on gastroenterology research personally undertaken by medical students who were on an intercalated BSc/MRes/MSc/MPH/MBPhD\* course during the previous academic year (2014/2015)
- Four £1500 bursaries for medical students taking full-time science degrees (BSc/MRes/MSc/MPH/MBPhD\*) focusing on gastrointestinal or liver-related disease in the current academic year (2015/2016)

Two £2500 bursaries to support research for F1/F2 doctors who are undertaking research in an area relevant to gastroenterology.

- A £1,000 award for primary and secondary care nurses for initiatives that have advanced patient care.

\*PhD students should note that they may apply for a bursary only once during their three-year studentship and that they may apply for the essay prize when their PhD has been completed.

The application deadline is 17:00 on Friday 4th March 2016. Applications received after this time will not be considered.

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## £10,000 for Crohn's Innovation Grant

[forCrohns](#) is the UK's only charity solely dedicated to Crohn's disease. Their mission is to fund research that helps those with the condition today and contributes to finding a cure for Crohn's disease in the future whilst making more people in the UK aware of the disease and its symptoms. Last year they funded approximately £80,000 of basic science and clinical research in various specialist institutions. They have also now created a new Innovation Grant to focus more on the shorter term.

### Aim

The aim of the Innovation Grant is to support gastroenterology healthcare professionals to find new ways to immediately improve the lives of patients with Crohn's disease.

### Funding

[forCrohns](#) new innovation grant will be used to fund projects that demonstrate a clear and immediate benefit for Crohn's disease patients. Up to £10,000 will be awarded to successful applicants. The application process is open from 1 January 2016 – 10 March 2016.

### Criteria of Grant

All projects must meet the following criteria and will be judged against them:

- An outcome which demonstrates a clear and immediate benefit for Crohn's patients (Whilst it is appreciated that many projects may have a dual benefit for those with UC, the charity's main aim is focused on the output for Crohn's)
- A short expected time between study and implementation
- Robust assessment of outcomes
- Potential to scale nationally for pilot projects

For more information about the Innovation Grant and to download an application form, please go to [bit.ly/forcrohnsinnovation](http://bit.ly/forcrohnsinnovation)

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## Graham Bull Prize and Goulstonian Lecture 2016

The Graham Bull prize was established in 1988 in honour of Sir

Graham Bull, who was the first director of the Clinical Research Centre at Northwick Park. A trust for the Graham Bull Prize was set up to provide money for young research workers under the age of 45 who feel that they have made a major contribution to clinical science. The prize as designed by the trust is specifically for an application and not for nomination of individuals. The work can cover a wide range of expertise, such as molecular and cellular biology, imaging technology, psychiatry, or health sciences. The award is open to RCP members and fellows who must apply for their own work to be considered. The sum of £1,000 is offered on a competitive basis each year.

The winner of this prize will also be invited to deliver the Goulstonian Lecture, an annual lecture endowed in 1635 by Mrs Ellen Goulston in memory of her husband, Dr Theodore Goulston FRCP.

Restrictions:

Researchers must be under the age of 45 years on 1st April 2016, and must be a member or fellow of RCP London.

Deadline for applications: 1st April 2016.

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## Research funding opportunities

Please go to [www.bsg.org.uk/research/articles/research-funding-opportunities.html](http://www.bsg.org.uk/research/articles/research-funding-opportunities.html) for updates on research funding; there are a lot of opportunities!

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## Join the PANTS STUDY – Inclusion of patients receiving Biosimilar Infliximab – Remsima™ & Inflectra™

The latest version of the PANTS protocol allows the inclusion of Crohn's disease patients receiving Biosimilar Infliximab. Specifically this allows

- Inclusion of anti-TNF naïve Crohn's disease patients starting Remsima™ or Inflectra™
- Existing PANTS study participants receiving Remicade™ to switch to Remsima™ or Inflectra™

The PANTS study will report the initial UK experience of Biosimilar Infliximab in Crohn's disease, providing important post-authorisation data on efficacy (at week 14, 30 and 54), safety (to 3 years) and pharmacokinetics. We aim to include 225 patients treated with Biosimilar Infliximab as first-line anti-TNF treatment and 100 PANTS "switchers" over the next 12 months

For further information please contact [Claire.bewshea@nhs.net](mailto:Claire.bewshea@nhs.net) or 01392 406850

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# Recruitment for PPALM Study

Refer your patients with radiotherapy-induced bleeding.

This randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled, NIHR-approved trial is recruiting patients with new-onset rectal bleeding affecting quality of life and due to radiation-induced telangiectasia who are free of other abnormal GI symptoms.

