

Welcome to the thirteenth edition of the SAS newsletter. In this newsletter we will have updates from Dr Rakvit who sits on the T&G Committee and an article from Dr Rajeev about advantages to become a BAD member.

MEETINGS

Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting: provisional booked for 2nd -4th October at Crewe Hall.

99th Annual Meeting of the BAD : 2nd - 4th July 2019 ACC Liverpool, UK.

For further information on both meetings please contact conference@bad.org.uk

DERMATOLOGY CESR WORKSHOPS

These workshops prove extremely popular and the next workshop on **Tuesday 29th November** is now fully booked. Future workshops will be taking place in May/June and November 2019, time and date to be confirmed. If you would like more information or put on the waiting list please contact Monica Parrondo via email: monica@bad.org

FELLOWSHIPS AND AWARDS

BAD/DC SAS Travel Fellowships

Two travel fellowships of £500 are available to BAD and/or Downing Club members who hold SAS posts and are wishing to visit a Dermatology centre or attend a Dermatology meeting overseas. The deadline is **6th May each year**. For further information contact Siu@bad.org.uk

UKDCTN SAS Awards

This award is open to SAS grade staff and allows you to take part in the activities over a 3 year period. For further information please click on the link below or visit their website.

<http://www.ukdctn.org/documents/v3-uk-dctn-sas-award-2018-final-version.pdf>

SCE Exam

The exam takes place once a year in the second week of October and this year was on Thursday 11th October 2018. The 2019 exam has been scheduled for **10th October 2019**.

Registration usually opens in early summer. For more information please go to:

<https://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/specialty-certificate-examinations/exam-dates-and-fees>

Surgical Practice Survey

We would be sending out a survey about surgical practice soon and it would be great if you could please respond when you receive it.

CURRENT SAS COMMITTEE VACANCIES

***Please note that in order to apply for the vacancies below you will need to be a BAD Member.**

Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Specialist Sub-Committee Vacancy

A vacancy is available on the Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Specialist Sub-committee. Applications are invited from SAS doctors who are BAD members. The committee meets three times a year under the chairmanship of Dr Rajesh Goel.

Matters of current interest include supporting the professional development of all SAS doctors in dermatology, supporting SAS doctors with postgraduate career and development funding, improving the presence and profile of SAS doctors working in Dermatology, workplace-based assessments, appraisal/revalidation and entry requirements and streamlining of CESR applications. We are also currently working on rolling out a development programme for SAS doctors in Dermatology focused on non- generic competencies. We also liaise and work with other SAS organisations in the RCP and BMA to work towards improving work place recognition and development of SAS group of doctors.

If you would like to be involved, please send your CV and a brief covering letter to Monica Parrondo (Monica@bad.org.uk) outlining your background, details of your current post and the skills you can bring to the committee. The closing date to receive applications is **Monday 18th February 2019.**

SAS Vacancy – British Hair and Nail Society

A vacancy is available on the British Hair and Nail committee for a representative of speciality doctors, staff grades and associate specialists. The purpose of this role is to represent this group of doctors and their educational and training needs at BHNS meetings and to support future educational activities. Applications are invited from SAS doctors who are BAD members. The committee meets at least once annually and conducts most of its business virtually.

If you would like to be involved, please send your CV and a brief covering letter to Rose Wilmot (rose.wilmot@nhs.net) outlining your background, details of your current post and the skills you can bring to the committee. The closing date to receive applications is **30th November 2018.**

MY EXPERIENCE AS A MEMBER ON THE THERAPY & GUIDELINES SUBCOMMITTEE BY DR RAKVIT

As a representative from the SAS subcommittee, I have had an excellent opportunity to be accepted to sit on the T&G committee since December 2017.

The committee meets every two months and mentioned the standard agenda items for discussion: BNF, Specials, guidelines (progress report and proposed guidelines topics), PILs, NICE and MHRA.

I had an opportunity to review and re-write a new patient information leaflet (PIL) on dimethyl fumarate esters

The updates from the last meeting in July 2018 (during the BAD meeting)

1. The comprehensive app for patients receiving MTX is now being developed.
2. We asked the MHRA for the timescale to produce recommendations re: paraffin products and fire risk.
3. Dr Leslie has finalised the evidence for anti-histamine dose increases for up to 4 times per day
4. New PILs discussed and approved. Now published on the BAD website.
5. We discussed the Drugs Costs Bill 2017 which is a primary or “enabling” legislation. It established both the right and the duty of the government to control the costs of Specials. The Bill applies to England and Wales, not Northern Ireland
6. We discussed a few proposed STAs for submission comments to NICE including an ongoing clinical guideline on management of acne. Dr Alison Layton agreed to represent the BAD at the scoping workshop.
7. The T&G subcommittee would send a BAD wide email alert for a non-conflicted lead for acitretin guideline.

The next meeting is on 18/10/18. More updates to follow this meeting.

WHAT IS IN IT FOR ME TO BE A BAD MEMBER?

By Asha Rajeev, Consultant representative, BAD SAS Subcommittee

Should I be a member of the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD)?

