



Newsletter May 2021

Greetings to you all. As we move slowly and hopefully permanently out of national lockdown, I am writing to update you on Urolink's activities over the last year. Although we have not been able to travel, we have not been idle.

Firstly we have a very exciting session at the [BAUS virtual annual meeting](#) on Wednesday 23rd of June at 9 am. Steve Payne has recorded sessions with the clinical leads in all our link centres which should provide a fascinating insight into each centre, and ways in which we can help. The second half of the programme will describe the remote teaching that has been going on in terms of webinars and virtual support of bootcamps and exams, and cutting edge technology which will allow remote mentoring of surgical procedures in the future. The Urolink session programme [can be accessed here](#). I really hope you can join the session live or, if not, watch later on catch up. Trainees, from our linked centres who have approved access, can gain free admittance to the whole of the conference programme.

We are also delighted [to announce](#) the award of 3 travelling fellowships to senior U.K. trainees sponsored by TUF. These have been awarded to Nish Bedi from London, Patrick Gordon from Leeds and Su-Min Lee from Taunton. These awards of £1,500 each, are for visits to one of our link centres, and if required will be included as training time by the SAC. This very exciting project will help promote future links between U.K. consultants of the future and colleagues in our centres. We are very grateful to TUF for supporting this project, and look forward to helping facilitate their visit as soon as this is possible.

A really exciting project for 2022 is a 20 year anniversary publication of the BJUI supplement on '*Tropical Urology*'. This time, the plan is for an article each month, covering a wide range

of topics pertinent to working with, or in, low or middle income countries (LMICs). Urolink is held in high regard across the developed world and this should allow us to showcase our work and influence future directions for supporting the development of Urology worldwide.

Finally I would like to personally thank Steve Payne who has been a Trojan support over the last year, quietly carrying on the administration of Urolink whilst those of us still working were overwhelmed with pandemic work. One of his many achievements has been the re-vamp of the website which is now up to date and full of useful and entertaining information; he has compèred podcasts, supported the webinar programme and set up the BJUI series for next year, to mention but a few. Thank you Steve.

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