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**The British Society for
Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology**

BSCCP Annual General Meeting Minutes

15th April 2021, 12.30 to 13.15

1. Approval of previous minutes – Bournemouth 9th May 2019

Pierre confirmed there were two points arising from the minutes of the 9th of May 2019.

- The Founders Medal to Albert Singer, Joe Jordan and Archie Crompton will be delayed to next year's meeting in Belfast as this will be the 50th Anniversary meeting
- The order of the *Future Meetings* structure has changed due to cancellation of last year's Annual Scientific Conference which was due to take place in Edinburgh

The minutes were approved as a correct and true record.

2. Honorary Treasurer's Report BSCCP 2020 Final Accounts

Nick Myerson presented the Treasurer's Report for the year ending 2020. Financially there have been issues arising from CV-19 due to the cancellation of events, therefore limitations on the income stream. Accountants, Macintyre Hudson were appointed in 2019 and have done an excellent job. BSCCP total assets of £424,320 are relatively robust, there has been a gradual reduction in the 'cash in hand' and 'assets' but we still hold a very considerable sum that meets audit requirements to be able to fund the Society should anything serious happen.

The key Grant awarded this year has been to 'Jo's Trust' of £30,000 which was increased due to the marked increase in their Services due to CV-19. The Jordan Singer Award has been delayed for 2021 but anticipate making an award next year. Expenditure has been limited due to no courses running last year, although the key message is that the Society is in a sound position. Nick concluded his report and was happy to take any questions from members if they wanted to contact him directly.

3. Matters Arising

New CIO update

Theresa gave an update on the changes to the BSCCP Constitution and confirmed an email has been sent to all members advising that the BSCCP is in the process of 'converting' from an "unincorporated association" into an "incorporated association" as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO). Rights and privileges of members will remain the same although Trustees and members will no longer be personally liable and the BSCCP will be subject to less onerous accounting and reporting requirements. A new CIO with the same

name and Trustees as BSCCP was established and registered with the Charity Commission on the 21 February 2020 (registered charity number: 1188125). The final stage before BSCCP can start operating through the new CIO is for the existing charity to transfer all its assets and liabilities into the new CIO.

Amendment to current constitution - Interactive Voting Session

The final stage of the transfer requires a minor amendment to the current constitution:

- To consider and, if thought fit, to pass the following resolution.
In accordance with clause 13 of the Charity's Constitution and having obtained the prior written consent of the Charity Commission on 2 April 2020, it is hereby resolved that clause 2 of the Charity's Constitution be amended to read as follows:
- The objects of the Charity are for the public benefit to protect and promote the health of the public, in particular (but without limitation) by: promoting research and the dissemination of the useful results; the training and education of professionals in relation to the nature, causes, diagnosis, prevention, treatment and cure of cancers of the cervix and lower genital tract and by providing information and raising public understanding of such matters.
- Nothing in this constitution shall authorise an application of the property of the Charity for purposes which are not charitable in accordance with section 7 of the Charities and Trustee Investment (Scotland) Act 2005 and section 2 of the Charities Act (Northern Ireland) 2008.

Theresa invited questions from the members before going to the vote, of which there were none. Theresa then asked the 249 members present to vote if they 'agree' or 'disagree' with the amendment. 200 members voted in total, with 99% in favour of the minor amendment to the current constitution. BSCCP can therefore proceed with the transfer.

4. Honorary Secretary's Report

Deidre confirmed that membership for 2020 is marginally lower at 2141, most members have paid and there are 335 training in Colposcopy. There were 96 OSCE candidates in 2019, data for 2020 is not included due to the cancellation of OSCE because of CV-19. Still maintaining a good pass rate at 89% overall for both exams for 2019. Regarding RCOG matters 2020, there has been much assistance from the RCOG Vice President for Education and Gary Waltham, Executive Director for Education.

Certification and Training Matters

OSCE was cancelled in April and November 2020 although OSCE Prep was able to go ahead in March 2020 and was fully subscribed. Grainne Flannelly has also led the OSCE Prep Online Course which took place on in March 2021 with excellent feedback. There was also an examiners and secretariat 2 day Zoom session in November 2020 to discuss exams and courses. Recertification is taking place in September 2021 which includes Colposcopy Reaccreditation and trainer recertification. The OSCE exam will take place on the 26th, 27th and 29th April 2021 via the OSLER platform who have been recommended by the RCOG, the only difference will be the 'written' exams will now take place as 'oral' exams.

IT Update

Uma Krishnamoorthy has taken over as Chair of the Information Technology Committee. The Committee has reviewed the BSCCP website due to the website providers 'Thursday' recommending that a new platform was required.

A formal tender document and process for the new website will take place by mid-end this year and will keep members up to date with developments.

