



**Minutes of the BCIG Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 27th March 2014**

**BCIG Council**

Present:

**Chair:** Chris Raine(CR); **Vice Chair:** Shak Saeed (SS); **Secretary:** Debi Vickers (DV); **Treasurer:** Simon Lloyd (SL);

**Membership Secretary:** Louise Craddock (LC);

**Council Members:** Andrew Marshall (AM); Frances Harris (FH); Jane Bradley (JB)

**Apologies:** Helen Cullington (HC)

**Delegates:** Tracey Twomey, John Briggs, Carl Verchuur, Mary Grasmeder, Agnes Allen, Cecilia McAnallen, Susan Johnston, Amanda Speers, Louise Jones, Katherine Wilson, Kate Hanvey, Sara Bowcott, Jane Humphries, Deborah Mawman, Julie Eyles, Elspeth Bailey, Catherine Killan, John Graham, Isobel Aitken, Joanne Muff, Brian Walshe, Paul Boyd, Peter Wardrop, Kaukab Rajput, Fiona Vickers, Steven Bagghouse, LJ Nudgley, Jane Martin, Lucy Phillips, Gill Dassu, Jane Inscoc, Mary Oguo, Tricia Kemp, Sue Archbold, R Harris, Borka Ceranic, Salma Husain, Huw Cooper, Alison Riley, Paul Tomlinson

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

1) Minutes of last meeting

The minutes were approved of the AGM **held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2013 at the BCIG Annual Conference in Turnbury.**

2) New BCIG council members

Chair thanked the retiring council member, JB and gave her a token of appreciation, and highlighted that she has been instrumental in collating the annual numbers of implants in different centres. CR noted that the number of sequentials is slowly going down but that the numbers of bilateral implants overall last year remained steady.

CR welcomed HC to take on the role of the web coordinator

3) CR outlined the location for future meetings:

2015 will be in Bristol, 2016 will be in London, 2017 will be in the Midlands

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#### 4) Graham Fraser Talk

Phillip Robinson gave an excellent Graham Fraser talk in February 2014. It was the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Graham Fraser passing away and marked the move for the talks to be associated with the annual BCIG.

CR announced that Blake Wilson will give the next Graham Fraser talk as part of BCIG annual conference and it will be held during the Annual Conference which is on <sup>t</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> March 2015 in Bristol

#### 6) History of BCIG

CR went through the history of BCIG meetings and the different council chairs over the years from the first one in 1990 who was Graham Fraser, followed by Richard Ramsden, Huw Cooper, John Graham, Julie Brinton, Louise Craddock and Chris Raine.

CR will be standing down as chair this year, as will vice chair Shakeel Saeed. Nominations will be requested in October 2014.

#### 7) Website

Website redevelopment programme has been through some changes in the past year Noko who were the web managers have gone into administration.

At the moment a new web company has been recruited to host the webpage and to ensure that we do not lose the domain name. Helen Cullington is going to be working on the website.

#### 8) Treasury

Update from SL

##### 30-day notice account

• Balance	<b>£9766.77</b>	(it was previously (11/2/13) £12,151.52)
• Remittances	£2459.27	
• Receipts	£74.52	

##### Treasurer's account

• Balance	<b>£46030.42</b>	(it was previously (13/02/13) £53260.88)
• Remittances	£29555.80	
• Receipts	£29016.22	

Membership list and contact details are gradually being sorted out, currently:

142 paying and on database, 15 of which are underpaying

109 on database and not paying, 27 of which are retired and there are 9 new members

22 paying subscriptions and are not on the database

#### CII fees

Current institutional price current membership £57 per year stable since 2009

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Publishers have announced that rate will increase to £70 per year so subscription will increase to £85 per year

DV will circulate message regarding changing the standing order

#### 9) Membership

Written to people who are not paying to determine if they want to pay for their membership, this may result in membership numbers being lower. Currently:

217 full members

26 honorary

5 non-professional

2 overseas members

There is a small but constant flow of new member applications.

#### 10) Service Evaluation

DV reported that ten CI teams had enrolled and that four more would be potentially added. Six teams have decided not to be involved.

Six centres begun sending through data, 144 participants are enrolled thus far and ideally there will be at least 250 full data sets in total. Some full one year datasets are expected in July 2014. All centres will ideally be enrolled by July 2014 to be able to complete the service evaluation by July 2016.

DV to begin to collate data from centres.

#### 10) Cochlear Implants International

Journal gone up from 4 to 6 journals per year so it is necessary to increase the cost. It equates to an increase in £2 per year from 2009 to current day

Need support from CI community by paper submission, we need to demonstrate that it is a truly multi-disciplinary journal

2010 handed over from Wiley to Maney. Maney are brilliant and specialise in small journals.

Number of scientific papers have increased and there are fewer case reports

16 papers in the first two journals of the year

Percentage acceptance is 47%

Affiliated with many Cochlear Implant Groups worldwide. UK, Canada, USA, India and South Africa

SACIG

Next year there will be a supplement on music and CIs

Thanks were given to Jon Osbourne

Team at Maney were thanked for efficiency and conscientious approach

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Currently on Scopus but not on Thomson ISI  
Scopus 2011 – 0.309  
Scopus 2012 – 0.328

11)BCIG working groups and guidelines

Working group has been set up to update the quality standards for cochlear implantation

The guidelines are available

Kaukab Rajput suggested that we should aim to get NICE approval of guidelines - she will take this forward

Tracey Twomey stated that not all authors of ICSALT and ICToD are members of BCIG

Ideally all authors should be members.

LC suggested that as long as the approval committee are all paid up members it would be sufficient.

12) MHRA

Only 20% of incidents are being reported by centres to MHRA

Failures must be reported by centres as well as companies, it is better to report an incident more than once than not at all.

There needs to be greater vigilance about sending data to companies on deaths and non-use.

13) Next AGM Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015

Bristol Annual Conference

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