

BRITISH TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY
111th Council Meeting, 07:00-10:00am 13th March 2013
Bournemouth International Centre, Tregonwell 2

MINUTES

Present:

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| Prof. Chris Watson (CW) | BTS President (2011-2013) |
| Prof. Anthony Warrens (AW) | BTS Vice President (2011-2013) |
| Dr Iain MacPhee (IMcP) | BTS Secretary (2012-2015) |
| Dr. Richard Baker (RB) | BTS Treasurer (2011-2013) |
| Mr Jacob Akoh (JA) | Councillor without Portfolio (2011-2014) |
| Ms Rachel Johnson (RJ) | Councillor without Portfolio (2012-2015) |
| Dr Craig Taylor (CT) | Councillor Histocompatibility (2010-2013) |
| Prof. Steve White (SW) | Councillor Liver Transplantation (2012-2015) |
| Mr Paul Gibbs (PG) | Councillor Transplant Surgery (2011-2014) |
| Mrs Kay (Nicola) Hamilton (KH) | Councillor Coordination & Tx Nursing (2011-2014) |
| Ms Jacqui Spencer (JS) | Councillor Donor Coordination (2011-2014) |
| Mr Vassilios Papalois (VP) | Chair, Ethics Committee (2011-2014) |
| Dr Paul Harden (PH) | Chair, Clinical Trials Steering Group (2011-2013) |
| Dr Peter Andrews (PA) | Chair, Standards Committee (2010-2014) |
| Mr Argiris Asderakis | Transplant Training and Education Committee (2010-2013) |
| Mr Colin Wilson (CW) | Carrel Club President (2013-2015) |
| Dr James Douglas (JD) | Archivist |

In Attendance:

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| Mrs Julie Mellish (JM) | KSAM Secretariat (Minute taker) |
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1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from, Mr Simon Bramhall (SB), Prof. John Dark (JHD), Andrew Bushell (AB), Rachel Hilton (RH), David van Dellen (DVD)

2. Minutes of the 110th Council Meeting, 15th October 2012

a. Accuracy

The minutes were agreed as a true reflection of the last council meeting.

3. Future Council Meetings

Meeting dates for June and October Council meetings to be confirmed.

Action: Exec/KSAM.

4. President's Report

a. Public information campaign for organ donation

CW met with NHSBT to discuss the promotion of organ donation and the ODR in England. NHSBT advised they are hampered in promoting organ donation by a block in funding by the cabinet office. Following discussions with the Press Office at the Royal College of Surgeons, the executive agreed to commission an opinion poll which is the basis of a press release for World Kidney Day on Thursday 14th March. The poll results were put into a Press Release which was taken up by The Standard newspaper. PA suggested that BTS go direct to the Press in future.

Action: CW to pursue direct contact with Press – BTS need to set up Publicity Committee. CW to discuss and pass on to AW.

b. International Congress of the Transplantation Society, 2020

CW advised that BTS has been approached by the SECC in Glasgow to host ICOT. AW reported that ESOT are pulling out of supporting companies and the downside is it could cost BTS a lot of money. Other potential venues that could be viewed are: Queen Elizabeth 2nd, Excel and Barbican. AW mentioned that SECC are very good to work with and extremely accommodating.

Action: Exec to get more information and report at future Council meeting.

c. Representation on NHSBT committees

i National Organ Donation Committees

The committee includes mostly intensivists, regional SNOD leads and NHSBT including Sally Johnson. The committee is chaired by Paul Murphy. Rutger Ploeg is the only surgeon on the committee. CW suggested that more surgeons need to attend and potentially Derek Manas as new Vice Chair of the BTS could get involved. Nizam Mamode is pencilled in to attend the next meeting. The meetings are held 3-4 times per year CW asked for any further volunteers.

Action: Derek Manas, Nizam Mamode, confirmed attendance, any volunteers e-mail AW (new BTS President).

ii Clinical Retrieval Group

Representatives of the advisory groups (CTAG, LAG, PAG, KAG and BAG) reviewing performance of NORS teams. John Dark will be replaced CW said there has been a lot of discussion about NORS not being represented on committee. They meet 3 times per year. Derek Manas to attend.

