

16/03/16

Dear BSUG Member

As you are aware the membership money is due to be paid shortly. Currently we are spending a significant amount of money on chasing over and underpayment of membership fees, and ratifying our payments against standing orders that do not contain any specific identification (i.e. your surname and BSUG number). We would hope to spend BSUG resources on more appropriate activity and will therefore be instituting the following for the advantage of the whole membership. We appreciate the following may sound draconian but it is intended to be clear and specific due to the continued excessive correspondence on the matter which takes the secretariat away from their primary roles.

Historic overpayment

From now until 1st December 2016 if you have overpaid you can reclaim but you will need to provide evidence (i.e. copy of bank statement). There will be a charge of £25.00

From 1st December 2016 any over payment in the past will NOT be reimbursed.

Next payment due 1/4/16

The deadline for paying by cheque has now passed. In future we will not be accepting cheques. There are now 2 methods available for your next subscription:

1. Bank transfer

Acc no: 77078624

Sort code: 60-80-05

2. Standing Order

You will automatically be assigned the membership level in accordance with the payment made. If you have not paid enough for the membership category you have previously requested, or if you have not informed the membership team which member category you prefer, you will be moved to a no-IUGA option (on April 1st). If you wish to have any excess refunded, please inform us and we will make a refund, minus the £25.00 admin charge.

Should you wish to alter your membership category during that year due to underpayment, an administrative fee will be required of £25.00.

To avoid delay and aid accuracy your payment MUST be accompanied with the reference of your surname and membership number.

With this letter there is a list of BSUG members and membership numbers. This is for BSUG members only to facilitate payment and enable you identify colleagues that are also members of the society.

The rates for membership for 2016 / 2017 are:

For consultants only

Full - with hard copy IUJ	£185
Full - electronic access to IUJ	£170
Full - web access to IUGA only (no IUJ)	£125
Full - without IUGA (no IUJ)	£110

Please note from 1st April 2016 all consultants, whether locum or substantive will be charged at full rate.

For associate members only

Associate - with hard copy IUJ	£140
Associate - electronic access to IUJ	£120
Associate - web access to IUGA (no IUJ)	£90
Associate - without IUGA (no IUJ)	£60
Emeritus - web access to IUGA (no IUJ)	£100
Emeritus - no IUGA (no IUJ)	£80
Affiliate - without IUGA (no IUJ)	£150

Incorrect payments:

Please note in future:

- We will no longer inform you if you have under- paid, over-paid or paid an incorrect amount
- Unless your transaction has a reference containing both your surname and BSUG number we cannot guarantee that your membership payment will be assigned to you and your membership may therefore lapse
- From December 2016 there will be no refunds for overpayment
- Only members paying the correct fee in one transaction will have their details passed to IUGA in April 2016. If after this date you provide evidence (eg bank statements) that you have made several payments that cumulatively match or exceed the fee for the IUGA option you require then your details will be given to IUGA on the next monthly list

Please be aware that we have limited staff resources to deal with your enquiries.

May we request that you don't contact the BSUG office to check if the payment you make is correct and has the required reference (your surname and BSUG number) but instead contact your bank.

If you have any issues you would like to dispute regarding payments you have made please contact Alfred Cutner or one of the other executives via bsug@rcog.org.uk.

Kind regards

Alfred Cutner

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