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## TRAINING

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### BSG Trainees Section Prizes 2016

The following prizes are awarded annually by the BSG Trainees Section:

1. The Alistair McIntyre Prize for Improving Gastroenterology Training is designed to support work that may improve gastroenterology training in the UK.

The top 3 scoring applicants will be entered into the 'Educational Dragon's Den' which will be held at the Trainees section symposium on Thursday 23rd June 2016 at the BSG Annual Conference in Liverpool. These applicants will have 4 minutes to present their idea with 3 minutes of questions from the Dragons.

The winner will receive the Alistair McIntyre Prize and an award of £1000. The two runners-up will receive £500 each to contribute to their project.

2. BSG Trainees Section Out of Programme Award is designed to help gastroenterology trainees in the UK access training opportunities that are not available as part of their local training rotations.

This is a single award of £1000.

3. The BSG Young Gastroenterologist of the Year – Clinical & Translational Science is designed to identify and promote talented trainee clinical scientists nationally in order to promote research and science in gastroenterology for the future.

This is a single award of £1000.

4. The BSG Young Gastroenterologist of the Year – Emerging Leader is designed to identify and promote talented trainee leaders nationally in order to promote leadership in gastroenterology for the future.

This is a single award of £1000.

The awards are open to any doctor training in gastroenterology in Great Britain and Northern Ireland. Applications are welcomed from doctors in LAT posts as well as those in numbered posts.

Applicants must be BSG members.

The closing date for applications is Friday 26th February 2016.

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## Notification of vacant posts

A number of trainees who are nearing CCT have registered with the BSG for details of Consultant posts that are to be advertised in the coming year. If you are planning a new appointment, or indeed, know of a vacancy that will become available in the foreseeable future please either complete the form (available below) or send in a job description for circulation. Trainees have also indicated that they would like to hear about locum posts. We would be happy to circulate details of those too – [r.gardner@bsg.org.uk](mailto:r.gardner@bsg.org.uk).

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## OTHER MATTERS...

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### GastroCycle 2016

GastroCycle 2016 will again be raising funds for Core, the BSG's sister charity, and the only national charity fighting all digestive diseases. Join us as we ride from Newcastle to Liverpool over four fantastic days in June. We'll have overnight stays in Harrogate, Sheffield and Manchester, passing through the stunning scenery of Yorkshire and Derbyshire on the way, before arriving into Liverpool in time for the BSG conference. GastroCycle is a great way to enjoy and challenge yourself, as well as raising much needed funds for research into digestive disorders.

GastroCycle is open to everyone – all you need to do is pay a one-off registration fee of £99 and commit to a minimum sponsorship of £1,500. The route is designed to be achievable by anybody with a bit of training and Core will support you every inch of the way with fundraising help and training plans.

To find out more about GastroCycle 2016, or to sign up, [click here](#). Places are limited so sign up soon to avoid disappointment!

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## Are you interested in starring in a documentary?

Cocoa Mediaproductions are producing an entertaining and energetic document for their client Valio about Guts and how it affects on humans, almost as if it was the second brain. Valio is known for high quality R&D and innovative products. They are looking for a scientist

/ student / professor to be the leading character of the documentary. The aim is to shoot the documentary in late February March 2016 and it requires traveling and visiting / interviewing scientists from around the world. You will also get paid. You are expected to be ambitious about the topic and motivated to go for an adventure. If you think you would enjoy being a part of this documentary, please send a video application to [casting@cocoa.fi](mailto:casting@cocoa.fi) before 10th February 2016.

The video can be shot with mobile phone, it can be either attached to the email or sent by link. Any problems or questions, please contact [Pauliina Teirikari](#). You can find more information on Valio via the link <http://www.valio.com/>

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## 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](mailto: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](mailto:support@bmj.com).

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## BSG's Aptify Membership System

The BSG introduced members to the BSG's Aptify system in the summer of 2014. This is where your contact and other information relevant to your membership is held by the BSG. If you are still having problems logging into the system and the BSG website please contact [membership@bsg.org.uk](mailto:membership@bsg.org.uk) giving your preferred e-mail address and we will resend the information to you.

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## BSG Section Membership

Full BSG members are eligible to belong to 3 clinical sections and Trainees may belong to 2 sections on the following list:

- Adolescent & Young Persons
- BSG Endoscopy
- Colorectal
- Gastroduodenal
- Inflammatory Bowel Disease
- Liver
- Neurogastroenterology & Motility
- Oesophageal
- Pancreas
- Pathology
- Radiology
- Small Bowel & Nutrition

Section members are eligible to vote on committee representation, participate in section affairs, such as research and clinical consultations, and will receive communications on matters relevant to that sub-specialty of GI medicine.

If you wish to check to which sections you belong, or update your section membership, please contact the [BSG office](#).

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