

President's reflection on 2016

The British Society for Medical Dermatology (BSMD) has seen a period of growth and consolidation over the past year.

The inaugural Essential Cutaneous Infections course, held in September 2015 and co-ordinated by Rod Hay and Rachael Morris Jones, was rapidly over subscribed, received excellent feedback and will become a regular feature on the BSMD's courses calendar.

It has been heartening to witness the popularity of the BSMD's educational events. The established training courses, DermDoc, for doctors considering a career in Dermatology, co-ordinated by Adam Fityan in September 2015 and Essential Medical Dermatology, for StRs and Consultants, co-ordinated by Simon Meggitt in March 2016, were once again over-subscribed and very well received. There was a strong presence at the Medical Dermatology afternoon at the BAD in Manchester from which the feedback was most positive. The 11th Medical Dermatology BAD/RCP meeting on the theme of Dermatology and Genetics, facilitated by the BSMD, in conjunction with Neil Rajan and the British Association of Dermatologists Dermatology and Genetic Medicine (BADGEM), achieved a capacity audience for the first time and very good feedback. The 12th BAD/RCP Medical Dermatology meeting will be held in January 2017 on the theme of Rheumatology and Skin Disease, in collaboration with the British Society of Rheumatology. The friendly efficiency of the BAD conference team in facilitating these several courses and meetings has been much appreciated by the BSMD.

Ruth Lamb has ably assumed the significant responsibility for co-ordinating the two annual BSMD Fellowships which were awarded to Antonia Lloyd-Lavery (Oxford) & Christina Wlodek (Bristol) for 2016. Applications for 2017 Fellowships will open in July 2016.

Development of our website (www.medderm.org.uk) continues, co-ordinated by Louise Newell and Mike Ardern-Jones. The potential for a web-based discussion forum is under consideration.

Tabi Leslie relaunched a most accessible and colourful annual BSMD Newsletter in autumn 2015.

The BSMD's finances have been sagely managed by our Honorary Treasurer, Ian Coulson, reflected in the growth of the Society's reserves. This comfortable financial position has allowed the Society to continue to finance the two annual BSMD Fellowships & web-site developments and from this year, waiver the registration fees for delegates selected to make case presentations at DermDoc and Essential Medical Dermatology. It will also allow the BSMD to begin to align with its vision of reduced dependence on Pharma support.

Katie Warburton has completed her highly effective term as the junior's representative. After a 6-month overlap, Katie will be replaced in July 2016 by Emma Ormerod, who is currently a Dermatology CT4 StR in Bristol.

Shikha Gupta, as Honorary Secretary, has overseen the growth of our membership to 430 members and continued to field enquires and co-ordinate the Society's committee meetings in a quietly efficient manner.

At the BSMD's AGM in January 2016, the Society agreed to amend the BSMD's constitution to broaden the definition of Medical Dermatology and open membership to StRs and Consultants from Eire, to concur with the BAD's constitution. In addition, in recognition of his outstanding contribution to the BSMD and Medical Dermatology, Rod Hay was awarded Honorary membership of the BSMD. There was also discussion of the BSMD's unsuccessful application for charitable status. After reflecting on the limited benefits to be accrued from charitable status, the BSMD decided not to make a modified reapplication.

In July 2016, I will have completed my highly rewarding term as President of the BSMD. I am pleased to be passing the role onto the experienced, efficient and enthusiastic Mike Ardern-Jones, in whose capable hands I am certain the BSMD will continue to flourish, helped by a most supportive and engaged committee.

Now in its 7th year, the BSMD is not 'whining like a schoolboy' but 'shining'.



Andrew Carmichael - Immediate past President

BAD/RCP Dermatology & Genetics Medical
Dermatology Prize

RCP 14th January 2016

Winners

Dr Louise Cutts – best oral (left)

Dr Zena Shukur – best poster (right)



British Society for Medical Dermatology Fellowship Awards

Dr Saman Fatah ST6

**University Hospital of
North Durham**

“I have found Medical dermatology the most challenging and stimulating aspect of my training, requiring problem solving skills to diagnose and optimize management in the face of multiple complaints and co-morbidities. This interest has been consolidated by clinical experience under the supervision of Drs Andrew Carmichael, Shyamal Wahie and Simon Meggitt and more in depth research experience in the DLE.

The BSMD fellowship was a magnificent experience.”



**Dr Arpita Debroy
Kidambi ST5**

**Royal Hallamshire
Hospital, Sheffield**

“I am very grateful to the British Society of Medical Dermatology for providing me with an excellent training opportunity to gain experience in two specialized areas of Medical Dermatology of my choice. Lymphovascular disease and immunobullous/inherited blistering disorders.

Once again, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the BSMD and the supervisors of each placement for the unique educational opportunity. “



Upcoming Events

Essential Medical Dermatology

Willan House, London,
8 – 10th March 2017

BSMD Session at the BAD Annual Meeting

Liverpool
5th July 2017

DermDoc

November 2017

Essential Cutaneous Infections

Date tbc

RCP/BAD Meeting

RCP, London
11th January 2018

Organisers:

Conference & Event Services from the
BAD

See website for future events:

www.medderm.org.uk

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Michael Ardern-Jones – President (right)
Andrew Carmichael - Immediate Past President
Shikha Gupta – Secretary
Ian Coulson – Treasurer
Adam Fityan - DermDoc course
Louise Newell – Website facilitator
Katie Warburton - Trainee representative
Simon Meggitt - Essential Medical Dermatology course
Ruth Lamb - Medical Dermatology Fellowships
Tabi Leslie - BAD Med Derm day, Newsletter

