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## BSG Annual Conference 2017

Thank you to all members that attended a fantastic annual conference in Manchester last month. There was a record level of attendance for an excellent programme from Jayne Eaden and the Programme Committee. Thank you to all the speakers and presenters for the extremely high quality work that was on show. The BSG would like to record its thanks to Jayne on an outstanding tenure as Senior Secretary of the Society. We look forward to seeing you in Liverpool 4–7 June 2018.

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## Gut Impact Factor rises again to 16.658

The 2016 Impact factors have been released and Gut's new IF is 16.658. Gut retains second place but has narrowed the gap with Gastroenterology (IF 18.392) while remaining well ahead of 3rd placed NRGH (13.678).

Congratulations to Editor in Chief Professor Emad El Omar, the editorial board and the publishing team.

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## Professor David Sanders wins The Bengt Ihre Medal

The Bengt Ihre Medal, the most prestigious award in Swedish gastroenterology, has been awarded to BSG member Professor David Sanders. This International Award has only been conferred to UK gastroenterologists on 3 previous occasions in its history. Professor Sanders has said he is "delighted and feels lucky".

6th – 8th September 2017

Hyatt Regency Jersey City on the Hudson – Jersey City

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17th International Coeliac Disease Symposium

8th – 10th September 2017

Hotel Le Méridien – New Delhi

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Oxford IBD MasterClass 2017

11th – 12th September 2017

Examination Schools – Oxford

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6th Exploring Human Host–Microbiome Interactions in Health and Disease

13th – 15th September 2017

Wellcome Trust Genome Campus – Cambridge

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The Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition 2017

13th – 15th September 2017

University of Leeds – Leeds

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## Thank you to everyone who visited the Core stand at The BSG Conference.

We had some great feedback with regards to our proposed new brand and name "GUTS UK!", you all had fun inside Colin the Colon and we had some really exciting conversations about how you want to fundraise for Core.

Our Patient Symposium, Exploring The Science Of Digestion, included:

- how a childhood diagnosis of Crohn's inspired a young Phil Smith to become a doctor of gastroenterology and a Core Trustee
- the very human side of IBS through the brilliant bedside manner of Professor Peter Whorwell
- the fascinating Microbiome from Professor Kevin Whelan, and how to keep our gut bacteria in check
- transplant patient, Richard Aylett's inspiring battle with liver disease and the sheer guts and determination he now has to live life to the full

A huge thank you to all these speakers. The feedback from patients who attended the symposium only goes further to highlight why our charity exists – to continue our pioneering research and provide answers for those in desperate need.

If we are to transform the landscape of research into gastroenterology, we need your help.

You see these patients every single day. We need you to make this charity your charity of choice, both professionally and personally.

Thank you in advance for your support: [corecharity.org.uk/](http://corecharity.org.uk/)

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### NETS Basics Day

14th September 2017

Halifax Hall Hotel – Sheffield

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### Endoscopic Assessment and Treatment of Oesophageal Neoplasia 2017

19th September 2017

UCL London – London

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### 9th Annual Sheffield Gastroenterology Symposium

22nd September 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield – Sheffield

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### Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 1

25th – 28th September 2017

Plymouth University

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### NIHR Colorectal Therapies HTC – National Meeting 2017

26th September 2017

# CLINICAL

## Standards of patient care: Raising Concerns – everyone's responsibility

We have been approached by a number of nurses concerned about untrained members of staff maintaining the patient mouth guard and airway during upper gastrointestinal endoscopy.

It is inappropriate for a member of staff whether with or without a registered qualification to maintain the mouth guard and airway of any patient undergoing upper gastrointestinal endoscopy procedure unless they have an understanding of:

- The anatomy and physiology of the airway
- The risks associated with the endoscopy procedure – including aspiration; haemorrhage; perforation; reaction to drugs; damage to teeth and dental work.
- How to identify complications using observation; patient monitoring and suction equipment and are able to react to support the patient should these occur.
- Potential reaction to drugs including the untoward side effects of sedation and local anaesthetic sprays.

