

BRITISH TRANSPLANTATION SOCIETY
115th Council Meeting, 30th June 2014 , 1.00pm
Portex Room, Association of Anaesthetists, 21 Portland Place, London W1B 1PY

MINUTES

Present:

Prof Anthony Warrens (AW)	BTS President (2013-2015)
Prof Derek Manas (DM)	BTS Vice President (2013-2015)
Dr Iain MacPhee (IMcP)	BTS Secretary (2012-2015)
Dr Richard Baker (RB)	BTS Treasurer (2011-2016)
Ms Rachel Johnson (RJ)	Councillor without Portfolio (2012-2015)
Mr Nizam Mamode (NM)	Councillor without Portfolio (2013-2016)
Mr Paul Gibbs (PG)	Councillor Transplant Surgery (2014-2017)
Ms Diane (Martha) Evans (DE)	Councillor coordination & Tx Nursing (2014-2017)
Dr Martin Howell (MH)	Councillor Histocompatibility (2013-2016)
Prof John Dark (JHD)	Councillor Cardiothoracic Transplantation (2014-2017)
Dr Rachel Hilton (RH)	Chair, Clinical Trials Steering Group (2012-2015)
Dr Antonia Cronin (AC)	Chair, Ethics Committee (2014-2017)
Dr Peter Andrews (PA)	Chair, Standards Committee (2014-2017)
Dr Nicholas Torpey (NT)	Councillor Transplant Nephrology (2014-2017)
Dr James Douglas (JD)	Archivist

In Attendance:

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

Apologies were received from Mr James Gilbert (JAG), Prof. Steve White (SW), Mr Hussein Khambalia (HK), Prof Vassilios Papalois (VP)

2. Minutes of the 114th Council Meeting, 25th February 2014

a. Accuracy

RJ highlighted 1 amendment required:-
Item 14: Action point for RJ, not RH

b. Action Points/Matters Arising

NM highlighted that it would be helpful if the Agenda and Meeting papers could be circulated earlier to all Council members prior to the meetings. AW agreed.

Action: IMcP to call for reports one month prior to meetings and circulate meeting papers at least one week before the meeting date so they can be reviewed.

12. Carrell Club (*from 7th October 2013 minutes*)

2. The Website/The Survey/The meeting February 2014

CW asked Council what should be included in the Survey? and what else would Council like to ask trainees?

Action: Council to e-mail CW any ideas for inclusion on the Survey.

Further Action: AW to speak to CW and so carry this over to next meeting in June.

Further Action: AW sent a reminder on 18th May but awaiting response carry over to next meeting, September.

4. President's Report (*from 25th February 2014 minutes*)

a. Future congress venues (2017 onwards)

Action: KSAM to research venue ideas for future Congresses in time for June Council Meeting. Not supplied.

Further Action: KSAM to provide proposals on venue options prior to 21st July Congress meeting with the Dutch.

7. Treasurers Report

e. Debtors

Action: RB to supply text for e-mail to be sent to remaining debtors.

Further Action: RB advised this is in progress but to be completed.

f. Membership

Action: KSAM to send e-mail to non-member delegates to promote BTS Membership.

Further Action: Update required, KSAM to report at next meeting in September.

9. Transplant Training and Education Committee Report

Report circulated highlighting key areas where work needs to be done to strengthen and develop current training and education programmes in transplantation. It was agreed that a joint statement should be prepared with both BTS and Renal Association.

Action: IMcP to contact Renal Association to progress.

Further Action: IMcP to progress.

15. Report from Constituent parts

g. It was highlighted that congenital heart surgery clinic for adults at Newcastle, an international centre of excellence, is under threat of closure depending on outcome of an upcoming review. If Newcastle closed there would only be one centre for the UK. There is about to be a public consultation and it was agreed that BTS need to provide robust support.

Action: JD to advise AW when the consultation comes out.

3. Future Council Meetings

The next Council meeting will be held 17th September 2014.

Action: Secretariat to book venue.