Action: DM to attend next meeting Clinical Retrieval Group.

d. Clinical Reference Group

The Society has been asked to have a representative on the Board, the chair is Keith Rigg. Also to be invited are the British Society for Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics, The RCS of England and the Royal College of Physicians. The other organ transplants are being represented as follows:

Heart and Lung transplantation

Specialised diabetes – Pancreas transplant

Hepatobiliary and Pancreas – Liver transplant

Specialised colorectal – Intestinal transplant

CW suggested that if any council member wants to sit on any of the committees they should apply to do so. CW suggested that AW attend the Kidney Group as BTS representative.

Action: AW to nominate himself to attend Kidney Group.

e. The Information Standard

CW advised BTS need a Communications Committee set up. The meeting discussed patient information to be held on website, PA suggested this could fit in the Standard Committee area. RB advised this is a huge task and would involve many different specialisms to cover altruistic donations. NHSBT have information on their website already about the whole process. RB suggested a DVD could be produced to cover pre-transplant counselling and could include an introduction to terminology used before discussing at face to face meetings. JS advised NHSBT have produced a video for ICU about transplantation, this could be produced nationally. CW agreed to speak to Lisa Burnapp about setting up a group to assist. PA commented that we

should be developing national templates for information sheets, consent forms, etc.

Action: CW to contact LB to discuss sharing information strategy with NHSBT.

f. Terms of Reference

It was agreed that the following list of terms of reference require updating:

- i. Ethics Committee. Written 6/10/2008. Due for review 2011.
- ii. Congress organising committee. Written 6/10/2008. Due for review 2011.
- iii. Nomination Committee for ACCEA. Written 6/10/2008. Due for review 2011.
- iv. Standards Committee. Written 6/10/2001. Due for review 2011.

In addition, ToRs are required for the following committees:

- v. Transplant training and Education Committee.
- vi. Clinical Trials Steering Group.

Action: AA to ask James Gilbert (new Chair) to address.

g. KRUK grants for research in renal transplantation

Kidney Research UK have put a call for expressions of interest for research in the field of renal transplantation. Its aim is to gauge likely interest in research programmes focussing on renal transplantation, with the intention that the response will inform their discussions in drafting a funding call, to be released later this year, for full programme grant applications. The Council discussed:- PA commented that BTS use as an organisation to drive standards. As a community BTS should be striving to improve standards across all units. AW commented he was a bit uncomfortable about BTS taking a leading role in this but BTS need to find the right vehicle to ensure that members are treated fairly. JA commented, BTS could support other member groups who wish to apply. VP agreed with AW that it would be unfair. IMcP commented it is a valuable thing to do but not by the BTS. CW advised the KRUK hierarchy would like advice and help with selecting what trials would be suitable. CW and Lorna Marson are surgeons on the committee.

5. Vice President's Report

Future Meetings

a. Joint Congress with the Dutch Transplantation Society

AW updated that BTS had held a joint meeting with the Dutch Transplantation Society approx. 20 years ago and that he has been in discussion with the current President Luuk Hilbrands to consider a possible future collaboration between the two Societies. The Dutch were invited to the BTS Congress in Bournemouth but were unable to attend as it clashed with the timing of their own meeting. All Council agreed that a joint meeting is a good idea.

Action: AW to continue dialogue with the Dutch Society.

2013 Congress – AW commented he was disappointed by the lack of sponsorship support received and that BTS will not make a surplus this year. AW advised there were some problems with finalising and amending the programme and communicating with speakers and the exec has asked KSAM to produce SOPs to avoid these problems at future Congresses.

Action: KSAM/Events to produce SOPs for running future Congresses.

b. Venues for future meetings

AW confirmed provisional bookings for Congress at Glasgow 2014 and Bournemouth 2015.