All staff should have:

- Received training to support patients physically and psychologically during their procedure.
- A portfolio to evidence education, training and competence with completed assessments.
- A job description that includes assisting with endoscopy procedures.

Where any member of the team identifies a potential risk of harm to patients they have a duty to escalate these concerns to senior staff. The nurse manager and the lead clinician of endoscopy services are accountable for staff training and most importantly of all patient safety.

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## IBD Registry News – July 2017

The latest updates from the IBD Registry are now available to read on the BSG website at the further information link below.

Updates include:

- IBD Registry Symposium at BSG2017 in Manchester
- Caldicott Guardian Opportunity
- IBD Registry 2017 Roadshows
- Quarterly Data Submission

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## Assessing the Getting It Right First Time

Leeds Town Hall – Leeds

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EUS-ENDO International Live Course

28th – 29th September 2017

Villa Mediterranee – Marseille

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Definition, Therapeutic Advances and Clinical Endpoints in ALD and Alcoholic Hepatitis

30th September – 1st October 2017

Hotel Pullman, St Pancras – London

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UCL Partners Nutrition Course 2017

2nd – 4th October 2017

UNISON Centre – London

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Cholestasis: a cross-specialty problem

4th October 2017

Holiday Inn Royal Victoria Sheffield – Sheffield

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## (GIRFT) programme

The Getting It Right First Time (GIRFT) programme aims to bring about higher-quality care in hospitals, at lower cost, by reducing unwanted variations in services and practices.

It uses national data to identify the variations and outcomes, shares that data with all those concerned with a service – not only clinicians, but also clinical and medical directors, managers and chief executives – and monitors the changes that are implemented.

The programme began with orthopaedics and is now being rolled out to 32 different surgical and medical specialisms across the English NHS. Through an informal assessment of the programme, this paper sets out what the programme is, why it is needed, what is different about it, what it has achieved, what challenges it faces and what potential it has. It also contains vignettes illustrating hospitals' experiences of the programme.

We expect the gastroenterology and hepatology clinical lead to be appointed soon.

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## NICE Technology Appraisal Advisory Committee – Chair vacancy

NICE are looking for a chair to join the technology appraisal advisory committee.

Closing date: 5pm, Wednesday 19 July 2017.  
Time commitment: 2 years.

NICE are looking for:

a skilled and experienced leader who is:

- a registered medical practitioner with a full or part time appointment in the NHS
- experienced in expert committee work in a relevant setting.

Important: If you have a specific conflict of interest, NICE may not be able to take your application any further. This includes financial or non-financial interests, whether personal, family or non-personal. Make sure you have [read their policy](#) before you apply.

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## NHSE Clinical Reference Group Stakeholder Registration

NHS England are keen to increase its contact lists to inform the public on policy, innovation and consultations in NHS England specialised commissioning. Please Register as a stakeholder via the further information link.

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Basic Skills ERCP Lab 2017 – Glasgow

5th – 6th October 2017

Glasgow Royal Infirmary – Glasgow

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Frontiers in Hepatology – New Therapeutic Approaches

10th October 2017

The Institute of Hepatology London

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Basic ERCP Skills Lab 2017 – Bath

18th – 19th October 2017

Royal United Hospital – Avon

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25th UEG Week

28th October – 1st November 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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21st ESGENA Conference

28th – 30th October 2017

Fira de Barcelona – Barcelona

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## Accelerate, Coordinate, Evaluate (ACE) Programme

Improving diagnostic pathways for patients with suspected colorectal cancer

The report looks at 10 projects in England the ACE Programme supports, each looking at forms of Straight to Test as a way of improving the diagnostic pathway for patients with suspected colorectal cancer. All projects worked towards the 28-day target (from presentation to diagnosis/ruling out of cancer) put forward in the 2015 Cancer Taskforce report with promising results. The projects achieved a shorter interval from presentation to first diagnostic test, resulting in confirmed diagnosis within 1–2 weeks. It also finds that almost 60% of outpatient appointments can be removed although for some patients, including those who are elderly or who have complex conditions, an initial outpatient appointment remains entirely appropriate.

