



BNS

British Neuropathological Society

BRITISH NEUROPATHOLOGICAL SOCIETY ONE HUNDRED and TWENTY FIRST MEETING

THE BUSINESS MEETING will be held at **16:30** on **Thursday 5th March 2020**

1. Minutes of the business meeting

There were 36 BNS members in attendance at the meeting including president Colin Smith (CS). Documents had been circulated prior to the meeting via email (they are also attached as an appendix to these minutes).

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

Nothing to report and the minutes approved.

3. Report from the TREASURER

A report had been received by the treasurer Daniel du Plessis prior to the meeting and was read out by the president CS (see attached copy of the report). There were no specific issues raised.

4. Report from the PROGRAMME SECRETARY

A report was received from the programme secretary Kieren Allinson detailing the number of attendees at this year's annual meeting (see attached report). It was also confirmed that we were looking to book ICH for the 2021 BNS annual meeting (provisional dates 3-5th March 2021)

5. Report from CHAIR OF ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

A report was received from the chair of the academic committee Johannes Attems (see attached). The next BNS summer school is planned for 2021, need to start thinking about topics and potential speakers.

6. Report from the EDITOR, Neuropathology and Applied Neurobiology

A report was received from the editor of NAN Tom Jacques. The NAN editorial board meeting had taken place before the symposium. NAN impact factor is currently 6.8 and now takes on average 18 days to the first decision after manuscript submission. Janice Holton and Stephen Wharton have indicated that they are stepping down from the NAN editorial board. Tom thanked them for their huge contribution.

There were discussions on whether the journal should be online only. All members present were in agreement that it should be online only. As the majority of the printed copies go to BNS members.

7. Report from EURO-CNS REPRESENTATIVE

No separate report was supplied.

It is unclear at present whether the European Congress or the Tumour course will go ahead due to the uncertain health situation related to coronavirus. This will depend on public health advice nearer the time of the courses.

BNS has offered support to the European Congress to cover the expenses of a key note speaker and to arrange a symposium.

8. Report on the BNS website

The BNS members present at the business meeting were asked if anybody could support the website. All committee members keep the website ticking over but it would be beneficial to have a dedicated person to keep it all up to date. Tammarnyn can send out another email request to all the BNS members.

9. Report from the TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVE

A report was received from the trainee representative Rob Goldspring. Monika Hofer thanked Annelies Quaegbeur for all her work whilst she was trainee representative and also Rob for taking over the role.

Rob discussed increasing the number of training days from 2 days per year to 4 days per year. Rob to map out the current curriculum and how to cover the curriculum in the training days. European courses can also be included as training days. CS was supportive of increasing the number of training days.

10. Society Officers (See separate document of current officers in post).

Interest was invited from the membership to come forward for the webmaster post to aid the BNS committee in updating information on the website.

Colin Smith stepped down as president and Tim Dawson (current vice-president) is now president. Steve Wharton was voted in as the new vice-president (proposed by Colin and seconded by Tim). We would like to welcome Steve to the BNS committee.

11. Election of new members: The following have been elected to membership since March 2019:

	<i>Proposed by</i>	<i>Seconded by</i>
Mark Fabian	James Nicoll	Mark Walker
Tiago Outeiro	Johannes Attems	Colin Smith
Michael Hurley	Delphine Boche	Roxana Carare
Smriti Patodia	Maria Thom	Sanjay Sisodiya
Kirsten Ebanks	Rina Bandopadyay	Sandrine Foti
Shrijeet Chakraborti	Nitika Rathi	Piyali Pal
Louise Lane	Jane Cryan	Alan Beausang

Mayen Briggs
Zita Reisz
Liam Wilson
Daniel Erskine

Kieren Allinson
Istvan Bodi
Robin Highley
Johannes Attems

Dominic O'Donovan
Safa Al-Sarraj
Julie Simpson
Tuomo Polvikoski

12. Any other business

The International Congress of Neuropathology is being held in Berlin in 2022. They are now looking for bids to host the 2026 congress. It will have been 26 years since the UK has hosted. Colin Smith suggested either London or Edinburgh could potentially submit bids. The winning bid from Berlin could be supplied by Monika Hofer, if there was interest in taking this forward.

A timeline form the congress would need to be supplied, as to when the deadline for submission would actually be.

13. Date and Venue of Next Meeting- Provisional dates 3-5th March 2021