Alternatives for 2015 could be:-

- i. Dublin – Irish colleagues are keen to host.
- ii. ICC, Birmingham
- iii. Celtic Manor

iv. Edinburgh – are keen to get business.

Or Holland as mentioned. BTS need to look at downsizing to try and reduce costs.

Action: New Exec tasked by Council to look at less grand venues and to reduce costs.

AW confirmed a key requirement at any venue is they have a room that can hold 450 delegates, this rules out some venues immediately. RB commented that by BTS joining Renal for 2013 the BTS have lost out as they did not have any sponsorship at all. CW advised the most financially successful conference, recently, was held in Kensington.

Action: Exec/KSAM Events to arrange meeting to discuss future venue options.

6. Secretary's Report

a. Review of NICE Technology Appraisal Guidance no.165; Machine perfusion systems and cold static storage of kidneys from deceased donors.

No new evidence that would warrant an update of the existing recommendations made in TA165. Consequently, it is proposed that TA165 should be moved to the static list.

Action: Any comments please e-mail IMcP.

b. Council Election Results

IMcP reported a 38.3% turnout in the voting by members. There were 103 postal votes received and 177 electronic votes received. All agreed that offering both electronic and postal voting had proved successful and should continue to be offered at future elections. Elections results:

Vice President – Derek Manas

Councillor without Portfolio – Nizam Mamode

Member of Transplant training and Education Committee – Bimbi Fernando

Member of the Standards Committee – Lisa Burnapp

Member of the Clinical Trials Committee – David Collett

Councillor representing Histocompatibility and Immunogenetics – Martin Howell (unopposed)

Member of the Ethics Committee – No Nominations received – Marc Clancy & Lisa Burnapp invited to continue for further 1 year.

Action: KSAM to e-mail breakdown of voting results to Secretary for review.

c. Interaction with The Transplantation Society

Details yet to be decided. IMcP advised that membership to the TTS is a good idea. The TTS are looking for more members and it would be good if considering holding a joint Congress in the future.

7. Treasurers Report

a. Conference 2013

RB reported BTS made a loss of 13k over the year in 2011 and a further 35k loss over 2012, with this figure likely to rise for 2013. The BTS are likely to lose approx. 70k on Conference, a deficit that will be shared equally with the renal association.

RB advised that BTS need to find a way to reverse this trend and to increase income for the future. This year there was only sponsorship received from Astellas and Novartis/Sandoz and the Corp membership rate had been reduced for this year to fall in line with the Renal Association. The BTS need to approach more/new sponsors for the future. There is currently just over £500k in the bank with £120k in the current account and the remainder on deposit. There was some discussion re changing the format of conference and CW advised that this has

been discussed in the past. RB advised that Conference expenses will be approx £400k with and income of approx. £380k. This will not be finalised until all expenses are received and the event can be fully reconciled.

Membership for 2013:

Consultant 250

Ordinary 349

Reduced 148

Honorary 17

RB advised that BTS have talked about having different types of reduced membership in the past but it was agreed there would be no benefit of doing this.

b. Education Forum

RB advised the Education Forum made a 10k loss which was planned in order to reduce the restricted funds. The Forum was accredited by the Royal College of Physicians. RB asked if the forum should be an annual event, there was no conclusion. There are sufficient restricted funds from the Roche donation to subsidise the event on one more occasion. One suggestion was to seek external validation to form a component (15 hours) of a modular MSc course.

8. Ethics Committee Report

No report circulated prior to the meeting. The BTS position on directed altruistic donation is now on the website. VP added it would be good for people to be able to make comments on this.

VP reported the Ethics Symposium had been successful and on budget. The Society needs to have wider topics for discussion. CW advised VP to look at organisation for next year.

Action: VP to look at wider selection of Topics to include for next year.

Ethics Session –VP asked that the Terms of Reference document be reviewed. VP will e-mail Council with his comments for approval to update. VP advised there were no nominations for the positions available on the Ethics Committee. Council agreed that an expert from outside the membership could be co-opted if need be but should be encouraged to join. VP agreed to ask Mark Clancy and Lisa Burnapp to extend their term for a further year to 2014. It was agreed if they cannot, a further election could be held for these positions only.

