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through education and research*

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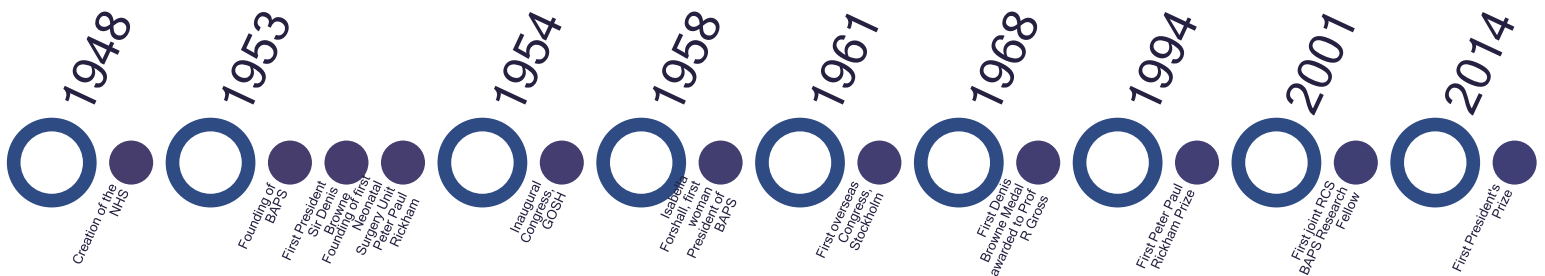
INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the first British Association of Paediatric Surgeons Annual Report. The BAPS Annual International Congress is in its 66th year and has long been one of the highlights of the Paediatric Surgery scientific and educational calendar. However, BAPS members continue to be active throughout the year through its committees, subspecialty groups and collaborations with other organisations.

“The aim of paediatric surgery is to set a standard, not to seek a monopoly”
Sir Denis Browne, Founding President of BAPS

We hope this report will make for interesting reading and encourage you, our members, to participate in one of our many subspecialty groups and events.

Evelyn Ong
 Honorary Secretary
 July 2019



STRATEGIC SUMMARY

Transformation to Incorporated Charitable Company 2018

In 2015, BAPS was registered as a Company with Companies House. In 2018 transformation into an Incorporated Charitable Company was complete and with that, the objects of BAPS changed to reflect its ultimate purpose in improving surgical care for children.

“The Association’s objectives are to advance education for the public benefit of paediatric surgery by carrying out research and publishing the useful results into the public domain and by fostering professional relations with paediatric surgeons overseas.”

Expansion of Membership

BAPS has for many years welcomed both paediatric surgeons and those with an interest in paediatric surgery (e.g. adult surgeons with some paediatric surgery practice) as members. The membership has steadily grown over the years and we currently have over 500 surgeon members worldwide at all stages of their surgical careers.

However, at the 2018 Annual Congress Council Meeting, a motion was proposed and passed to admit nurses and allied health professionals to our membership, reflecting the broadening multidisciplinary team within which we work. We also welcomed the Paediatric Stoma Nurse Group as an affiliated association and they have again organized a joint study day at our Annual International Congress in Liverpool. This affiliation allows members from both groups to attend each other’s educational events and will lead to better clinical support for patients and their families.

Improving Information Access for Members

In 2015, BAPS was keen to showcase its activities and present a “shop front” that members could interact through. We had the support for many years from members such as Abraham Cherian in maintaining a basic website but with a growing membership and the possibilities of online information sharing expanding, BAPS took the next steps to create a brand new

website and members' database. The intention was to provide members with a hub of all things Paediatric Surgery; we set up subspecialty areas and invited online curators to submit the newest papers, research and events information to be shared with other members. Kate Billington, our administrative secretary was key in the setting up of our first online members database and in 2015, we also appointed our first Digital Manager, Shan Teo who brought her digital media expertise to the construction of our main and Congress websites. We are now not only running our online events calendar, but we are also sending out regular social media updates through Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn; regular newsletters are emailed out by the Honorary Secretary.

