

Chair's update October 2017

I look forward to seeing many of you at our annual meeting at the Royal College of Physicians in London on 5th October.

BSGM policy and projects

We have revised the Constitution of the Society. This is currently being assessed by the Charity Commission. The revised version is [here](#). We will seek your approval for the change at the AGM. We will also hope to welcome the Fetal Genomics Group as a new Special Interest Group to the Society.

Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

Join us also for the [Joint BSGM and Genetics Society](#) meeting 23rd and 24th November 2017 at the Royal Society, London on The Human Genome in Healthcare

A further date for your diary: 8th March, 2018 at the Royal College of Physicians, London as part of the 500th anniversary of the College. The BSGM is hosting a one day meeting Medicine – transformation through genomics with the Renal Association, British Association for Neurology, the Associations for Cancer Physicians and the British Cardiovascular Society. Program [here](#)

The BSGM is contributing to a Retreat at the Wellcome Genome Campus on the 10th and 11th October "Making genomic medicine safe - The Process of Genetic Diagnosis and Communication of Genomic Results." We look forward to feeding back to members the outputs from this very important initiative.

Peter Harper Book on the History of Medical Genetics

Peter is keen to enlist the support of BSGM members for a book that he has started to write on the beginnings and early years of medical genetics in Britain.

He will be most grateful for help if members have photos and other material of older medical geneticists (both lab and clinical) around the country that he could use as illustrations. Photos from meetings and other events would also be very welcome. He plans to cover mainly the period around 1960-2005.

People can contact Peter directly at HarperPS@cardiff.ac.uk

Travel Awards

May I encourage members to apply for awards from the BSGM to support attendance at meetings/workshops and training events. We are reorganizing these as we realize how funds are increasingly restricted and wish to use our funds for this activity. More details about how to apply and the expectations on awardees will follow very soon.

New Chair of the BSGM

This is my last Chair's Update. I have enjoyed my time working for the Society in the role of Chair and thank all of the officers of the Society and constituent groups for their support, especially Peter Farndon for his unwavering effort and commitment to the well-being of the Society. It is my pleasure to hand over to Anneke Lucassen and I am sure she will be in touch with you all soon.

The administration for the BSGM is managed by the Royal Society of Biology. Any questions call 020 37937851 or email membership@bsgm.org.uk

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