Action: KSAM to get quote for cost of Election for Ethics Committee if required.

9. Transplant Training and Education Committee Report

No report circulated prior to the meeting. AA updated that Bimbi Fernando had been elected to join the committee and James Gilbert will be the new Chair. Eilon MacGregor has been co-opted to represent transplant nephrology. AA thanked all Council for their support during his time on committee.

10. Standards Committee Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting included all Standards currently published on BTS website. PA recommended the Clinical Practice Guidelines for the management of Atypical Haemolytic Uraemic Syndrome and PTLD be removed from the website until updated to current guideline standards. Paul Corris is drafting guidelines on TB prophylaxis.

Action: KSAM to remove the standard from the BTS website

There are two Guidelines out for consultation, UK Guidelines on Transplantation after Deceased Circulatory Death and Draft Guidelines for Directed Altruistic Donation.

Action: Council to send all comments to PA in the next few

weeks.

PA thanked Derek Manas and Lisa Burnapp for all their hard work.
Guidelines for HIV in Solid Organ Transplantation (joint with BHIVA). Chapters commissioned, aim draft document summer 2013.

Action: Rachel Hilton to move this forward.

Guidelines for Kidney-Pancreas Transplantation is partially written and requires a review, planned draft document Autumn 2013.

Action: PA to restart this process.

Guidelines for Living Donor Liver Transplantation.

Action: Meeting at Conference to finalise authors and topics and planned to discuss draft document at Living Donor Forum in November 2013.

Guidelines for Adolescent and Transition Care currently in scoping stage.

Action: Council to send all comments to PA.

NICE and NHSBT guidelines should be referenced on the web-site (Action IM)

11. Transplant 2013

Report circulated prior to the meeting included proposed mission statement for 2013 with planned budget and activities. Transplant 2013 will be looking at the high refusal rate for deceased organ donation in the UK. Meetings are held in parliament, but not well attended. If any council member wishes to attend please advise the new Chairman, AW.

12. Carrel Club Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting. CW reported the success of the co-hosted training event held in Manchester with the Chapter of Surgeons. Feedback from Trainees who had attended was highly positive and some of the abstracts have been published by the Annals of the Royal College of Surgeons. The club may look at running a similar event in London.

Proposed activity:

1. Maintain/update membership database.
2. Maintain links with Pharma and organise London meeting Feb 2014.
3. Upload of Manchester Presentations on BTS Website.

Action: CW to liaise with BTS re upload of presentations.

Action: PH to provide Renal Registration contact e-mail to CW.

13. Clinical Trials Steering Group Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

1. Terms of Reference

PH reported the Terms of Reference had been discussed in detail at 2 previous CTC meetings and the modified set had been circulated to Council for approval at today's meeting.

2. Membership

PH advised the CTC currently has 3 elected members and has co-opted 5 additional members to provide a geographical and specialist interest representation:-

Dave Collett: NHS BT elected as member of CTC following AGM

Sian Griffin: Transplant Physician/Nephrologist, Wales

Gabriel Oniescu: Transplant Surgeon, Edinburgh

Michael Picton: Transplant Physician/Nephrologist, Manchester

PH confirmed a new Chair will be elected at the CTC meeting on March 15th.

Peter Friend: Transplant Surgeon, Oxford will be co-opted from March 2013

3. Next CTC meeting Friday 15th March 2013.

4. BTS Clinical Trial Endorsement Process

Documents including a 2 page proforma for applications to BTS for endorsement have been developed along with a scoring sheet. The CTC would review and score applications for BTS endorsement and select suitable applications to recommend for approval by BTS Council – Documents Circulated. The CTC will play a key role in the coordination of trials with the potential to use NHSBT as a Clinical Trials Centre. 85% of UK transplant recipients are not in clinical trials, a position which needs to be addressed.

5. Transplant Trials Registration

PH circulated registration document to form the basis of information to be submitted to CTC for inclusion on a national transplant trials registry.