However, in 2017 it became clear that software updates were no longer sufficient to maintain our database. We were also working across many different media platforms and needed to streamline our work processes. We started to search for a new members' database with increased functionality to consolidate all our office administration; to allow members to maintain their own accounts, log their activity, interact with other members and register for events. In 2018, we commissioned a new database which we are currently adapting to our needs. In time, members will see increased functionality through their online membership portals.

Setting Standards in Clinical Care

BAPS is frequently consulted by different government and special interest groups regarding clinical standards documents. In the last year, BAPS was consulted on a consensus document on the Principles of Care for Congenital Diaphragmatic Hernia; NICE guidance on surgical site infections and management of pancreatitis; NHS England new models of care for paediatric surgery networks and restriction of surgery commissioning to evidence based procedures. It came to light that circumcision training kits were being touted online as making purchasers competent operators; the kits were withdrawn from sale immediately following a statement from BAPS.

Prof Simon Kenny continues his active role in the Get It Right First Time initiative and has been providing feedback to all hospitals that provide paediatric surgical care. This work will be crucial to identifying areas of strength that can be learnt from and reducing geographical variation in service provision.

Clear documentation of the patient journey from presentation to treatment to post-operative management has always been challenging using the current coding systems of ICD and OPCS. In conjunction with the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health and NHS England Digital, Evelyn Ong, Alex Lee and Basil Bekdash are attempting to collate the definitive coding set for paediatric surgeons in SNOMED CT, a new coding system being rolled out throughout UK clinical systems.

Education and Professional Support

The BAPS Education Committee regularly reviews courses that are of interest to paediatric surgeons in training and consultants. BAPS is aware that there are many commercial events that offer little educational value and for trainees who are time and cash poor, BAPS endeavours to highlight those courses that are of most value to its members.

Mr Robert Wheeler is our medicolegal advisor and presented a very well received Medico-legal Symposium at the 2018 Congress. He has published on a new perspective on definition of medical negligence and provides regular updates to members on changes in the law that may impact on their practice.

BAPS funded access to the Surgeons Workload Outcomes Audit Database for 2years. However, during this time, uptake in its use was poor and in 2018 the Executive made the difficult decision to terminate its use. However, the NHS England National Clinical Improvement Programme promises to deliver surgeon outcomes dashboards free of charge to all surgeons practicing in England. BAPS continues to fund the National Outcomes Audit on Hypospadias (NOAH) for its members.



In 2018, we launched e-Learning for Paediatric Surgeons in conjunction with Health Education England. This project was started in 2007 by BAPS member Mr Tony Lander (Birmingham) and was completed by Mr Simon Clarke, Chair of the BAPS Education Committee. These online learning modules are open to all doctors practising in the United Kingdom and cover specialised surgery topics such as congenital diaphragmatic hernia, anorectal malformations and surgical oncology, as well as more general surgery of childhood. The target audience is not only paediatric surgery trainees but also adult general surgery trainees and general practitioners. We currently have over 400

registered users and have a target of increasing registered users from Ireland, Wales and Scotland. It is unfortunately not available to users outside the United Kingdom. NHS England employees can use their Electronic Staff Record to record their educational progress from post to post.

The Annual International Congress continues to be the main event in the BAPS calendar and the joint congress with the British Association of Paediatric Endoscopic Surgeons drew over 350 delegates from 70 countries to the ACC in Liverpool. We

introduced innovations in the shape of the Learning Lab, a simulated operating theatre training environment; the Fab Lab with devices furnished by the Innovation Hub at Alder Hey Children's Hospital; the first "Silent Poster Walk", making straining to hear speakers a thing of the past. Our Denis Browne Gold Medallist was Dr Alberto Peña, a surgeon renowned for his contribution to the treatment of anorectal malformations. We recognised outstanding research contributions by trainees by awarding the Peter Paul Rickham Prize for Best Basic Science Oral Presentation to John Hallett, the President's Prize for Best Clinical Oral Presentation to Naomi Wright and the Poster Prize to Andrew Ross. As always, we were plagued by visa issues preventing some of our overseas Hugh Greenwood Scholars from attending Congress despite personal appeals to the Home Secretary Sajid Javid. New guidance for fellows and scholars have been drawn up to minimise problems in future. For almost a decade, Congress has made significant financial losses but in 2018, due to careful budget control and clear expenses guidelines, we succeeded in running a cost neutral event.