The very thought of whether to take a membership in the British Association of Dermatologists (BAD) naturally triggered a lot of questions in my mind as an experienced SAS doctor in dermatology.

Well, many SAS doctors are not BAD members. Whenever surveys are proposed to capture what SAS doctors do or to get ideas for CESR\supporting those who do not want to do CESR, we have found it difficult to communicate with the entire group. There seems to be no up-to-date database that reflects the exact SAS workforce.

Experienced SAS doctors have varied backgrounds, with a good clinical background in dermatology. According to a recent survey, their average years of experience is 17! They do specialist clinics (e.g., patch tests, vulval dermatology and paediatrics), involve in clinical governance, and are even acting consultants and departmental leads. A BAD membership has given us insights into updates on dermatology and to adapt to it by implementing newer ways of working and managing with limited resources. BAD plays an active role in promoting better opportunities available for SAS doctors to take their career forward.

You may be interested to know more about BAD by now. It is a charity established in 1920; its charitable objects are practice, teaching, training and research in dermatology. It is funded by the activities of its members. The headquarters is in Willan House in central London.

BAD comprises 24 sub committees, which include the Biologics Register, education, newsletter, SAS doctors, therapy and guidelines, and private and independent practice subcommittees.

SAS doctors can have a career grade membership or associate membership for £185. This reflects extremely good value among professional organizations and is very much at the lower end. BAD works alongside patient support groups, special interest groups, International League of Dermatology Societies (ILDS) and medical royal colleges.

BAD members receive a quarterly newsletter, an events diary and a list of available fellowships. The BAD/Dowling club offers two travel fellowships of £500 every year to members holding SAS posts who wish to visit centres or to attend specific dermatological meetings overseas.

Members receive both print and online versions of the British Journal of Dermatology (BJD) and the Clinical and Experimental Dermatology (CED). I adopt new guidelines and audit ideas published in BJD to meet our departmental audit targets. The CED journal case studies are good educational material and one can do online CPD following the instructions provided.

Members receive a discount at the Annual scientific meeting, which happens over 3 days with a half day SAS session, the day before. Very much oriented to SAS doctors of all abilities, the educational materials are of utmost quality.

The Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting (CDU), meant solely for SAS doctors, is an excellent platform to present cases in a friendly environment, with no competition from the registrars. You can apply for membership of the various subcommittees for a nominal fee, depending on your special interests. The British Society for Medical Dermatology (BSMD) is a very popular one and BAD members can avail membership on discounted rates. The three-day annual course is worth every penny for its educational value and CPD points. A BAD membership entitles you to attend all other meetings and activities of the Association too. However, the associate members are not allowed to vote.

You can use the Willan Library and Thesis library, enjoy discounted hire of rooms at Willan House, 4 Fitzroy square situated in the heart of London and use members' rooms at Fitzroy square. The library houses numerous books and articles, including works by Sir Erasmus Wilson, Jonathan Hutchinson and Paul Unna. Members are entitled to view the books by arrangement with the BAD.

The BAD sends out notifications of consultations, guidelines and recommendations, the recent one being on Evidence-based Interventions Consultation initiated by the NHS England. It has implications in dermatology as the suggestion is for the GP to get prior approval from the CCG to refer patients to dermatology for low priority procedures.

The BAD has a national clinical audit programme in place, following the development of its standards based on recommended audit points derived from evidence-based clinical guidelines. The guidelines fulfil all the 25 criteria NICE has set, in order to maintain the BAD's status as an accredited guidance producer. With the aim of ascertaining the membership's adherence to national guidelines, the BAD carries out at least one national audit in a year. Members thus get an opportunity to participate in

National Audits and are rewarded with a certificate of participation. The BAD, in association with Macmillan, organises public education events and I had participated in a mole check event at the Kent County Show. It was a very different experience compared to a skin cancer clinic and we found a few melanomas!

I hope all these details and information are more than enough to convince you to join this prestigious association, which will soon hit the 100th year of establishment! Members, please pass it on to your colleagues as you are the privileged ones to receive this article.

BAD SAS SUBCOMMITTEE

The committee meet three times a year under the chairmanship of Rajesh Goel. The aim of the committee is to support the education and career progression of SAS doctors in Dermatology. The committee are currently focusing on ideas to develop the Speciality Doctor role and recognise seniority within the grade.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Dr Rajesh Goel – Chairman, Revalidation/Accreditation/Career Development

Dr Tabi Leslie - Assistant Honorary Secretary

Dr Glenda Hill - Co-opted (CDU)

Dr Asha Rajeev - Consultant Representative and website

Dr Jui Vyas – Pre-conference SAS Session

Dr Pariyawan Rakvit – CESR portfolio

Dr Alexandra Kemp – SAS newsletter

Dr Marjan Shah - Service Provision/contracts

Dr James Dean

Dr Ava Sou Wing Lee

Dr Saliya Weeraman

Ms Monica Parrondo – BAD Committee Administrator

Please email Monica at monica@bad.org.uk if you have any SAS related queries who can forward your email to the relevant person in the subcommittee. Please also let us know if you have any news that you think will be of interest to other SAS doctors and the subcommittee.