14. Report from Constituent Parts

a. Basic Science

No report.

b. Transplant coordination & Nursing

KH advised a list of nurses/coordinators who have registered for Congress has been requested from BTS Admin but not received as yet. In addition a further contact list of recipient transplant nurses/coordinators has been requested from NHSBT. An e-mail was sent out in December and January to all recipient & LKD transplant coordinators/nurses via NHSBT encouraging them to join BTS and to attend Congress.

KH reported they have worked hard to produce an interesting two day session with related speakers and topics, and it is hoped they will stimulate and inspire.

Action: KSAM to look at providing a list of nurses/coordinators attending Congress to KH.

c. Histocompatibility

Report circulated prior to the meeting.

1. NHSBT Bowel Advisory Group: HLA specific antibodies in bowel transplantation: Standardisation of testing, reporting and crossmatch protocols in the UK. Accepted 12/12.

CT advised that NHSBT has asked the BTS to endorse the Bowel Advisory Group Protocol. AW advised the BTS do not endorse as such but suggested that the guidelines be put on the BTS web-site for consultation.

2. NHSBT CTAG: Statement from Sensitisation Subgroup.

3. ODT:

Delays in donor HLA typing working group – KPIs now in place to measure against accreditation.

Identify reserve laboratories that donor HLA typing could be referred to on the rare occasions when the first typing laboratory was inundated with other donors and agreed with NHSBT and the rest of the council.

d. Liver Transplantation

No report.

e. Transplant Nephrology

No report.

- f. Transplant Surgery
PG advised the Terms of Reference to be discussed in meeting later today. VP advised that the Surgeons meet 3-4 times per year and that this could be formalised under the Chapter of Surgeons, or could be joint Surgeons Chapter and Carrel Club meeting.
Action: VP to send details of meetings to PG.
- g. Cardiac & Pulmonary Transplantation
No report.
- h. Donor Coordination
CW advised the SNODs are overwhelmed by the new EU Organ Donation Directive with so many SOPs to encompass and also asked who represents the SNODs to NHSBT to advise on 24 hour working, as hours are too long. JS confirmed the SNODs represent themselves. JS reported on planned activities for 2013 so far:-
NHSBT National Symposium, Warwick – Sept 2013
Scout Pilot – Send out to DBD donors in the near future.
PDA – Changes to terminology
Audit all deaths up to age 80.
Donor optimisation Bundle – Piloted now to be rolled out when training complete.

16. Reports from Allied Groups

- a. Association of Surgeons
CW updated that the rent has been increased at the college so they will try and pass cost onto members. John Primrose now President.
- b. BRS
PA reported BRS has 120k in the bank. Donal O'Donoghue standing down and Richard Fluck has been appointed as Renal Czar.
Action: CW/AW to write to DD to thank for support.
- c. CORESS
Nothing to report.
- d. KAG
RB will be taking this over from AW. RB not attended meeting as yet so nothing to report.
- e. Renal Registry
Improving Transplant Data Chapter. GFR – Audit outcome, attempt to extract data collection of immunosuppressant. Link HES data with the NHSBT data to continue to try and make transplant audit more useful.
- f. RCP/RA Joint Speciality Committee
Nothing to report.
- g. RIXG
Next meeting Thursday 14th March 2013.

17. Archivists Report

JD advised that all the abstracts from 1972 onwards and papers from Leslie Brent have been transferred onto CD and will be passed to KSAM to upload to the website. JD mentioned that a

search engine function would be good for the future but costs for this are too expensive at present.

Action: Council agreed the abstracts to be uploaded to the website, KSAM to review CDs and advise on workload and any costs involved.

Action: JD to provide list of past Chairmen and Presidents to KSAM to upload onto website.

18. Any other business

It was suggested that a Hit Counter on the Abstract Page of the website may be useful.

CW thanked all Council members for their support over the past 7 years and also thanked retiring committee members for their contributions.

AW thanked CW for his 7 year service to Council.

Meeting Closed 10.00am