



**Minutes of the BCIG Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 21st March 2013**

**BCIG Council**

Present:

**Chair:** Chris Raine; **Vice Chair:** Shak Saeed; **Secretary:** Debi Vickers; **Treasurer:** Simon Lloyd;  
**Membership Secretary:** Louise Craddock;  
**Council Members:** Andrew Marshall; Frances Harris; Jane Bradley

All delegates at the 2013 BCIG meeting were invited to attend the AGM.

**Chair's report (presented by Chris Raine)**

1) Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the AGM held on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at the Hilton Hotel, Manchester were approved.

2) New BCIG council members

Chair thanked the retiring council members, Deborah Mawman, John Briggs and Andrew Reid for their hard work and dedication. He welcomed new council members, Frances Harris and Andrew Marshall, and new membership secretary Louise Craddock. He welcomed Debi Vickers to her new role as secretary and Simon Lloyd to his new role as treasurer.

3) Honorary BCIG membership

This year's honorary memberships to BCIG were awarded to Prof Douglas Backous, Prof Frank Lin and Prof Anu Sharma.

4) Numbers of cochlear implants in the UK

Data has been received from all UK cochlear implant clinic about the numbers of patients currently implanted. The data will be posted on the BCIG website at [www.bcig.org.uk](http://www.bcig.org.uk). In total centres are supporting 8700 cases and there were, 770 new unilateral, 314 new simultaneous bilateral and 272 contra lateral implantations.

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#### 5) BCIG website

Work on the website is progressing well and it is at the stage of finalising the appearance. The website will have a members sign in area which will provide podcasts, useful information and online access to the Cochlear Implants International journal.

#### 6) Cochlear Implants International Journal

There has been an increase in journal publication numbers from 4 to 5 journals per year. The journal is currently registered with Scopus for a citation score and will be reviewed by ISI in May to determine if they will include the journal in their citation index. There is a rapid turnaround for initial decision on a paper, on average this is 5 weeks. Once a publication is accepted for print it takes on average 5 weeks for it to reach online publication ahead of printing. The journal is ranked at 48 out of 93 in the field of Otolaryngology. Access to the journal online is currently available at: [www.ingentaconnect.com/maney](http://www.ingentaconnect.com/maney)

#### 7) Future Meetings

2014 – Yorkshire Team to Host on 27-28 March 2014 at the Marriott Hotel Leeds

2015 – Bristol

2016 – London

2017 - Midlands

#### 8) Graham Fraser lecture

The 2014 Graham Fraser lecture will be given by Philip Robinson at the RSM to mark the anniversary of the 20<sup>th</sup> lecture. After this all Graham Fraser talks will be held alongside the BCIG Annual Conference. Philip Robinson thanked the BCIG on behalf of the trustees of the Graham Fraser talk because they see the move to have the talk alongside the BCIG as a natural progression.

#### **Treasurer's report (presented by Simon Lloyd)**

9) Simon presented the balance sheet for this financial year and will be able to provide a copy of the account on request. The BCIG account is stable and in balance. Philip Robinson pointed out that the interest earned was extremely small and that council should consider other account options.

#### **Membership report (presented by Simon Lloyd)**

10) Currently there are 273 BCIG members. Details of the numbers of members in each category were presented. The majority (226) are full members. This was an increase in 5 members from the previous year's figures. Further details can be obtained from Louise Craddock.

#### **AOB**

11) Tracey Twomey asked what the terms of tenure are for the different council positions and requested that all council members realise the honour and responsibility of their positions and conscientiously carry out their roles.

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Members of the council reported that ordinary council members have three years tenure and that those will council official roles have two years plus an additional renewable two years. It is possible to be an ordinary member followed by being an officer.

12) BCIG annual meeting

The issue of underwriting the Annual Conference was brought up by Agnes Allen because it can be very difficult to raise the upfront costs of a meeting and risk making a loss if people don't attend the conference.

Simon Lloyd commented that council had thought that it would be appropriate for BCIG to underwrite 50% of the conference but that they would have to have some agreement about the budget because it is quite a large risk. Shakeel Saeed pointed out that the underwriting should be in place in cases of natural disaster. Philip Robinson proposed that BCIG should carry the entire risk get the profit and the centres should just organise the meeting from the academic social side and BCIG could tightly control the budget and registration could be through the website. It was felt that the profit received from a successful meeting is very useful for hosting centres so this was not necessarily preferred approach. Tracey Twomey pointed out that BCIG had been discussing this for many years and that now it was time to take action.

13) Date of next Meeting

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at the Marriott Hotel Leeds, time to be confirmed

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