Desmond Browne, son of Sir Denis Browne awarding the DB Gold Medal to Alberto Peña



The Winter Meeting is growing in strength year on year. This year we held a joint meeting with British Paediatric Gastroenterology, Hepatology and Nutrition at the Oxford Belfry. As well as hosting the UK Paediatric Colorectal Group, we held the first Children's Upper GI Surgery meeting to rave reviews.

Amongst other educational events, CCLG held the Oncology Course in Birmingham in collaboration with BAPS and Leicester hosted the BAPS National Training Days. BAPS provided speakers to the Association of Surgeons of Great Britain and Ireland Conference

and the Paediatric Surgery for General Surgeons Course held in Oxford. BAPS again supported the Boot Camp for new and returning paediatric surgery trainees.

Research

The Research Committee continues to be integral in review of research protocols and member surveys. In 2018, the first Paediatric Surgery Specialty Lead Mr Nigel Hall was jointly funded by BAPS and SPARKS to promote multicentre research collaborations in the UK. The aim for 2019 is to set priorities for paediatric surgery research.

BAPS and BSPGHAN are jointly funding a multicentre study on the management of acute GI bleeding. This study is being led by Prof Nick Croft in collaboration with BAPS Research Committee Member Michael Stanton. The Association of Paediatric Anaesthetics is also seeking support from BAPS for the Children's Acute Surgical Abdomen Programme. This study is expected to launch in the coming year.

The Research Committee was asked to review 10 requests to circulate surveys to our members in the last year.

Mapping the implementation of WHO Surgical Site Infection Guidelines in the EU
Improving Continence for children with neurodisability (ICoN), University of Exeter

Current practice in sacro-coccygeal teratomas, Prof Paul Losty

Research priority setting, Mr Nigel Hall

Button Battery Surveillance Study, Leeds Children's Hospital

Survey Esophageal Dilatation in EA patients - ESPGHAN, EUPSA

Curriculum review, SAC

Working with other medical charities, BAPS

Survey of UK paediatric surgeons' attitude towards non-operative treatment of acute appendicitis, CONTRACT Study Team

UK Principles of Care of CDH Document, MBRACE

The purpose of the review is to ensure only relevant and well conducted surveys are circulated to the membership and there is no obligation of members to participate in any survey. We ask primary investigators to submit final results of their surveys for members to

view. We are still awaiting results and will publish these to the members section of the website once received.

BAPS continues to jointly fund the Royal College of Surgeons of England/ BAPS Research Fellowship which last year was awarded to Kevin Cao to pursue a study into the molecular basis of bladder dysfunction in posterior urethral valves at the University of Bristol. Many of our research fellows have gone on to successful academic careers with grants from the Medical Research Council and the Wellcome Foundation.

International Affairs Committee

Always one of our most active committees, the IAC has continued to provide surgical skills courses overseas including in Ethiopia and Rwanda. Prof Kokila Lakhoo was invited to give the keynote speech at PAPSA and BAPS co-hosted a symposium on gastroschisis. Committee members attended meetings in Thailand, Pakistan, Egypt and Ethiopia. A previous recipient of the RCS/BAPS Research Fellowship, Miss Naomi Wright is spearheading the Global PaedSurg Research Study into Congenital Anomalies. The Hugh Greenwood Fellowship has been awarded to Dr Mohamed Shehata (Egypt) and the HG Scholars included Rajat Piplani (India), Cherno Jallow (Gambia) and Napasin Mapairoje (Thailand).



Prof Kokila Lakhoo and Mr Niyi Ade Ajayi attending the PAPSA Congress on behalf of the BAPS IAC

Collaboration with Medical Charities

In 2017, we proposed to initiate collaboration with Medical Charities and Patient Support Groups that would bring about mutual benefit.