4. President's Report

a. Bid for TTS 2020

AW confirmed there is a delay in confirming the venue it is between Montreal, Madrid and Buenos Aires. If Montreal is selected, it will be worth preparing a bid. Glasgow or Excel London, venues for 2020 but there was not a lot of enthusiasm for Excel as a venue due to its location being in Docklands close to City Airport but away from central London attractions. Locations/venue should be confirmed by next Council meeting.

b. BTS Congress 2018

AW asked for a venue report for 2017 from KSAM as soon as possible.

A letter from Chris Watson was circulated to Council to remind all that May 2018 will be the 50th Anniversary of the first liver transplant in the UK performed at Addenbrookes. CW advised that the trust is building a dedicated conference venue, with a 500 seat lecture theatre and two 150 seat adjacent theatres which is due to open in 2017. There will also be a hotel onsite to cater for delegates. CW suggested holding the 2018 BTS Congress at the new Cambridge venue with a celebration of liver transplantation, either as an extra day or interwoven with Congress. NT advised the new venue will be approx 2.5 miles outside Cambridge, but BTS should be able to get good rates as it is a brand new venue. AW asked Council for more venue ideas, RB suggested Dublin for 2017, DM advised the need to find the right balance between cost and standard of facilities if considering University venues. NT advised that Cambridge has improved buildings and facilities compared to years ago. JD was supportive of use of university venues.

Action: KSAM Events to send venue report to COC as soon as possible.

Action: NT to find out more details of new Cambridge Venue and report.

Action: BTS agreed good idea and will review New Cambridge Venue in Spring 2015.

c. Proposal for lecture in memory of John Taylor

AW advised that a note regarding the death of John Taylor had been included in the June BTS Newsletter. AW suggested the introduction of a memorial lecture (as a one-off) at next Congress and asked Council for comments. It was agreed that a memorial lecture would be a nice gesture in recognition of his work. Appropriate topics would be pancreas transplantation or surgical training.

Action: COC to organise Memorial Lecture for John Taylor at next

Congress.

5. Vice President's Report

a. ASGBI

DM advised that he is involved with the Surgical training and the proposed changes. Surgeons will qualify in emergency surgery and then be required to identify and work for 2 years in that speciality. DM confirmed he is working with others on the curriculum.

ASGBI provide support for ACCEA awards and a surgeon from the BTS committee ought to attend their ACCEA meeting.

b. National Retrieval Group

DM advised that it is very important that the BTS is recognised and involved with The National Retrieval Group who ensure clinical governance of organ retrieval and the effective delivery of the National Organ Retrieval Service. They look at standards and policy and interact with commissions.

c. Transplant Surgeons Chapter

November monothematic meeting, DM advised that funding is required.

The proposal to move the Transplant Training and Education Committee into the Chapter of Surgeons was discussed. AW asked how do you get a single committee that integrates all types of training and takes an active role in making a Physicians training in parallel with Surgeons training. Further thought is required on this issue.

DM asked Council if there should be a stand alone website or should it be a part of the existing website? The consensus was that constituent parts of the BTS should be supported within the main BTS website.

Action: AW suggested DM ask the Committee to look at developing a parallel transplant physician training group.

d. BASL

DM advised that BASL will become the dominant forum for liver transplantation and suggested that a BASL representative should replace the elected liver transplantation seat on Council at the end of their current term of office.

Action: AW suggested DM go back to the group and ask them to nominate a representative for BTS Council and remove current position when term runs out.

e. Past Presidents Dinner

DM confirmed a date has now been set, 20th November 2014.

6. Secretary's Report

a. Election – unfilled posts

IMcP advised that unfortunately two council positions remain unfilled with no volunteers to date:-

Councillor representing Basic Science

Councillor representing Donor Coordination

Council suggested that someone actively involved in the Nurses Chapter would be most suitable to take on the Donor Coordination role, either Helen Tincknell or Lisa Burnapp were suggested. However DE felt that in view of their national lead roles, it would be better to co-opt a SNOD who will also have a key role in running the Nurses' Chapter meeting. AW confirmed that BTS would be happy to waive the 2 year BTS Membership requirement to get the right person to fill the role.