A series of recommendations are included as well as practical resources including referral forms, support guides and STT pathway diagrams which should be useful for both clinicians and providers. All resources can be found on the ACE reports and resources page.

For more information on ACE's work on colorectal pathways, please email [Edmund.Fuller@cancer.org.uk](mailto:Edmund.Fuller@cancer.org.uk).

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## Survey: Specialist Nurse Roles in the Management of Alcohol Use Disorders

If you are a nurse or AHP who cares for patients with an alcohol use disorder, either directly or as part of a wider team, we would like to know about your experiences, practice and future development needs. We would be grateful if you could take 5 minutes of your time to complete [this on-line survey](#). The survey will close on 18/08/2017. If you have any questions, please contact Lynn Owens on [lynno@liv.ac.uk](mailto:lynno@liv.ac.uk).

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## Survey: Should Faecal Microbiota Transplantation (FMT) be used to treat IBD?

Although FMT is remarkably effective in treating *C. difficile* infection, FMT in IBD is an area of investigation, with several randomised controlled trials either published or ongoing. To the best of our knowledge, there has been no formal survey investigating the opinions of clinicians on the use of FMT in IBD. This, coupled with a recent surge in patient and public interest, has led us to create this survey.

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Endoclubnord

3rd – 4th November 2017

Hamburg Messe West – Hamburg

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NCRI Cancer Conference 2017

5th – 8th November 2017

BT Convention Centre – Liverpool

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Gastrointestinal endoscopy and related procedures for nurses – Block 2

6th – 8th November 2017

Plymouth University

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London Live Endoscopy 2017

16th – 17th November 2017

University College Hospital – London

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21st Therapeutic Endoscopy course for Endoscopy Nurse Assistants and Nurse Consultants (TECNA)

A team of clinical gastroenterologists, academic researchers and medical students who have a deep interest in the bacterial populations that flourish inside of our gut designed the survey. It is intended to be completed by UK-based gastroenterology trainees and consultants. We believe that by formally assessing clinicians' views, we may be able to correlate FMT uptake with current evidence. The survey should take around 5 minutes to complete and will close on the 01/08/2017.

In case of queries or problems, please email James McIlroy, 5th-year medical student at the University of Aberdeen, on [james@jamesmcilroy.com](mailto:james@jamesmcilroy.com)

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## Survey: Priority-Setting Partnership in Coeliac Disease

Coeliac UK, with the support of the James Lind Alliance, is launching a priority setting partnership (PSP) in coeliac disease and would like to invite BSG members to become partners in the PSP. The PSP's aim is to find out what research would make a difference to people living with coeliac disease, their carers and health professionals. The PSP into coeliac disease is funded by Coeliac UK; the BSG is a supporting stakeholder. Please complete the survey to get this project off the ground. More details can be found on the [Coeliac UK website](#).

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## EDUCATION

### BSG Education Committee – endorsement policy update

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 as soon as possible. If you have any queries, please email the [Education Committee](#).

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### An intercalating medical student's experience of BSG 2017

17th November 2017

Manchester Conference Centre

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Frontiers in Intestinal and Colorectal Disease 2017

28th November 2017

St Mark's Hospital – Harrow

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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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BSG Annual Meeting 2018

4th – 7th June 2018

Liverpool ACC – Liverpool

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Ammar Ahmed, intercalating medical student, University of Liverpool

I was fortunate to be awarded a bursary from the British Society of Gastroenterology (BSG) Education Committee to attend the BSG Annual Meeting 2017, held in Manchester. During the meeting I presented a poster based on my recent project exploring the role of drug therapies targeting MAdCAM-1/ $\alpha 4\beta 7$  interaction in the management of patients with upper-gastrointestinal Crohn's disease. This was my first presentation at an international conference and an incredibly worthwhile, invaluable learning experience. I was given ample opportunity to discuss my findings and was very encouraged by the interest people showed in my work and their helpful advice. The poster session itself was excellent and the breadth of research being presented, both translational and clinical, was impressive. Needless to say, attending the conference provided a valuable opportunity to meet delegates from across the world, as well as share and learn from their experiences. Furthermore, I found the diverse range of talks presented throughout the meeting very beneficial, especially the 'Science Masterclass' sessions, which for me was one of the highlights of the conference. Listening to translational science lectures was both inspiring and stimulating, and encouraged critical reflection on the topics they addressed. Further, these were highly relevant to my current studies.