- Involvement of patient groups in drafting of research protocols
- Consultation to produce improved clinical pathways and standards of care
- Joint funding of research projects

In 2018, Mr Richard Stewart took over the position of President of BAPS from Prof Mark Davenport and has taken this initiative forward and held the inaugural joint meeting with CDHUK, the Children's Liver Disease Foundation, Mitrofanoff Support, TOFS UK and Spina Bifida Hydrocephalus Scotland and Childhood Cancer Parents Alliance. A subsequent members' survey showed many members were already engaged in educational activities in conjunction with other charities and would support increased collaboration. The first Charities Symposium will be hosted at the 66th International Annual Congress at the East Midlands Conference Centre, Nottingham.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

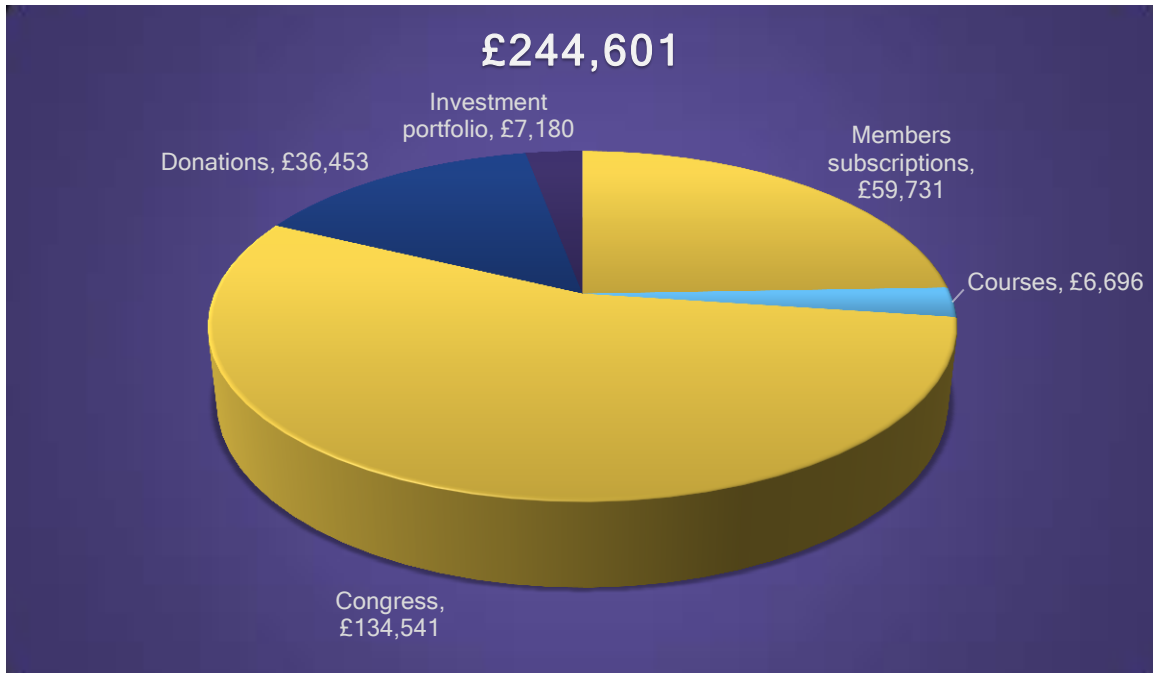
In 2018, Alex Lee stepped down as Honorary Treasurer and Ashish Desai has stepped into the role. The financial statements shown below are based on the calendar year to end 2018. Note that expenditure is recorded on an accrual basis.

British politics and Brexit have caused enough economic uncertainty in the last 3 years for BAPS. Our income is based on membership fees, donations and our investment portfolio. Although our investment portfolio managed by 7im has outperformed the market in the past, it was felt wiser to reduce the portfolio investment risk level in the face of our impending departure from the European Union.