Action: DE agreed to take back to Nurses Chapter and discuss and report back to Council.

Action: IMcP to contact Maria regarding Basic Science Role.

7. Treasurers Report

a. Congress Budget 2014

RB reported that Congress had made a profit of approximately 26K. RB explained that although the Corporate Sponsorship had dropped over the past few years it had improved for this year with 3 Gold Sponsors. JM advised that the outstanding debtors had been chased but approx. 3.5k remained outstanding.

Action: KSAM to provide a further update on debtors to RB and Jonathan Fox (RA).

b. Congress Budget 2015

The budget for joint Congress with the Dutch is 280k based on a 2.5 day meeting with 650 attendees.

Next meeting is on 21st July. RB advised that the Dutch want to account and budget differently to the BTS. This will be discussed further at the next face to face meeting.

- c. Educational Bursaries
RB advised the BTS will support attendance at the ESOT educational courses by offering up to a maximum of ten bursaries of £500 each for BTS members to attend the events in 2014/15. Full details of how to apply were circulated in the June Bulletin.
- d. Contract Review
RB reported the BTS-KSAM contract review is due. JM confirmed that the admin hours analysis and draft contract renewal letter was being prepared and would be sent to RB for review by 4th July.

8. Ethics Committee Report

AW welcomed the new Chair of the Ethics Committee, Antonia Cronin to the meeting. The Ethics report was circulated prior to the meeting.

- a. RCPCH Brain Stem Death Working Group
The RCPCH is reviewing its guidelines on the diagnosis and confirmation of death in infants and the BTS have been invited to be a stakeholder in the project. Antonia Cronin will be the BTS representative and will attend any future planned meetings, dates to be confirmed.
- b. UKDEC Ethical Framework Documents in preparation
Chris Rudge is now Chair of UKDEC.
UKDEC is currently responding to its public consultations on the draft 'DBD' and 'Consent to donation from children' framework documents it published earlier in the year. Final documents should be published in Autumn 2014. AW advised this is a good document but need to be broader. AC advised that UKDEC are planning to incorporate a section on 'children born with unsurvivable congenital abnormalities', which will include anencephaly, in its 'Consent to donation from children' framework document.
AC advised there has some crossover with this work and the work of the RCPCH work group. It was agreed to wait until RCPCH & UKDEC produce a draft paper prior to a guideline being produced.

Action: AC to advise JG when draft paper available.

- c. UKDEC Pre-mortem interventions draft guidance document:
Draft guidance is currently under consideration by the health departments of the devolved administrations. AC advised that the Scottish Dept has advised that the document is not applicable, in its current form, to the Scottish Legislation. The Department of Health of England and Wales would like more assurance and have proposed another consensus meeting. James Neuberger has agreed to host a meeting with the Intensive Care Society and NHSBT later this year. Key issues to be discussed, amongst others, include definition of the agonal phase and the use of heparin.
It is hoped that these meetings will result in the generation of draft guidelines.
There was some discussion:- PA advised if another guideline comes out there is a need to ensure existing documents/guidance are consistent. JD advised a lot of these arguments have been discussed before and that it will be essential to pull all three documents together. AC confirmed the committee will continue to work with all to update documents and keep up to date with all the arguments and discussions.

Action: AC to send draft guidance to PA

- d. Co-opted members of the BTS Ethics Committee 2014-2017
AC reported, Prof Anne Slowther and Amanda Venters had been co-opted to the committee and proposed Katharine Wright, legal authority, Nuffield Council on Bioethics – organ donation be considered as a further co-optee. AW advised it would be better if co-optees were a part of the BTS and for them to become a member of the BTS if they were not already.

Action: AC to confirm if Katharine Wright is a member of BTS

Post Meeting Note: KSAM can confirm Katharine Wright is not currently a member of BTS.