Overall, this year's BSG meeting was a pleasure to attend, well organised and, importantly, an enjoyable learning experience which I would definitely recommend to other students.

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## BSG 2017 Prize Winners

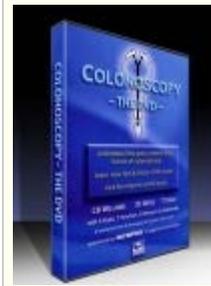
The BSG congratulates all winners of poster presentations, oral communications and journal prizes for their hard work. All winners receive a certificate. Poster winners receive £100; oral communication winners receive £250. Poster and oral communication prizes are funded by the BSG Research Committee's budget. Journal prize winners were awarded on an individual basis, as outlined below. The details of winning presentations are listed further below. Abstracts are available by logging into the [BSG website](#) or using the [Gut journal link](#).

The winner of the BMJ Open Gastroenterology prize for the "Best clinical science abstract for oral presentation" was chosen by Dr Joseph Lim (Editor) and presented on his behalf by Prof Emad El-Omar to Dr Megan Rossi, King's College London for OC-024: "Volatile organic compounds predict response to both low FODMAP diet and probiotics in irritable bowel syndrome: a randomised controlled trial". This Oral Communication was presented during the Small Bowel & Nutrition free papers symposium on Tuesday 20 June 2017. Dr Rossi won an article processing charge waiver for BMJOG, worth £1,700.

The winner of the Frontline Gastroenterology prize for "Best patient benefit in gastroenterology" was chosen by Dr Anton Emmanuel (Editor) and team. The prize was presented by Dr Emmanuel to Dr Theresa Hydes, Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust for OC-013: "The National Early Warning Score (NEWS) accurately discriminates the risk of serious in-hospital adverse outcomes in patients with liver disease". This Oral Communication was presented during the Liver free papers symposium on Tuesday 20 June 2017. Dr Hydes won £250.

The winner of the Gut prize for the "Best basic science abstract for oral presentation" was chosen by Prof Emad El-Omar (Editor), who presented the prize to Dr Rimma Goldberg, Guy's and St Thomas'

## 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](#)

Hospital, London for OC-066: "Gut specific regulatory T cells – a new frontier for Crohn's Disease therapy". This Oral Communication was presented during the IBD Section Symposium: New Insights into Biologics on Wednesday 21 June 2017. Dr Goldberg won £350.

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## Congratulations also to Trainee prize winners

Laith Alrubaiy, former Chair of the BSG Trainees Section, received the Young Gastroenterologist of the Year Emerging Leader Award. Dr Beverley Kok received the Out of Programme Award for her ongoing work in Alberta, Canada. Beverley is spending 6 months working on clinical research projects in acute liver failure, to be followed by a 12 month formal transplant hepatology fellowship. Dr Nikhil Vergis received the Young Gastroenterologist of the Year Award for Clinical and Translational Science for his work on the treatment of alcoholic hepatitis, including a randomized clinical trial examining the role of N-acetylcysteine, and devising the ROLCOL study focusing on patient positioning during colonoscopy. Tom Johnston received the Alistair McIntyre Prize for Improving Gastroenterology Training with his work on providing simulation training in upper gastrointestinal bleeds for Registrars.

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## BSG SpR/StR Education Weekend, Newcastle

6th – 7th October 2017

Places are now available on the BSG Education Weekend course being held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Newcastle upon Tyne. Course content will be delivered by nationally recognised experts-in-the-field.

