

# **BSPD Newsletter**

## **Autumn 2020**



Dear all,

I hope you have had a good summer and are recovering from the strains of the COVID lockdown.

I thought it's time to update you on what our new BSPD Executive Committee has been up to since I took over the reins from Lindsay Shaw in November last year.

Before I do that though, just a brief introduction of the Executive Committee:



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Dr Susannah Baron –  
**Treasurer**  
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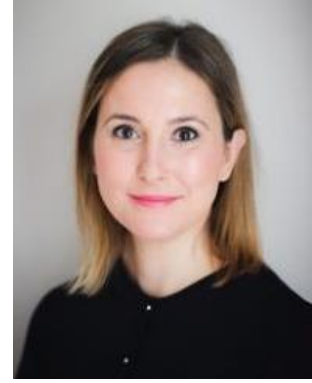
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Dr Conor Broderick  
**Trainee/Webmaster**  
St John's Institute of  
Dermatology

For the first time in the history of the BSPD, the Executive Committee held a **Strategy Day** in March to discuss where we like to take the Society over the next few years, covering education and training, research, our patient and public engagement, fellowship schemes and a review of the BSPD's finances.

Here is a brief overview of our discussions and planned/ongoing activities:

- **Education and Training**

Helen Goodyear and Lindsay Shaw are leading on the update of the **RCPCH SPIN module in Paediatric Dermatology** aimed at general paediatricians who want to gain structured paediatric dermatology expertise. Both are also representing the BSPD on a **Working Group set up by the BAD** to develop educational elements on paediatric dermatology in the **Royal College of General Practitioners GPwER curriculum**. Furthermore, the dermatology training curriculum will be updated in 2021, and Lindsay Shaw is leading on the paediatric dermatology elements of this.

- ***Pediatric Dermatology***

Journal access to *Pediatric Dermatology* is now available through one-time online registration with Wiley Online Library. Details on how to access the journal were emailed to all members on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2020. Please contact [conor.broderick@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:conor.broderick@gstt.nhs.uk) if you need assistance verifying your account.

- **Research**

The **BSPD has joined forces with the UKDCTN** for their themed call in 2021, with both organisations contributing £10k to support pump prime funding for research into paediatric dermatology. The closing date for applications is likely going to be in July.

In addition, we are setting up a **joint Small Research Grant scheme with the British Skin Foundation** for research focused on skin diseases in children, similar to the one the British Photodermatology Group supports. The first round is planned for 2022, since we are running the themed call with the UK DCTN in 2021.



- **BSPD-Burma Skincare Initiative (BSI)**

You might be aware that Su Lwin and Chris Griffiths have set up the Burma Skincare Initiative (BSI) charity to foster dermatology training in Myanmar, with the long-term aim to set up a Regional Dermatology Training Centre, similar to the one in Tanzania. Ruth Murphy, Jemima Mellerio and I were part of a delegation of UK Dermatologists who taught our Burmese colleagues at the BSI inaugural meeting in February this year, and it became apparent that paediatric dermatology does not exist as a sub-specialty in Myanmar. The BSPD has therefore decided to set up a **BSPD-BSI Fellowship**, allowing a junior consultant from Myanmar to attend our annual meeting and also spend time in a few Paediatric Dermatology Departments. Dr Min Min Aye from Yangon is the recipient of the first Fellowship Award. She will attend the BSPD Annual Meeting online, as this is hosted virtually, and COVID permitting she will spend time with colleagues in Birmingham, Oxford and at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital in 2021.

- **Psychological Co-morbidities/Psychodermatology Taskforce**

Many of our patients have psychological co-morbidities, such as anxiety and depression, but there is a lack of information regarding the best way to identify and manage these in the paediatric dermatology setting. We therefore formed a Taskforce to consider this.

-Taskforce members: Susannah Baron, Jane Ravenscroft, Tess McPherson, Rukshana Ali (Paediatric Dermatology Clinical Psychologist) and myself

-Taskforce workstreams:

1. **A systematic review of the literature**, providing a critical appraisal of the screening tools to assess psychological and psychiatric morbidity in the paediatric dermatology setting.
2. **Survey on service provision for children with dermatitis artefacta** with the aim to develop treatment guidance.

