

## BSH Committee and SIG Summary of Activities

Committee	Summary of Activities
Communications Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The ASM marketing video has been launched. The volunteer video will be launched before the ASM in April.</li> <li>• The Communications Committee will help with redesigning the Home page as part of BSH Website redesign and will work in collaboration with the Education Committee to redesign the Education pages.</li> <li>• They will look at redesign of the Email Bulletin in spring/summer 2024.</li> </ul>
Early Careers Forum Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The three Early Careers Forum projects have all progressed: Mentoring scheme, Undergraduate Achievement Award &amp; Early Careers Award and Abstract writing and Grant application.</li> <li>• The Committee hope to book an external facilitator for the next ECF meeting to work with Forum members to discuss next steps for the group and what they would like to achieve.</li> </ul>
Education Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Five new committee members have been recruited.</li> <li>• Several online and face to face events are planned for spring and summer.</li> <li>• BSH clinical AI fellowships is being progressed – interviews are completed, successful applicants and project matching will be confirmed shortly.</li> <li>• There have been some delays to the first fully online course being developed, Transfusion in Practice, due to website issues.</li> <li>• Demonstration videos have been reviewed.</li> <li>• New initiatives are being progressed.</li> </ul>
External Affairs Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee have fed into various parts of the Workforce project and would like to create some resources, firstly a live webinar on recruitment into haematology. A subgroup will take this work forward.</li> </ul>

<p>Guidelines Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is ongoing progress with the production of guidelines.</li> <li>• Currently, there are 60 documents on the BSH Guidelines website (Breakdown: 52 guidelines, 16 Good practice guidelines, 2 position paper and 10 addendums).</li> <li>• 10 Guidelines, one Good Practice Paper and one Position Paper were published in 2023.</li> <li>• There are currently 33 active writing groups.</li> <li>• Following the successful initiative in 2023 to recruit four trainees, one for each task force, (with a one year tenure), the next set of trainees will be recruited in April 2024.</li> </ul>
<p>Nominations, Governance and Awards Committee</p>	<p>Activities since last report include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2024 Board Elections – Election for Ordinary post to open on Monday 4th of March 2024 and closes on Monday 1st of April 2024.</li> <li>• Reviewing new committee appointments.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Appointment approval of MDS SIG Austin Kulasekararaj as Chair and Catherine Cargo as Vice Chair.</li> <li>➤ Appointment approval of Obstetric Sajida Kazi as Chair (to take over at ASM).</li> <li>➤ Appointment approval of Laboratory SIG Vice-Chair as Dr Alesia Khan.</li> <li>➤ Approve Global SIG amended ToR to include creation of task force groups.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Global SIG request to amended TOR to include creating Task Force groups.</li> <li>• Ongoing projects include developing job descriptions for committee roles, review of the Endorsements Policy and creation of task forces and working groups.</li> <li>• NGAC members are working on rewording the associate members application criteria.</li> </ul>

<p>Programme Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since the last report in November 2023 a total of 433 abstracts were submitted for the ASM 2024, an increase in the number submitted for ASM 2023.</li> <li>• Abstracts have now been reviewed and selected for oral, poster and e-posters.</li> <li>• Speakers for the plenary sessions have been confirmed and the complete programme has been confirmed.</li> <li>• A detailed breakdown of registrations to date is given in the report.</li> </ul>
<p>Research and Grants Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• From May 2023 the Committee have reviewed the following grants.</li> <li>• Global Haematology Scholarship - awarded 4. Total amount awarded £16,890.</li> <li>• Visiting Fellow – awarded 1. Total amount awarded £18,000.</li> <li>• General Travel Scholarship awarded 2. Total amount awarded £1,850.</li> <li>• Final year of funding of £51,492.72 for the Cohort Study Grant for Adam Mead was signed off.</li> <li>• Baba Inusa (Chair) and Guy Pratt (BSH Secretary)- were invited to attend the American Society of Hematology (ASH) 2023 ASH Global Research Award study section in December 2023.</li> <li>• A new initiative will be proposed when it is costed - A research award to integrate research with clinical training in haematology.</li> </ul>

SIG	Summary of Activities
Global Haematology Special Interest Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two new task force members have been recruited to the Global Speakers Scheme.</li> <li>• A member of the Health Volunteers Overseas Scheme visited Cambodia.</li> <li>• An initiative in Zambia will be taken forward, to be discussed/approved by the Board</li> <li>• A new programme of talks - Virtual</li> <li>• Haematology CPD webinars for LMIC are in development and will be submitted to BSH Education committee for approval.</li> <li>• The GH ASM 2024 will focus on trainees and education opportunities in GH.</li> </ul> <p>Two new initiatives have been set up:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ The ‘How I treat.....’ pilot – a new pilot scheme for a pragmatic approach to implementing good haematology practice in resource- limited settings.</li> <li>➤ The HaemSTAR link with GH SIG - a trainee-run, consultant-supported network of haematology UK trainees.</li> </ul>
Laboratory Special Interest Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Clinical fellowships in Artificial Intelligence project is being taken forward, a joint project with the Education Committee. Supporting funding request from BSH Board was granted and recruitment of candidates started Jan 2024.</li> <li>• Recruitment for new Chair and Vice- Chair is ongoing.</li> <li>• Two sessions are being planned for ASM 2024 – The Haematology Lab of the future and a Morphology session.</li> </ul>
Lymphoma Special Interest Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 5 new members were appointed at the Lymphoma SIG Committee meeting on September. Some concern regarding accessibility and visibility of podcasts expressed at that meeting.</li> <li>• An MDT Dilemmas webinar took place on 19 October. 52 attended and feedback was positive.</li> <li>• Lymphoma SIG educational session is planned for Monday 29 April at the BSH ASM 2024.</li> </ul>

<p>Obstetric Special Interest Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Obstetric haematology SIG ran a successful annual meeting on 5th October 2023. This was a joint meeting in collaboration with the British Association of Obstetric Anaesthetists (OAA).</li> </ul> <p><i>Topics included;</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Neuraxial anaesthesia (thrombocytopenia and bleeding disorders)</li> <li>➤ Thrombotic microangiopathies in pregnancy</li> <li>➤ POC testing on labour ward</li> <li>➤ Valvular heart disease in pregnancy</li> <li>➤ Sickle cell disease in pregnancy</li> <li>➤ Trainee case competition</li> </ul> <p>The session was well attended and received. Feedback was excellent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to the PANDA program is ongoing (clinical trial to investigate the treatment of anaemia in pregnancy).</li> <li>• The agenda for the SIG session at the BSH ASM in April 2024 is currently being planned.</li> </ul>
<p>Paediatric Special Interest Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A face to face education day took place on 26 January.</li> <li>• Talks with RCPCH are ongoing to set up a programme for a red cell haematology SPIN for paediatric consultants in post.</li> <li>• Working party for SPIN development to be supported</li> </ul>
<p>Teenage and Young Adult Special Interest Group</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning for the BSH ASM - the focus will be the recent TYA cancer service specifications- including provision of psychology, genomics and fertility support for patients.</li> <li>• Pushing for wider inclusion of a TYA syllabus in Haematology training continues and the need to reinvigorate the SIG has been identified, through engaging with the membership outside of the committee to ensure appropriate educational resources for the wider community are being provided.</li> <li>• Help with engagement with wider TYA/BSH membership to identify colleagues' educational requests that relate to our TYA syllabus.</li> <li>• Understand the wider BSH educational strategy.</li> </ul>