Topics included in this year's Education Weekend include:

### Luminal Session

- Moving on from Mebeverine in chronic abdominal pain
- Food Allergy and food intolerance

### Endoscopy & Radiology Session

- Lesion recognition in the upper GI tract: Seek and you shall find
- Lesion recognition in the lower GI tract: Is that an adenomatous, sessile serrated or hyperplastic polyp?
- Pancreatobiliary imaging for the non-specialist

### Hepatology Session

- Corticosteroids and Alcoholic Hepatitis (Edinburgh vs Newcastle)
- This house believes corticosteroids have no role to play in Alcoholic Hepatitis vs. steroids are a vital part of the treatment paradigm in Alcoholic Hepatitis
- Role of transplant for Alcoholic Hepatitis

To book online please visit the dedicated course website: [www.gastro-educationweekend.co.uk](http://www.gastro-educationweekend.co.uk) and follow the instructions. The website contains further information about the course including programme, faculty, details of the venue and cost. Please note the course is highly subsidised at £75/person for BSG Trainee Members, and travel costs (up to £100) are reimbursed for those travelling >100 miles.

If you have any queries in the meantime, you can contact the course organiser, MCI UK Ltd, at [bsgeducationweekend2017@mci-group.com](mailto:bsgeducationweekend2017@mci-group.com) or telephone them on 0141 202 2888.

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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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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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# Call for Nominations of Participants at the 16th IBD Intensive Advanced Course

The 16th ECCO Intensive Advanced Course in IBD for residents, fellows in gastroenterology and junior faculty will take place in Vienna, Austria, on February 14–15, 2018 just prior to our next Congress. The [Preliminary programme](#) of this course is already available.

Since ECCO wants to make this course as attractive as possible for the participants, it limits the general number of participants for each ECCO Member Country to 2 in order to ensure a more interactive atmosphere. Three seats will be open for countries with a population of over 50 million (this includes: Italy, France, Germany, Russia, UK and Turkey).

Minimum criteria for nominees:

ECCO Member status (2018)

- Trainees at least in their third year with preferably one year GI experience
- Should demonstrate a sufficient level of English to follow the course

Nomination process for candidates from ECCO Country Member states:

Eligible candidates should contact their respective national representatives ([www.ecco-ibd.eu](http://www.ecco-ibd.eu) – log in and go to "Members' Area" (blue box), click on "Downloads", then "General Assembly" – List of National Representatives) in time. The participants are selected in their country, by a national system left to the responsibility of the national representatives of each ECCO Member Country. Nominees must supply their CV (containing full contact details, position and information about their hospital affiliation) and a letter of intent for submission by the ECCO national representatives to the ECCO Office ([ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu)) by 08 September 2017. Nominated candidates will be informed of their application status by the beginning of October 2017.

Nomination process for candidates from outside of Europe:

Candidates who are interested should contact the ECCO Office ([ecco@ecco-ibd.eu](mailto:ecco@ecco-ibd.eu)) well in advance.

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## Join the global GI community at the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 in Orlando, Florida

The American College of Gastroenterology and the World Gastroenterology Organisation invite you to attend the World Congress of Gastroenterology at ACG2017 (WCOG at ACG2017), October 13–18, in Orlando, Florida. This will be the first time in more than 20 years that the World Congress will be held in the U.S.

The meeting will provide state-of-the-art education and science by a global faculty focusing on a world-view of GI and hepatology diseases and treatments and will afford attendees an opportunity to present their research in an international forum. Attendees have the

option to choose from one-day courses on Friday, the weekend Postgraduate Course, or the three-day Scientific Meeting, which will be held Monday-Wednesday.

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## Find out what updates to expect at the 25th UEG Week

Take a glance at the state-of-the-art updates you can get from the top experts in digestive health

A faculty composed of renowned international experts is what makes the [25th UEG Week](#) the place to be for any doctor or researcher engaged in digestive health. Browse their interactive online programme and find out who you have a chance to meet at the anniversary congress in Barcelona!

