



Dear Member,

Evidently it has been an incredibly challenging time for all of us over the past few months and it was with very great regret that we had to cancel the excellent annual meeting programme in Oxford twice. Although September 2021 seems like an incredibly long time away for the rescheduled meeting this is the earliest time when Oxford could realistically host us and I think there is a very reasonable chance that the situation will have normalised enough by then to have a 'proper' BSCI annual meeting, the strength of which has always been the opportunity to meet friends and colleagues face to face on a background of an excellent lecture programme.

During the grip of the first wave of the coronavirus pandemic we were all very aware that most people were working on completely different job plans and that an educational meeting (even a virtual one) was not a major priority for most of us. Now that we are all settling down to something a little closer to normality the committee have been actively pursuing educational activities that will not only bridge some of the gap to next September but will also give us a legacy of online educational material for the future.

From September 2020 we are planning monthly BSCI webinars delivered by members of the wider BSCI committee on a variety of subjects related to cardiac CT. The first of these will be at **5pm on Tuesday 8th September**. The plan is to hold subsequent monthly webinars on the second Tuesday of every calendar month. The format will be a 30min lecture broadcast live with 10 mins for questions from the audience. A zoom link will be sent out to all BSCI members prior to the meeting and others are free to join too. The plan will be to record all of these lectures which will subsequently be available to all BSCI members on our website.

As our annual meeting is not going ahead this year, we will be holding our AGM virtually in early December 2020. Short presentations will also be given on BSCI audits and guidelines. Details will follow in due course.

In collaboration with SCCT, **level 1 online training** cases are now available to all trainees or to any other members that feel they would benefit. Additionally, the same material is available to all cardiology trainees through joint funding by BSCI and BCS. We have currently all committed 1 year of funding to this project – please feedback to me if members find this useful as we then may consider funding it in future years.

In February next year, members of the BSCI committee are spending all day at the Heartbeat centre in Southampton delivering a series of professionally recorded lectures which will cover the didactic component of the CPD requirements for BSCI level 2 accreditation. These lectures will be able to be viewed and evaluated by any BSCI member and these lectures combined with attending an event attracting 11 CPD (e.g.

the BSCI annual meeting) would be sufficient to meet the total CPD lecture requirements for level 2 accreditation. The lecture requirement has always served as a barrier to individuals who wish to acquire level 2 via the 'hands on' hospital route in the past and we hope this online material will assist all of our trainee members and provide a useful training legacy for the future.

We have been collaborating with other societies over the past few months and have launched several projects:

1. BSCI in conjunction with the British Society of Thoracic Imaging (BSTI) have produced guidelines of reporting of cardiac calcification on non-ECG gated thoracic CT studies. This work is currently under journal review and we hope to share this with the radiology and cardiology communities in the near future.
2. In collaboration with ASNC, Michelle Williams and Jim Stirrup from the committee are hosting a BSCI/ASNC webinar at **5pm UK time on Thursday 10th September** entitled 'An introduction to the role of nuclear imaging in coronary artery disease'. Please register for this on [https://www.asnc.org/ev\\_calendar\\_day.asp?date=9/10/2020&eventid=125](https://www.asnc.org/ev_calendar_day.asp?date=9/10/2020&eventid=125)
3. BSCI in conjunction with SCCT are planning on holding a virtual online meeting at the end of 2020/Early 2021. This will include a full day on UK and international lecturers working at the cutting edge of cardiac CT. Details of registration etc. will be distributed to all members nearer the time and will be posted on our website.

May I thank you all for your patience and continued support of the society. It has been a very tough year so far, but my hope is that we can now start to look forward to a much brighter 2021. My sincere hope is that we will have a record attendance at Keble College Oxford next September and that when I hand over the presidency of the society to James Shambrook at that meeting the society will be in a stronger position with a substantial portfolio of online training resources as a legacy for our trainees who are evidently the future of the society

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