- e. BTS Winter Ethics Symposium

AC advised the proposed date for the Symposium is 10th December 2014, followed by a Public Debate on 'The organ lottery' chaired by Jonathan Dimbleby. This may be televised but details are yet to be confirmed. The panel will comprise: Andrew Bradley, Sue Fuggle, Richard Horton, Eleanor Updale, Claire Fox and John Harris. This will be held at the Wellcome Trust.

f. **Hoffenberg Memorial Lecture 2015**

AC suggested an international speaker, for instance Abdallah Daar from Canada, a former colleague of Prof Hoffenberg, or perhaps a colleague who is part of ELPAT. AW mentioned that Bob Sells had suggested or Prof Art Caplan from New York. AC agreed with this suggestion with 'Diagnosis of Death' as a possible title.

Action: AC to confirm subject of lecture to Council.

g. **BTS Annual Congress 2015**

AC asked council if there could be a specific parallel session focussed on ethics/law/public policy. To be discussed further.

9. Transplant Training and Education Committee Report

Report circulated to Council prior to the meeting. No issues raised.

10. Standards Committee Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting, summarised below.

- a. Peter Andrews has been reappointed as Chair of the Standards Committee with new member Adam McLean joining Lisa Burnapp and Derek Manas.
- b. The Standards area of the BTS website has been refreshed and is the most visited part of the website.
- c. New Guideline for the Management of the Failing Kidney Transplant is now available on the website. PA thanked all those who had contributed to this as it is the first national guideline in this field. 'Transplantation' have accepted for publication subject to minor amendments.
- d. Revised version of the joint BSHI/BTS Guidelines for the Detection and Characterisation of Clinically Relevant Antibodies in Allotransplantation will be available for review shortly.
- e. A revision of the joint RA/BTS Guideline for the Post-Operative Care of the Kidney Transplant Recipient is underway. This will incorporate new chapters on Post-transplant Monitoring of Skin Disease and Transition Care.
- f. A new document, 'Organ Donation by Prisoners' has been finalised for publication under the direction of Lisa Burnapp. This will be uploaded to the website on final approval by the Home Office.
- g. New Guidelines on:
 - Living Liver Transplantation – draft document by next Council meeting.
 - Pancreas Transplantation – draft by the end of 2014
- h. Guidelines for HIV and Solid Organ Transplantation was severely delayed by inaction of one of the authors. The focus has now changed to HIV and Kidney Transplantation. It is hoped this will now move quickly. PA advised it may be possible to add a chapter on liver or other organ transplantation at a later date.
The Living Donor and CMV Guidelines will be due for revision next year. PA advised it is most important to keep existing Guidelines up to date.

11. Transplant 2013

IMcP reported Transplant 2013 lobbying group is currently focussing on the high refusal rate for deceased organ donation in the UK. IMcP advised that he is keen to step down from his role with the group and asked for volunteers from Council. Nicholas Torpey agreed to take on this role.

Action: IMcP to speak to Keith Rigg and confirm replacement.

12. Carrel Club Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting, summarised below. (Apologies received from HK)

Recent activity – The Carrell Club hosted a training event at the Royal Free Simulation Centre, 25 trainees and 8 faculty members attended. Feedback was very positive.

Current Committee – President - Hussein Khambalia, Secretary – Melanie Field, Treasurer – Catherine Boffa, ASiT Council Rep – Dilan Dabare, Retrieval Rep – Simon Knight, Education Rep – Miriam Manook and Adam Barlow.

Next Education meeting will be held in Cardiff in November 2014, theme will be Collaborative Research.

New website domain is www.carrel.club The membership mailing list will be hosted on the new

website.

Training Update – A number of anomalies and contradictions have arisen on the ISCP website and JCST requirements for transplant training. The ASiT Rep will take this up with the ASiT council but would ask for assistance from the BTS Training Committee to assist with the queries. Dilan Dabare to attend the ASiT meeting to raise the issues outlined in the full report circulated.

Action: RJ to contact HK re new website set up www.carrell.club

13. Clinical Trials Committee Report

Report circulated prior to the meeting by RH.