A variety of interactive formats to best cover our multidisciplinary field

The 25th UEG Week offers so much more than just frontal lectures: Interactive formats ensure there's something for every healthcare professional! From speaker-challenging Abstract on FiRE presentations, over Posters in the Spotlight sessions to expose controversial young research, up to [expert-led Hands-On Training](#) for the practical minded.

Follow a new pathway: From guidelines to clinical practice

This pathway of 6 interactive sessions, guides you through the most recent guidelines by discussing interesting cases. It's a great opportunity to hear from experts about difficult decisions while also presenting the evidence behind. "Make sure to attend as many of them as possible" recommends SciComm Chair Magnus Simrén.

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## RESEARCH

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### Young Investigator Awards at the World Congress on Inflammation 2017

The BSG Research Committee sponsored two Young Investigator Awards at the World Congress on Inflammation 2017. The awards went to the following investigators:

OP-48: A metabolic study of microbiome modulation in mice  
Caitlin SL Parello, Jonathan Jung, Brett Van Dam, Catarina Costa, Dominic R Beal, Gregory D Lyng, Stephen T Sonis

OP-49: Protective, anti-inflammatory effects of the microbiome-associated metabolite propionate upon the blood-brain barrier  
Simon McArthur, Jeremy K Nicholson, Simon R Carding, Robert C Glen, Lesley Hoyles

The talks [will be presented on 10 July 2017](#). In addition, the BSG Research Committee provided financial support for [Fiona Powrie](#) to speak at the meeting.

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## Research Priorities for Alcohol-Related Liver Disease

Alcohol-related liver disease accounts for the majority of UK liver disease, which is the third most common cause of premature death in the UK. It has had disproportionately little research attention or spending in the past, despite its impact on patients and their families, and there are still many questions about the diagnosis, treatment and care of the disease that remain unanswered.

Traditionally, the focus of medical research is decided by funders and researchers. There is often a mismatch between what gets researched and what would actually make a real difference to the lives of patients. The James Lind Alliance (JLA) offers a process to ask patients, carers and health professionals to identify and then prioritise the unanswered questions that concern them most. In 2014, the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) asked the JLA to run a Priority Setting Partnership (PSP) to find unanswered questions about the prevention, diagnosis, treatment and care of alcohol-related liver disease that are important to the people it affects. This is the first known PSP involving an alcohol-related condition.

This report explains the process that was followed to reach the agreed list of research priorities, what the priorities were and who was involved to make sure that it was independent and fair.

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## Core-Dr Falk SpR Trainee Audit/Quality Improvement Awards

Core and Dr Falk are celebrating ten years of collaboration (2007 – 2017) with a brand new £10,000 award to support UK-based gastroenterology specialty trainees who would like to conduct an audit or quality improvement project in any area of gastroenterology, pancreas or liver disease or nutrition.

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. Core and Dr Falk are committed to engaging trainees with research, obtaining funding and adding an extra dimension to your career at an early stage. Research, audit and service improvement benefits all of us.

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. Applications may be for new projects for existing networks or for the development of a project within a new research network. [Download Pointers for setting up a successful trainee research network here.](#)

The project must address an area of clinical need within gastroenterology and have clear patient benefit. Pilot and feasibility work to enable larger grant applications will be considered. The project must be entirely based within the UK and for a period of one year only.

The successful project should be able to start within a maximum of six months of the date of the award.

All relevant non-capital project costs can be funded under this award. This can include, for example, network-related set up costs such as website, database expenses as well as project-related travel or volunteers expenses but excludes conference attendance.

The deadline for applications is Friday September 8th 2017.

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

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## Crohn's and Colitis UK Research Awards 2018

Applications are invited for grants to be awarded in 2018 by Crohn's and Colitis UK. Research Projects may be directed towards:

1. Medical – any aspect of Inflammatory Bowel Disease relevant to a better understanding of the causes or mechanisms of IBD or better treatment for IBD patients.
2. Living with IBD – any aspect of the social and psychological impact of Inflammatory Bowel Disease including research into ways of helping patients and their families to live with IBD.
3. Health Services – research with the potential to improve the services provided to the UK's IBD community and to drive up standards of care for patients with IBD.

