



# BIARGS

British & Irish Association of  
Robotic Gynaecological Surgeons

## MINUTES

### BIARGS AGM Wednesday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2019

#### Presidents report

TI gave an overview of activity of BIARGS over the last 2 years; we are attending college groups (RCOG, RCS); member of robotic surgical research group; specialist society liaison group; governance group. BIARGS has organised sessions at the annual development RCOG conference and will have a half-day session at the RCOG world congress in London June 2019. There has been successful research collaboration within BIARGS which has resulted in start ROBOQOL trial. HES data analysis underway. We have registered as a charity. Many thanks to Peter Barton-Smith and Nick Elkington for their hard work in changing the constitution.

These have been 2 very successful years and thank you to the officers. A special thanks to Peter Barton-Smith. He is now no longer an officer but has started the society and has performed an enormous amount of work. Vote of thanks to Peter Barton-Smith (all members approved)

#### Current issues:

SERGS 2019 will be held in Sofia Bulgaria from 26-28<sup>th</sup> September 2019. TI encouraged all members to go. The scientific programme is very interesting. SERGS/BIARGS joint meeting will be held in Cork, Ireland from 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> June 2020. BIARGS statement written LACC trial will be linked to SERGS statement. TI had meetings with several PMI. BUPA and AVIVA have agreed to pay for robotic procedures however AXAPPP not yet convinced. TI to meet with the medical director soon.

A memorandum of understanding and collaboration should be set up between BSGE and BIARGS (and other societies): at recent BSGE annual meeting robotic presentations. We should be cautious to remain a separate society. **Action:** TI to discuss with BSGE president. TI to write draft memorandum

#### Vice-president report

NE thanked Thomas Ind for his very successful 2 years as BIARGS president. He has been involved in very many projects within and outside of BIARGS. Recently organised the first Train the Trainer for robotics course. Thanks to the treasurer/secretary and Tony Chalhoub for organising BIARGS 2019 in Newcastle. This has been a very successful and informative meeting. Currently we are at a turning point: BSGE has shown interest in robotics and it is important that we stay a the only robotic gynae society. Work needs to be done to increase our member number: also involving more fellows and nurses. Last year we registered as a Charity.

## Treasurer's report

MN presented our financial position.

Balance April 5<sup>th</sup> 2018                      £49,351.44

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This annual meeting in Newcastle will result in another financially successful conference.

The nominations for council: Marielle Nobbenhuis was only nomination for vice-president. Nahid Gul only nomination for Treasurer/Secretary. With Alan Gillespie finishing his term in council; the two vacant positions could be filled with the only other 2 nominations from trainees: Manou Kaur and Helen Clarke.

## New Officers and Council BIARGS

President from June 2019 until 2021 (then Immediate Past President till 2023) Nick Elkington

Vice President from June 2019 until 2021 (then President till 2023) Marielle Nobbenhuis

Immediate Past President until 2021 Thomas Ind

Secretary-Treasurer until 2021 Nahid Gul

## Members of the Committee

Mr Johnathan Lippiat: gynae oncology; elected for 2 more years as Member or an Officer

Ms Orfhlaith O'Sullivan, gynae benign; elected for 2 more years as member or an Officer

Mr Tony Chaloub, gynae benign; elected for 2 more years as member or an Officer

Miss Esther Moss: elected for 2 more years as member or an Officer

Miss Manou Kaur; gynae oncology trainee

Miss Helen Clarke; gynae benign trainee

Ms Doreen Contreras; elected for 2 more years as nurse member or an Officer

## Training

NG gave an update on training curriculum for robotic assistant. Curriculum will have 4 levels. Discussion whether this curriculum should be mandatory for all assistants: in discussion with RCOG. If RCOG accepts optional for enthusiastic fellows.

Is there a need for certification training centre? Discussion about necessary cases per year: 50? Credentialing: how many robotic cases per surgeon per year. Need for minimum dataset. We will liaise with SERGS regarding recommendations.

Need for nursing curriculum. **Action:** DC to investigate.

4/7/2019

Marielle Nobbenhuis