

1st March 2018

Dear BSUG Member

PLEASE READ THIS LETTER, IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHICH YOU NEED TO READ TO ENSURE YOUR PAYMENTS ARE CORRECT.

Your membership fees are due at the beginning of April 2018. Currently we are spending a large amount of money on administration ratifying payments against standing orders that do not contain any specific identification and responding to members enquires from members who did not cancel out of date standing orders resulting in them either over-paying or not receiving the membership option they wanted. We would hope to spend BSUG resources on more appropriate activity.

Next payment due 1st April 2018

There is currently one method available to pay your next subscription, this is by bank transfer.

National Westminster Bank
Paddington Branch
Account name: BSUG
Account no: 77078624
Sort code: 60-80-05
BIC: NWBK GB 2L
IBAN: GB55 NWBK 6080 0577 0786 24

Your payment needs to be accompanied with your membership number and surname (eg BSUG1234King) as otherwise there may be delay in being assigned the appropriate membership (see pdf of membership numbers attached). 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.

You will automatically be assigned the membership level in accordance with the payment made. If your payment is insufficient for the International option, but exceeds the BSUG-only option, you will be assigned the BSUG-only option.

From the 1st of April 2018 you will also have the option of online payment via the BSUG website. You will need to log in onto the members only area of the website to use this method. We will send you information of how to log on when the system goes live, which will be in the next fortnight.

The rates for membership for 2018 / 2019 are:

Full members

Full - BSUG International (which gives affiliate membership of EUGA, IUGA with hard copy of IUJ) and costs **£185**

Full - BSUG membership only the cost of this option is **£110**

Please note all consultants, whether locum or substantive will be charged at full rate. Please note, if you previously had an IUGA option for electronic or web access-only, these options will not be available and you will need to cancel your standing order (if you have one). If you wish to have the BSUG International option you will need to pay the additional amount and a £25.00 admin fee.

Associate Members

Associate - with electronic copy IUJ **£60**

This rate includes affiliate membership of IUGA and EUGA and an electronic copy of the IUJ

For Emeritus Members

Emeritus - BSUG membership only £80

Overpayments

If you do not cancel your out-of-date standing orders, you will have until 1st December 2018 to reclaim the overpayment but you need to provide evidence (copy of bank statement) and there will be an admin charge of £25.00. Please note it is your responsibility to check if you have overpaid, we will not be checking if members have overpaid. Any overpayments that are not claimed by 1st December 2018 will be considered as donations to BSUG.

Historic overpayment

The deadline for reclaiming historic overpayments passed on the 1st December 2016 and any overpayments made prior to this date have been considered donations to the Charity.

Incorrect payment

Only members paying the correct fee in one transaction will have their details passed to IUGA and EUGA in April 2018. 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 International option you require, then your details will be given to IUGA and EUGA 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 the Executive via bsug@rcog.org.uk.

Kind regards

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