Funding for any one project is normally subject to a maximum of £120,000 over a period of up to three years. Applications for funding of pilot studies are also encouraged.

Closing date for applications is 4pm on Friday, 22nd September 2017.

An application form and information for applicants can be downloaded from [www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk](http://www.crohnsandcolitis.org.uk) or contact the Crohn's and Colitis UK team at [research@crohnsandcolitis.org.uk](mailto:research@crohnsandcolitis.org.uk) or on 01727 734 468.

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## Research Funding Opportunities

Please go to [www.bsg.org.uk/research/research-funding-opportunities/index.html](http://www.bsg.org.uk/research/research-funding-opportunities/index.html) for updates on research funding; there are a lot of opportunities from many sources, from fellowships to grants to bursaries!

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## Research news on the BSG website

More news items than those included here are added frequently to the website – go to [www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html](http://www.bsg.org.uk/research/news/index.html) for additional articles. Read about clinical trials in IBD and IBS, research career development opportunities, investment in research and more!.

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## TRAINING

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### Gastroenterology St3 Round 2 2017 – Panellist required

NHS Forth Valley, on behalf of NHS National Education for Scotland, will be facilitating national recruitment for Round 2, ST3 Gastroenterology in 2017. Gastroenterology will be utilising a single centre model with interviews being held in Scotland.

The Clinical Lead for this round is Dr Beverley Oates, National Recruitment Lead and Consultant Gastroenterologist.

Offers of assistance should be sent direct to the relevant deanery, on the e-mail addresses supplied below. The only prerequisite to interviewing is up-to-date training in equality and diversity. The Royal College mandates that all participating interviewers must have undertaken training in equality and diversity within 3 years of the interview date.

If you are able to assist with the interviews, please reply to the email below with the following details :

- Day(s) you can attend
- Designation
- Telephone number
- Mobile number (if different from above)
- Preferred email address
- GMC number
- Employing Health Board

As outlined by the Royal College of Physicians, it is mandatory for all panellists participating in the ST3 interviews to have completed Equality and Diversity training within the last 3 years. Please may we also ask for a confirmation of this (i.e. a dated certificate of completion or a screen shot of the e-learning module). Any evidence that details your name, the training undertaken and the date of completion will be accepted.

Please ensure all responses are emailed to the generic email address: [FV-UHB.SMTmedicalspecialityrecruitment@nhs.net](mailto:FV-UHB.SMTmedicalspecialityrecruitment@nhs.net).

In the first instance, it would be greatly appreciated if you could respond no later than Thursday 20th July 2017

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

The Association of British Clinical Gastroenterology and the Federation of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK are seeking to appoint two new members to the Gastroenterology Standard Setting Group.

The successful applicants will attend meetings of the Standard Setting Group and will advise on the pass mark to be applied to the Examination paper. Members will be responsible for evaluating the level of difficulty of each question in an examination paper in order to set a pass mark; ensuring that the quality of individual questions is high and that the Examination questions are of an appropriate standard; and keeping abreast of developments in the world of medical education and medical practice ensuring that the examination papers are relevant to the curriculum.

The closing date for applications 28 July 2017. If you would like any further information, please contact [policy.officer@mrcpuk.org](mailto:policy.officer@mrcpuk.org)

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## Vacancy: MRCP(UK) PACES Station 2 and 4 Scenario Writing Group

The Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK – and the trainees, patients and health services – rely on hundreds of physicians to deliver examinations that are truly world class.

It is crucial to ensure the examinations are shaped by physicians who reflect NHS medicine at its best. Our leadership must also be representative of the workforce, in terms of gender, ethnic diversity, age, specialties and experience.

All volunteers are trained through a formal induction programme and receive the support of the staff in the examinations departments and central office throughout their involvement in the exams. Advice on where to access equality and diversity training can be obtained from the examinations office of your parent college.

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## Workforce Report 2016

The BSG Workforce Report for 2016 is now available to view on the BSG Training page. Please follow the further information link below to view the report from 2016 and previous years.

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## OTHER MATTERS...

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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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