1. Spring 2014 Clinical Trials Workshop (Pancreas)
We hosted a one day meeting at the Royal College of Surgeons on 11th February with invited delegates from all pancreas transplanting centres in the UK, to discuss current Studies and to identify gaps in the research portfolio and to develop new ideas. One study proposal which gained universal support was a RCT of GLP-1 receptor stimulation (liraglutide) to enhance early poor pancreatic graft function.
2. National Renal Research Strategy Steering Committee
The Kidney Health: Delivering Excellence Report has set out 16 ambitions for addressing the challenges in kidney healthcare, Ambition 15 is to establish a national strategy for kidney research. RH represents the BTS on the Steering Group. Terms of reference, tasks and timelines were agreed at the first meeting held on 19th February. Following consultation the final strategy document should be ready in 2015. A link to the NRRS Steering Group survey was included in the June BTS E-Bulletin and circulated to members.
3. James Lind Alliance Kidney Transplant priority Setting Partnership
The steering group includes representation from patient/carer groups and clinicians. RH advised the group are working on a survey with 10 top questions.

14. BTS Website Management Group

Report circulated prior to the meeting by RJ.

1. RJ reported the sitemap has now been updated and is much more intuitive. In addition the new servers are up and running and so the speed of pages loading is now under 5 seconds. All the links have now been checked to ensure they are up to date and working efficiently. To ensure that links to some documents remain current the link to documents will be changed to link to the host website to ensure that users always link to the latest version. Content has been updated but there are still some committee photos that need to be added.
Some further updates are required where content needs to be checked by the content owners/authors, RJ will review what is required and contact the relevant Council/Committee members. RJ confirmed that member logins have been updated so user names are now e-mail addresses.
Action: RJ to chase committee for photos required.
Action: RJ to liaise with Council/Committee members re website content where required.
2. Chapter of Surgeons
RJ had a meeting with Bimbi Fernando to discuss the requirements for CoS specific pages within the BTS website. The CoS had identified someone with relevant experience and time who is part of one of the National Organ Retrieval Service teams to develop the pages themselves. The costs quoted were £5-10k to set up the pages with annual maintenance of £2k. KSAM advised they could create the blank pages which could be populated by someone with knowledge and they could be set up as a casual user with a £50 licence fee. RB advised that further quotes should be sought and asked RJ to source further tenders for this work prior to a final decision being made to progress either option.
Action: RJ to obtain comparison tenders for the work to set up the CoS pages
3. Filming of BTS Speakers
RJ has discussed with DM the potential use of Transplant TV to host short films of meeting speakers. It was agreed to pilot the Living Donor Form or the CoS meeting in November and RJ to liaise further with Transplant TV. The cost is not yet known but RJ asked for agreement in principle so this project can be pursued further. AW supported the idea of Transplant TV to host. RB asked RJ to obtain more details and quotes and referred to the Renal Association Website for reference on how this could be approached.
Action: RJ to obtain further information and quotes.
4. Website Costs

RJ advised that there are 45 hours in the current contract with KSAM for website administration and the majority of this time has been used for the current year. Additional funding will be required to further improve the site.

Action: KSAM to add additional time into new contract to support current and future developments.

15. Report from Constituent Parts

- a. Basic Science
Vacant Position
- b. Transplant coordination & Nursing (DE)
Nothing to report.
- c. Histocompatibility (MH)
Report circulated prior to the meeting.
BTS/BSHI-led review of provision of H&I services supporting Clinical Transplantation
No response from NHS England regarding Terms of Reference.

Revision of BSHI/BTS Guidelines for the detection and characterisation of clinically relevant antibodies in allotransplantation
Draft completed. Clinical review to complete, followed by BSHI/BTS members' comments.

BSHI Annual Conference
3rd-4th September. Manchester Conference Centre.

NHSBT-ODT

From 1st August, the Duty Office will no longer provide any donor HLA types over the telephone. When a donor type needs to be reviewed by H&I laboratory staff, it should be viewed on EOS/EOS mobile or by requesting a fax copy.