The Executive Committee monitors the income and expenditure on a regular basis and takes investment decisions at periodic meetings. The Trustees' policy is to retain sufficient unrestricted reserves to meet its obligations and to ensure financial stability. The Executive Committee consider approximately 12 months of expenditure (or about £300,000) to be the appropriate level to comply with the stated policy of meeting the Association's financial obligations and ensuring financial stability.

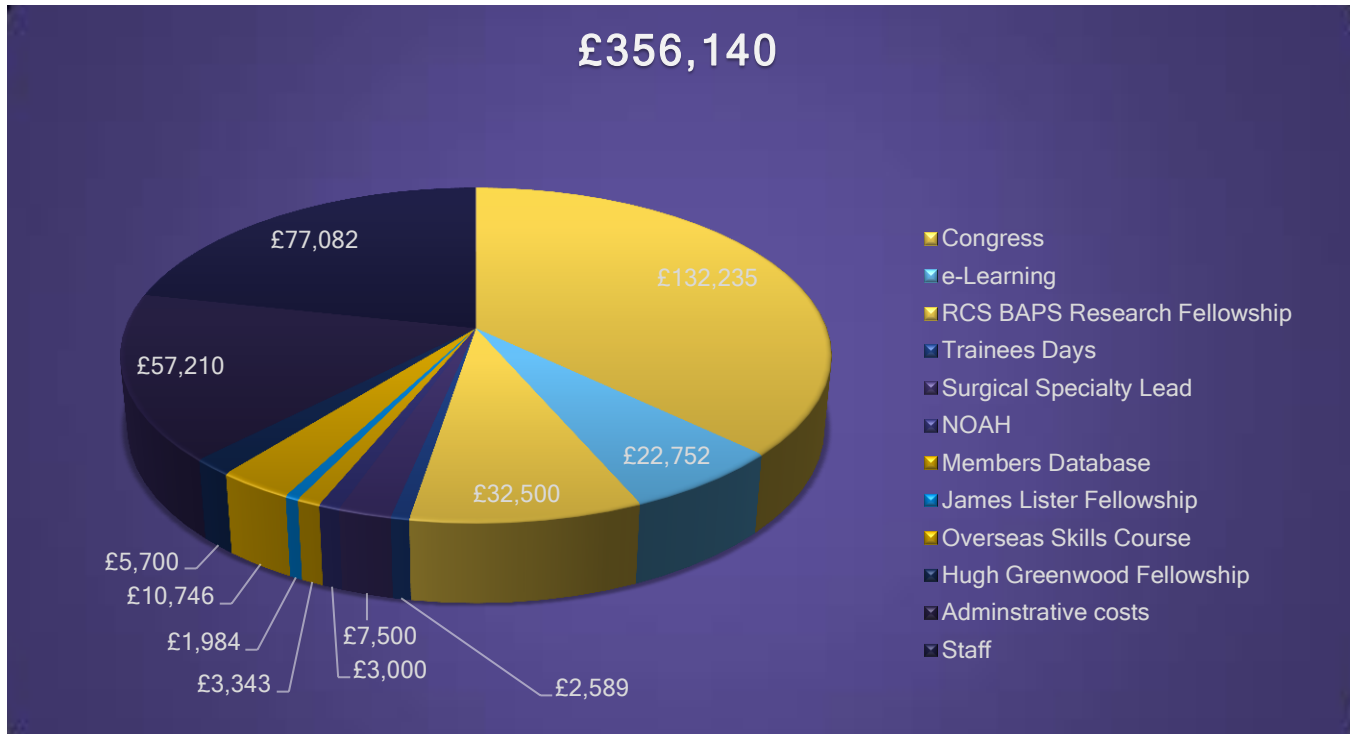
The trustees have made new designations that relate to the Association's current and impending charitable activities in the future. At 31 December 2018, the free reserves including designated funds (total general trust funds less those funds held as tangible or intangible fixed assets) were £376,314 (2017: £558,492). The free reserves of the Association excluding designated funds were **£132,311**.

