



## Committee

### Research Committee

#### General comments

The committee continues to be active reviewing several applications to survey the membership, supporting studies and reviewing abstracts for the annual research meeting. All members have been effective and functional and have fully contributed to the activities of the committee in a timely fashion. Everyone does a great job marking the abstracts with a short turnaround time.

## Date

15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

## Chairman

Dudley Robinson

## Members

Vik Khullar  
Ilias Giarenis  
Rowan Connell  
Vijaya Gopalan  
Monika Vij  
Manjula Annapa  
Dina El-Hammamsy (Trainee Representative)

**Rules for presenters.**

Current revised wording is;

"We are keen to receive abstracts where the presenting author (usually the first author) is a trainee, or allied health professional working within the field of urogynaecology. At least one of the authors on the submitted abstract must be a BSUG member."

**Action:** No change

**Annual Research Meeting Attendance**

Currently the wording for attendance at the ARM is;

‘As always, attendance at the ARM is free of charge for BSUG members and their guests although we would encourage you to register for the entire meeting. Non-discussed posters will be displayed during the meeting and you are entitled to attend free of charge for the ARM.’

In addition, this year we have again proposed that anyone who has an oral or poster presentation will be allowed to attend the whole meeting for free.

**Action:** I would recommend no change if funding allows....

**BSUG Database Outcome**

We are currently working on a list of publications which have been generated from data on the BSUG database.

**Action:** List has been generated by Andrew Hextall and the database committee

**Questionnaire Requests**

- Screening performed by myself and Jonathan
- Aim for 4 per year
- Prospective database now established with Amanda
- Current waiting list – approximately 6 months
- Currently access is restricted to BSUG members although we occasionally receive other requests.

## Achievements

### **Annual research meeting – November 2018**

24 abstracts have been submitted, of which 10 will be selected for presentation and the rest for non-discussed posters (assuming they are appropriate). This is a more than last year (2017 -17 submitted). Again no distinction has been made between research, audit and basic science. The College response system was used to allow the audience to rank the presentations this year. In the past the abstracts have been submitted to the IUJ for publication – I am in the process of discussing this again with the IUJ

### **Meeting Prizes**

A total prize fund of £500 has been established;  
1<sup>st</sup> - £300, 2<sup>nd</sup> - £100, 3<sup>rd</sup> - £50 and Best Poster - £50.

### **NEW – Electronic Submission Process**

New on line electronic submission process developed by Amanda with technical support from Simon Osborn. Developed at no extra cost to BSUG. Initially trialled this year and would appear to have worked well.

### **NEW – BSUG Research Grants**

As discussed at the last Away Day we have now developed a process for the application for BSUG Research Grants. This was modelled on the IUGA Research Grants and the scoring system has also been based on the IUGA scoring system.

The closing date was 01.09.18 and we have had five grant applications submitted. These will be scored by the Research Committee, the results discussed at the Away Day, and the winner(s) will be announced at the ARM

A maximum of two grants will be allocated; £10 000 each

The successful applicants will need to produce an interim report to ensure full funding (£5 000 initially and £5000 thereafter) and will be required to present their work at the BSUG meeting

### **BSUG affiliated studies**

- M Abdel-Fattah remains PI of the SIMS Trial (NIHR). Recruitment target now reached
- Pallavi Latthe has opened a pilot study looking at oestrogen therapy in patients having treatment for prolapse – several BSUG members are involved. No recent update
- Ash Monga is submitting a protocol investigating the utility of UDS in patients with OAB. No recent update

### **Clinical trial development**

- Dedicated session at last ARM to focus on NHIR Portfolio studies

**Action:** To continue working with the CSG within RCOG (Chair: Christian Philips)

**Action:** To consider further sessions at the ARM

**Dudley Robinson**

**Subcommittee chairman**

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

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