- **Adolescents/transition services**

Emma Howard is a member of the **RCP Young Adult and Adolescent Steering Group**. Emma, Tess McPherson, Conor Broderick and Bella De VeAre Hunt have created a **list of resources which can be**

**provided to young people attending dermatology clinics.** This can be downloaded from [the BSPD website](#). We have also collated [resources and general information](#) on transition care on the BSPD website which you might find helpful for the development of your own adolescent clinical services. Lastly, we are considering changing the name of the BSPD to 'British Society for Paediatric and Adolescent Dermatology' and will take this for discussion and voting to the BSPD AGM in November.



- **Patient and public engagement**

We are keen to continue our close links with patient organisations, serving paediatric and adolescent patients with skin diseases. Tess McPherson and I therefore wrote to the Chief Executive Officers of the National Eczema Society (Andrew Proctor) and Eczema Outreach Support (Magali Redding) and received several excellent suggestions for closer working with the BSPD. As a result, EOS and the BSPD have formed a **Working Group to develop new children's and adolescent's patient information leaflets on skin diseases**, which in due course will be available for wider use on the BSPD website.

- **Patient information leaflets (PIL)**

BSPD committee members Tess McPherson, Helen Goodyear, Conor Broderick, Nerys Roberts and Alana Durack have been **working with the BAD to produce PILs** appropriate for children and young people. Several are now in final stages and should be available soon on the BAD website including psoriasis, lichen sclerosus (female and male), vulvitis, molluscum and warts. There will be more to follow.

- **Commissioning of Paediatric Dermatology NHS Services**

The **NHS England Dermatology CRG** has asked the BSPD to **review and rewrite the current paediatric dermatology scope of practice and NHS treatment pathways**, building on the important work Celia Moss led on a number of years ago. We have formed a Working Group to take this forward, consisting of Tess McPherson, Jemima Mellerio, Helen Goodyear, Nerys Roberts, Lindsay Shaw, Jane Ravenscroft, Emma Howard, Celia Moss, Ian Wren (NHSE CRG) as well as myself as Chair.

- **Finances**

After a long struggle with the antiquated banking system and great effort from our Treasurer Susannah Baron I am pleased to say that the BSPD finally has online banking! We have amalgamated our funds to enable the society to work in a more stream-lined fashion. Please check the BSPD website for the fellowships and awards that are available to our members.

- **Meetings this and next year**

Many thanks to those who contributed to a very successful virtual BSPD symposium at this year's BAD Annual Congress on 'Looking back to the future of paediatric dermatology'. In particular, I would like to thank **Cameron Kennedy** and **Sue Lewis-Jones** for their meticulously researched lectures on '**Paediatric Dermatology: Origins and Evolution**' and '**The history of the British Society for Paediatric Dermatology**'. Both lectures, together with mine on '**Looking back to the future of paediatric dermatology**', are available on the BSPD website under the ['History' tab](#). I hope you enjoy watching them if you haven't yet.

The **BSPD Annual Meeting** will be held virtually on **November 6<sup>th</sup> 2020** and is staged by Lindsay Shaw and her team from Bristol. They have put an excellent programme together which [is available here](#). We will also hold the **AGM** on the same day, as is tradition. With the BAD Conference Team now being experts in facilitating virtual meeting, this will be a great event to tune into. The cost of registration for Trainees has been reduced this year, following members' feedback.

Finally, we are looking forward to the [World Congress of Paediatric Dermatology](#) in September 2021. We will be holding a BSPD session at the start of this global event, which is available to book now. Because of the WCPD, there will be no BSPD Annual Meeting next year.

As you can see, we have certainly not been complacent, and a lot more needs to be done.

I would like to thank all colleagues on the Executive Committee for their energy, team spirit and enthusiasm, moving so many new activities forward.

To keep you all updated, there will be regular, shorter circular emails from the individual working groups, so do stay tuned!

With best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carsten', written in a cursive style.

Carsten (BSPD President)