The International Society Membership Fees 2020

EFC Dues – European Federation for Colposcopy

£5,448 was awarded for 2020 dues.

IFCPC Dues – International Federation for Cervical Pathology & Colposcopy

A payment of 9,000 USA Dollars £7,368 (1,800 members @ \$5) was made for 2020 dues.

Awards

Two prizes of £150 will be awarded for the best oral paper and two prizes of £150 each to be awarded for best poster presentations. One prize of £150 to be awarded to the highest scoring OSCE exam candidates. There has been a small number of applicants for Travel Bursaries 2021, new normally award up to 10 bursaries to members who submitted the highest scoring abstracts. The International Travel Bursaries was awarded to Dr Ezzet from Senegal, in principle.

The Jordan Singer Biennial Award call for applications went out in 2020, none were received. Further applications are invited, the link is available on the website, or you can contact the Secretariat, the closing date is December 2021. Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust were granted £20,000 for 2020 to continue the helpline and 'call back' service. A further £10,000 was granted to allow volunteers availability to take calls from women with anxieties due to being unable to access screening during CV-19. At yesterday's Executive meeting it was agreed to award Jo's Trust a further £20,000 for 2021.

Business of the President

Feedback from National Screening Programmes

Since March 2020, all Screening Programmes temporarily ceased due to CV-19, this also impacted on Colposcopy Services with some areas stopping Services completely while others continued, the majority seeing 'low grades' and deferring 'high grades'. It does appear, although there is no hard data yet, that most Colposcopy Services have caught up with 'high grade' referrals but there is a small back log in 'low grade' referrals, particularly impacted by the introduction of Primary HPV screening in the Home Countries. The screening intervals have been extended from 3 to 5 years in Scotland with a plan to introduce extended screening intervals in England from next year. It also looks like screening intervals will be extended in Wales and Northern Ireland in due course. The update on the 'Cervical Screening Programme and Colposcopy Management Guidance' was updated in February 2020 with the introduction of Primary HPV screening in England which is now available in HTML format. There will be further amendments in the Autumn.

EFC and IFCPC updates

The European Federation of Colposcopy is holding an advanced course on the 6th and 7th May, a Scientific Meeting on the 8th of May, main meeting from the 8th to 10th June and the AGM on the 17th of May. The current President is Dr Pekka Nieminen and Margaret Cruickshank is the President Elect.

The International Federation of Cervical Pathology and Colposcopy Meeting will take place from the 1st to 5th July 2021, it was due to be face to face meeting in Hyderabad, India and will now take place virtually.

Appointment of BSCCP Committee Members

Pierre Martin-Hirsch confirmed the following Appointments had been confirmed:

Trustee - John Tidy -

President Elect - Deidre Lyons

Honorary Secretary - Nick Myerson

Treasurer - Julia Palmer

North West Regional Representative - Ali Oudai

IT Chair – Uma Krishnamoorthy

Research Lead – Maria Kyigiou

5. Future Meetings including AGM – Pierre Martin-Hirsch

14-16 April 2021

BSCCP Scientific Meeting was postponed from last year and instead rescheduled as a virtual event for 2021. A contract was signed for the International Conference Centre in Edinburgh for 2020, they have now agreed to move the contract forward to host the 2025 Scientific meeting.

4-6 May - BSCCP Scientific Meeting 2022 Belfast

This will be the 50th Anniversary of the BSCCP, a contract has been agreed and signed with the Belfast Waterfront.

3-5 May - BSCCP Scientific Meeting 2023 Birmingham

Birmingham Metropole NEC has been confirmed as the venue.

15-17 May-BSCCP Scientific Meeting 2024 Leeds

This will be a reaccreditation year, further details to follow

9-11 April -BSCCP Scientific Meeting 2025 Edinburgh

International Convention Centre confirmed.

6. Any Other Business

Pierre invited question from the AGM members present.

- There was a question on varying practices across the Europe, Pierre confirmed practice does vary with countries like the Netherlands who have 5 yearly intervals and start screening at 30.
- Grainne asked if we could have the Programme Management Guidelines in a format that is iPhone or android friendly, Theresa confirmed this has already been formatted and will only require people to upgrade the BSCCP application on their phones.
- Pierre confirmed we are yet to decide on the format for the Belfast Conference in 2022 although potentially looking at a hybrid conference, which can be expensive. Once costs have been confirmed, we will discuss with the Executive and possibly with the membership. There will be a survey at the end of this meeting for members to vote on their preferences for the format.

7. Welcome to BSCCP President 2021-2024

Pierre Martin Hirsch welcomed Theresa Freeman-Wang as the new President of the BSCCP for the next 3 years. Theresa is nationally and internationally known in the world of cervical

colposcopy. Theresa thanked Pierre for the excellent job he has done over the past 3 years as President.