CTAG

Last meeting 29th April 2014. Data is being collected from HLA antibody incompatible cardiothoracic transplants which proceed according to CTAG sensitisation document. Retrospective data are also being collected dating back to April 2012. Only 2 centres had contributed data at the time of the meeting.

- d. Liver Transplantation
No report
- e. Transplant Nephrology
No report
- f. Transplant Surgery (PG)
Report circulated to prior to meeting.
Chapter of Surgeons new chair, Bimbi Fernando, Royal Free and Secretary, Agiris Asderakis, Cardiff. PG highlighted that at the last CoS meeting the overlap of the remit of the TTEC and the CoS was discussed. Issues were flagged and included in the report. BTS Executives to be approached for further discussion.
- g. Cardiac & Pulmonary Transplantation (JD)
JD advised his report was the same as the last Council meeting, for reference this is noted below.
*There have been a number of developments in organ retrieval in the past 12 months.
The Scout initiative has been running since April 2013 and appears to have resulted in a significant increase in cardiac transplant activity. This has grown by 40% in the last year.*

The increase in lung transplants has been more modest 15%, perhaps linked to a temporary suspension of the multi-centre DEVELOP-UK trial in the mid-year.

The Harefield centre has been using the Transmedics 'Organ care system' for the past 12 months and are about to report excellent outcomes in 23 transplants. Not only does the device ameliorate

ischaemic insult, but there is preliminary evidence of safer use of some marginal hearts.

There is an ongoing review of services for congenital heart disease in adults and children. Despite the role of transplantation in the treatment of some of these patients the disposition of transplant centres is not within the scope of the review. This is a major concern to the future provision of heart and lung transplantation in the UK.

It was highlighted that congenital heart surgery clinic for adults at Newcastle could be closed. If Newcastle close there would only be one centre. AW asked how do we get the breadth of comments to be able to formulate a letter on this issue.

- h. **Donor Coordination**
No Report vacant position
16. **Reports from Allied Groups**
- a. Association of Surgeons (DM)
Nothing to report
- b. BRS (PA)
Nothing to report
- c. CORESS (PG)
Nothing to Report
- d. NHSBT ODT KAG (RB)
Donation from neonates – e-mail from James Neuberger circulated prior to meeting.
RJ advised that notes from KAG meetings are held on the website. NHS England report out soon.
- e. Renal Registry (IMcP)
IMcP circulated the Transplant Study Group Terms of Reference prior to the meeting for discussion.
Action: Council to feedback any comments on the Terms of Reference to IMcP.
- f. RCP/RA Joint Speciality Committee (IMcP)
Nothing new to report. Many in the group favoured hard opt in, they wanted to produce a paper on this but IMcP against this, supported by a position statement from the BTS Ethics Committee.
- g. RIXG (RB)
Nothing to report.
- h. Clinical Reference Group (NM)
Report circulated prior to meeting.
Last meeting held on 20th May
17. **Archivists Report**
No issue to report. JD asked if any Council members have anything for archiving to let him know.
Action: JD to update BTS History, send to RJ to be uploaded to website.
18. **Any other business**
VP was not in attendance at the meeting but had sent some questions to be asked on promoting BTS membership and the benefits. Some of the questions raised were:-
- How BTS can better meet the needs of members?
 - What would engage potential members?
- In addition VP had suggested developing BTS by holding meetings around the country. PG noted that it was difficult enough to organise the current dates in one location so this may proved difficult to do. AW asked council 'How do we better meet the needs of BTS Members'. NM added this would be good to discuss further at future meetings when VP was in attendance, also BTS would need something tangible to attract potential members to meetings. NT suggested tapping into existing transplant regional meetings.
PG suggested sending the BTS Newsletter to non-members.

Action: VP to expand on potential ideas to progress promotion of BTS membership.

Action: AW to include a new line in the introduction message in future Newsletters asking members to pass the Newsletter to anyone they think may be interested in reading it.

Meeting Closed 15:30