Income



BAPS income is largely derived from its membership subscriptions and donations. Recently, the Executive has been concerned that income from donations has been reducing and therefore we need to explore new fundraising strategies. Congress in its current model is unlikely to contribute significantly to income as the running costs have frequently exceeded the income, with rising costs seen not only by BAPS but other professional associations.

Expenditure



In 2018, our expenditure exceeded our income due to costs from previously designated funds for e-Learning, the James Lister Fellowship and the Overseas Skills Course and due to the need to upgrade the Members' Database.

Each year, BAPS continues to support the training of paediatric surgeons by funding the following:

	Cost in 2018 (£)
National Training Days	2,589
e-Learning	22,752
RCS/BAP Research Fellowship	32,500
BAPS IAC Fellowships (Lister and Hugh Greenwood)	4500
Peter Paul Rickham Prize	1,000
President's Prize	750
Congress Poster Prize	100

ASiT BAPS Paediatric Surgery Prize	100
TOTAL	£64,291

We have worked hard to streamline administrative costs:

1. Moved to a single accounting platform Xero to monitor financial turnover.
2. Move bank accounts to reduce bank charges.
3. New members' database provides ability to circulate newsletters, manage event registrations and allow members to manage their own accounts removing charges for MailChimp, EventBrite and Oxford Abstracts.
4. Members paying membership fees by direct debit reduces payment charges to BAPS.
5. Instituted a strict internal controls policy for managing finances.
6. Instituted a clear expenses claim policy for officers of BAPS and for invited speakers to Congress.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE

BAPS is always evolving to meet the needs of its membership and to ensure that we respond to the needs of the public. With our charity collaborations, we hope to engage more directly with patients and families whose lives we want to change for the better as surgeons. We want to conduct more collaborative research with the help of families and other medical charities. We want to aid members to reflect on their own clinical practice. SWORD will shortly be replaced with NCIP with input from our members to ensure the dashboard is relevant to paediatric surgery practice.

We continue to engage in the development of paediatric surgery services across the country by meeting with all stakeholders from all paediatric specialties as well as adult specialties to provide the transition of children to adult care in a safe and supportive environment. We are tackling professional issues such as bullying and harassment in the workplace and unconscious bias and we celebrate the diversity of our membership worldwide. As an association, we have to be conscious of our own environmental footprint and we are increasing paperless working to reduce our waste and using innovative ways to engage our membership no matter how far from our shores they are.

We hope this annual report gives you a sense of our motivation, our energy and our innovation. Without our generous donors, we are unable to move forward and we would like to acknowledge the following.

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E-Learning for Health

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Executive Committee

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Past Honorary Treasurer	Alex Lee
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Regional Representative - Ireland, Wales, Scotland	Majella McCullagh (2012-18) James Andrews (Present)
TRiPS	Ceri Jones (2016-18) Kathryn Ford (2016-Present) Oliver Burdall Ben O'Sullivan
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Mark Davenport

Paul Losty

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Michael Stanton

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George Youngson - RCSEdin

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Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group

Chair: Mark Powis

Neuroblastoma

Mr Hany Gabra (NCRI-CCL Neuroblastoma Subgroup)

Miss Bhanu Lakshminarayanan (NCRI-CCL Neuroblastoma Subgroup)

Renal tumours

Mr Mark Powis (CLG-RT Special Interest Group)

Mr Bruce Okoye (CLG-RT Special Interest Group)

Germ Cell Tumours

Mr Suren Arul (NCRI-CCL Germ Cell Tumours Subgroup)

Liver/Hepatobiliary Tumours

Mr Khalid Sharif (NCRI-CCL Liver/Hepatobiliary Tumours Study Group)

Mr Michael Dawrant (NCRI-CCL Liver/Hepatobiliary Tumours Study Group)

Rhabdomyosarcoma

Mr Tim Rogers (NCRI -S Rhabdomyosarcoma Subgroup)

Mr Ross Craigie

UK Paediatric Colorectal Group

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Children's Upper GI Surgeons

Chair: Ed Hannon, David Crabbe

Education and Training

Chair: Simon Clarke

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Hemanshoo Thakkar

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