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Dear Colleagues,

This is the third biannual newsletter from BAUS specifically aimed at those doctors interested in pursuing a career in Urology who are at pre-ST level. The intention of contacting you in this way is to improve communication between BAUS and yourselves such that we maintain your interest in the specialty, help you to fulfil your current roles to the best of your ability and give you every opportunity to progress your career.

If you know of colleagues who would benefit from receiving the newsletter or if there is other information that you'd like to be included, then please email Harry Heald - hheald@baus.org.uk.

BAUS Annual Meeting, SEC Glasgow 26th-28th June

Registration for the conference is open via the BAUS website (https://bausevents.eventsair.com/baus-2017/baus17-registration) and for the first time ever there will be a session specifically aimed at Core Trainees on Tuesday 27th June, 1315-1530.

I will be chairing this session and the programme includes: a welcome from BAUS president Kieran O'Flynn; talks from representatives of each specialist section of BAUS; a presentation from Luke Forster (the lead from SURG on core training) on surviving as an ST; and audit presentations and posters (with prizes for the best!) from your fellow CTs.

There is a significantly reduced registration fee for trainees per day – (£70 members rate/£135 non-members rate, if you book by 31st May), and you are also invited to the SURG dinner that evening. You may want to come for the entirety of the meeting (category B/E rate for Monday/ Wednesday). It will be a great opportunity for you to experience the BAUS collegiate environment, and for you to see how your career may develop.

BAUS Core Urology Course

We are most grateful to those of you who attended the course in Birmingham in January and who contributed to such a pleasant four days. We also appreciate your feedback- changes for next year will include an enhanced (!) quiz night and the use of Dropbox to distribute hand-outs prior to the meeting. We are also going to try a new venue in Leicester after the success of the registrars' course there. Next year's dates are 15th-18th January 2018 at College Court, Leicester; registration will open August 2017.

We feel that the Core Urology Course is very good value and appreciate that many other courses are expensive. Remember that courses at conferences (EAU, BAUS, AUA) are often much cheaper. If you are attending such meetings you should try hard to submit for presentations. If you show sufficient enthusiasm you should be able to find someone in your department only too happy for you to do the leg-work for a project, which might also be publishable.

Additionally, publications such as Urology News are always on the look-out for conference/course reviews.

Other Courses

From Tamsin Greenwell: Chair, Section of FNUU

Joint FNUU and BSUG Female Urology and Uro-gynaecology Masterclass

UCLH Medical Education Centre

27th-29th November 2017

3 days of interactive live surgery and expert presentations for the very reasonable sum of:
£60/day or £150 for the 3 days including refreshments and lunch

Come and meet the experts in one of urology's most diverse and surgically challenging subspecialties!

National Selection

Congratulations to those of you who were successful last month and commiserations to those who weren't. I hope that you all found to process to be fair and saw that efforts were being made to try to minimise what inevitably can be a stressful day. If you were unsuccessful, please remember that the odds of you being appointed in the future are very good so don't lose heart but use the feedback constructively to improve your application for next year.

Audit and QIP prize/ other prizes

We had many excellent submissions to this year's competition and all were chosen either to present or have a poster at BAUS. Please consider getting some work together for next year's prize: remember the two best entrants win a free trip to the BAUS conference. Congratulations to Nicholas Bullock and Ola Blach - this year's winners.

We have plans to develop a Urology "audit recipe book", such as are used in Anaesthetics and Radiology, and will be looking to covert some of your submissions into a format where they can be used as a template for others to carry out audit. We will discuss this in more detail at the BAUS session.

The RSM Urology section encourages presentations for those at your stage with very generous prizes. There is also a specific secretary's prize for pre-ST doctors that normally has a January closing date (<u>rsm.ac.uk</u>).

BAUS Website

There is a specific area for FY & CT's on the BAUS website (http://www.baus.org.uk/professionals/sections/foundation_year_fy_core_trainees_ct.aspx). The website also contains details of the Core Urology Course and Audit/ QIP prize, as well as having an up to date calendar of Urology meetings and courses.

The Museum of Urology

From Jonathan Goddard: Curator, BAUS Museum of Urology

The Museum has been busy so far, this year. The European Association of Urology (EAU) held its annual congress in London so the Museum of Urology helped plan and design its historical display and History Session.

The BAUS Annual Meeting is in Glasgow this year so the historical theme will of course be somewhat Scottish. Glasgow was the first location outside London that the BAUS Annual meeting was held, that was way back in 1947! [fig 1] It included short paper presentations and Cine-films of a variety of



Urological operations, live operating sessions at four different hospitals and a cruise down the river Clyde.

At this year's BAUS-2017, The Museum of Urology will be giving away a historical monograph on the historical origins of urology in Scotland. The museum's instrument cabinet will be on display at the Museum Stand focusing on Scottish urologists, both those who worked in Scotland and those many surgeons who took

their expertise into England and abroad. We will be running our popular lunchtime history lectures on the Museum of Urology including a talk on Thompson Walker as well as a history of the creation of the early urological units in Glasgow.

This year's historical vignette in the abstract book is about Tom Chapman and his early introduction of the punch prostatectomy in Glasgow. We will have a 1950 Cinefilm of Chapman operating playing on the History Stand. Hopefully some of you will join us in Glasgow. For those who cannot, remember you can visit the Museum of Urology hosted on the BAUS website and you can follow us on Twitter.

www.baus.org.uk/museum @urology_history

I hope to see many of you in Glasgow. Keep enjoying your work and best of luck for your future careers,

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