

BRITISH NEUROPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY
ONE HUNDRED and TWENTIETH MEETING

THE BUSINESS MEETING will be held at **16:15**
on **Thursday 7th March 2019**

Please note that the Professional Affairs Meeting will directly follow this meeting.

1. Minutes of the Business Meeting of 1st March 201

- 28 members were in attendance at the meeting including president Colin Smith (CS). Documents had been pre-circulated prior to the meeting by email (also attached as appendix to these minutes).

2. Matters arising from the minutes (*not appearing elsewhere on the agenda*)

- Nothing to report.

3. Report from the TREASURER

- A report had been received by the treasurer Daniel DuPlessis prior to the meeting and was read out by the president (please see attached report). There were no specific issues raised.

4. Report from the PROGRAMME SECRETARY

- Kieren Allinson discussed activities in the last year in brief.
- The forthcoming summer school in 2019, all speakers were organised and all arrangements were in place. There were no registrations as yet but there would be further promotion in April with a deadline set for registration which would be on a first come basis.
- It was also confirmed that the ICH was booked for the 2020 BNS annual meeting in March.

5. Report from CHAIR OF ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

- Johannes Attems discussed his document that he had pre-circulated (attached).
- The interim changes made to the academic committee were discussed.
- There was a general discussion regarding the BNS awards and the process and mechanisms for external review of grant applications. Medical students had not always been awarded bursaries if electives were not relevant to neuroscience field and this was stipulated in the application process. Silvia Marino commented that this could be highlight more on the new BNS website regarding the medical students' guidelines. It was also discussed that a requisite of small grants is that awardees present at BNS meetings and following the project execution they should submit a summary of research for the BNS website. CS also commented there

should be 2 closing dates per year for grants to make the application process clearer and an upper limit of the total awarded grants per year set ; furthermore the small grants should be encouraging pre-clinical work and pilot studies.

- Finally the programme for the BNA Festival of Neuroscience was discussed as well as the forthcoming RCPATH program organised by Zane Jaunmuktane which were currently all detailed on the BNS website.

6. Report from the EDITOR, Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology

- Editorial board meeting had taken place on the Tuesday before BNS. A separate report was circulated (attached).
- General discussion regarding 'Plan S', a statement of intent by major funders that would require work that they have funded to be published in fully open access journals from 2020. The BNS expressed concerns about impact on NAN and finances. There has been a recent consultation document to which the BNS has responded. CS noted that a lot of organisations have signed up to it and that many societies like the BNS would be facing similar problem where funding is largely through the allied journal. Compromises on the IF though taking more original articles or to go only on line or maintain hybrid journal format were discussed between the membership ; the BNS would need to wait for the response then respond and adapt.

7. Report from EURO-CNS REPRESENTATIVE

- Paul Ince was not present at the meeting. There was discussion that the EuroCNS teaching courses were still well attended. Also the BNS would be seeking to support a workshop or symposium in Denmark for the next ECN meeting in 2020.

8. Report on the BNS website

- CS encouraged to look at new website and what could be improved; there were still some pages under development but hopefully would get populated in the near future. It was noted that it was the same website address. AQ (trainee rep) raised questions if RCPATH docs could be made available on the website or if just links should be provided. It was suggested only links be used in case of copyright issues.
- Seth Love asked if there could be a link on the website to UK brain banks and brain UK. This was agreed by members as a good idea.
- CS also pointed out that the BNS 'Webmaster' post would not be continued at present. There is an ongoing contract with F11 for 4 hours a month time to provide a support service. The officer of each area will contact them to load up documents or for help with administration of the pages for which they are responsible in order to keep the content up to date.

10. Report from the TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVE

- Report was circulated by AQ. They had a good pre BNS teaching course on muscle, glioneuronal tumours and FTLD and were in the process of uploading useful documents on the website both for current trainees and also those curious about careers in neuropathology.

11. Society Officers

(See separate updated document of current officers in post)

Interest is invited from the membership to come forward for the following posts in 2019:

Trainee representative

Honorary Secretary

12. **Election of new members:** The following have been elected to membership since March 2018:

	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Jillian Davies	Ian Scott	Simon Paine
Elizabeth Byrne	Monika Hofer	Olaf Ansorge
Sandrine Foti	Tammaryn Lashley	Janice Holton
Joan Liu	Maria Thom	Sanjay Sisodiya
Neil Papworth	Daniel DuPlessis	Federico
Roncaroli		
Rob Goldspring	Ian Scott	Simon Paine
Hugh McCloskey	Robin Highley	Julie Simpson
Jacqueline A Tickle	Divya Chari	Chris Adams
Areli Cuevas-Ocampo	Kathreena Kurian	Kathryn
Urankar		
Sarah Howard	Zeshan Ahmed	Delphine
Boche		
Peter Julius	Federico Roncaroli	Daniel DuPlessis
Andrew Robinson	Federico Roncaroli	Steve Wharton

13. Any other business

None

14. Date and Venue of Next Meeting- 2020. 4-6 March at ICH, London