



# The Association of Coloproctology of Great Britain and Ireland

## **Research & Audit Committee**

**Minutes of Meeting in Bournemouth**

**Monday 3 July 2017 09:30 – 10:30**

**Branksome 2, Ground Floor, BIC**

**Chair:** Nicola Fearnhead

**Attendance:** Austin Acheson (incoming Chair)  
Simon Bach (RCS Coloproctology Research Lead)  
Deena Harji (RCS ASSL)  
Matthew Lee (RCS ASSL)  
Faheez Mohammed (re-elected)  
Susan Moug (invited guest)  
Tom Pinkney  
Gabrielle Thorpe (ACPN representative)  
Jared Torkington (newly appointed)  
Peter Vaughan-Shaw (Dukes representative)  
Dale Vimalachandran

**Apologies:** Doug Speake (newly appointed)

### **1. Welcome to new Committee Members, Associate SSLs and incoming Chair**

AA was welcomed as incoming Chair, and NF thanked as outgoing Chair. Newly elected members JT and DS, and ASSLs ML and DH were welcomed, along with SM as an invited guest. NF thanked the Committee for all their hard work throughout the year and noted the strength and productivity of the Committee.

### **2. Research sessions at Bournemouth meeting**

Rehearsals were underway for the Research Today Programme choreographed and coordinated by DV; theme was breakfast television including weather forecast looking at research taking place around Great Britain & Ireland, with a holiday report from Scandinavia, followed by focused sessions on GRANULE, Allegro promotional video, NASBO, Two Minute Science, Delphi and PPI, and a grand finale involving a team building exercise with the whole cast of 40.

Breaking trials presentations were to follow in plenary session with FOXTROT, TREC, RAPIDO, eTHoS and FIAT. Other trials to be presented during Bournemouth were Scandinavian prolapse trial and results of the EASY trial.

ML and DH had arranged the Bournemouth Delphi-on-Sea as a consensus on GI Recovery with sandcastle building as the icebreaker.

The PLG were hosting their first own session focusing on PPI and Charities, and all were encouraged to support this event.

TP was congratulated on his invitation to give the Colorectal Disease lecture on ESCP cohort studies.

Dukes Club also had a dedicated research session during the meeting.

### **3. BDRF grants May 2017**

The BDRF Trustees had accepted the recommendations of the specially convened grants award recommendation committee chaired by FM. The first five projects had been funded and BDRF was working to fund the remaining grants by the end of 2017.

### **4. IA and Kingston Trust grant applications**

Five applications had been received by BDRF and were now confirmed as eligible for potential funding by IA and KT, pending external peer review and review by R&A. AA would oversee this process as incoming Chair.

### **5. Future of the Pouch Registry, SWORD and IBD audits**

The Ileoanal Pouch Report had been published with a standalone patient report and was now available on the website at <https://www.acpgbi.org.uk/content/uploads/2016/07/Ileoanal-Pouch-Report-2017-FINAL.compressed.pdf>. The Plenary IBD Symposium was showcasing pouch surgery as part of the Report launch. The 2017 Report included SWORD data which had strengthened it considerably. The IBD CAG had recommended moving the pouch registry, expanding data collection to other aspects of IBD surgery through combined administrative and focused data, and consideration of employing a data manager. There was strong support from all present to consider a bespoke data manager role although data governance would need careful attention.

### **6. NASBO**

ML was congratulated on the completion of data collection and validation for NASBO, and outlined plans for the launch in autumn 2017. This was felt to have been a highly successful collaborative venture with data on around 2 500 patients, and some important baseline findings especially around nutritional support.

## **7. IMPACT initiatives**

On 15th May 2017 nearly 100 surgeons, oncologists, policy makers, patients and charity representatives met at the Royal College of Surgeons of England as part of the ACPGBI IMPACT initiative. "Improving Management for Patients with Advanced Colorectal Tumours" is targeted at every patient who has locally advanced or metastatic disease at the time of initial diagnosis, or who later develops local recurrence or metastatic disease after treatment. The day consisted of a series of lectures and breakout discussion groups, and Steve Clark and Ken Elavia gave inspiring talks on research priorities from the patient perspective. All attendees completed a multidisciplinary survey regarding research priorities and management decisions for these patients. The IMPACT session at Bournemouth is designed to support this programme, and ACPGBI are working with Pelican to develop a QI programme in advanced malignancy.

## **8. GI Recovery**

Several Delphi collaborators had met on 29<sup>th</sup> April at RCS with patient support and agreed on a programme of work to support concepts in GI recovery.

## **9. Collaborative IBD research meeting incorporating PPI**

Kapnan Sahil had approached BDRF after gaining a small grant from Imperial with a view to setting up a combined research and PPI meeting in IBD. BDRF are very keen to support this initiative.

## **10. Life after Delphi**

Plans for a new research initiative to succeed the Delphi project were a major focus of discussion. AA has been working with SB, ML and DH to consider a research roadshow which would be based on regional chapters. The aims would be to focus ACPGBI members on the national portfolio of trials in which they might participate, and to support new research ideas.

## **11. 20:20 Vision for Auckland Tripartite 2020**

NF had been involved in talks at the Seattle Tripartite meeting and had proposed a programme of collaborative international projects in preparation for Tripartite 2020 in Auckland. There had been broad agreement on this proposal from ESCP, ASCRS and CCSANZ. Members were encouraged to consider international collaborative research projects in any field.

## **12. Date of next teleconference: TBC**

AA will convene the next teleconference after the summer break in autumn 2017.