



BRITISH INDIAN ORTHOPAEDIC SOCIETY

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BIOS Update – Winter News Letter 2021 / 2022

Dear BIOSans

Greetings of the festive season! As we ring out 2021 and welcome 2022 I thought I would write to you all with an update on some of the activities of your Society since I took over as President in July 2021 at the Cardiff Conference and a snapshot of what lies ahead in 2022.

It has been a busy 6 months and you will be pleased to know that that BIOS continues to play a vital role in delivering significant Educational content be it through our monthly webinars or participation in annual conferences such as the BOA as a Specialist Society or supporting a variety of postgraduate courses up and down the country. Our Webinars in particular have been very well received and we received a mention in the December issue of the JTO as well. Thanks to the hard work of Maneesh Bhatia and now Sanjeev Anand and the current Exec as well!

After the highly successful Virtual Cardiff Conference we fast forwarded to the BOA conference in Aberdeen in September 2021. This was a face to face meeting and BIOS participated with a double session on Wednesday 21 September with the catchy theme “Doctor – my joint is painful after Surgery”. A number of you attended – the sessions were extremely well received and the official feedback (which I enclose [Click Here – Note: Internet access required to download](#)) is very good. Indeed for the second half we had no room in the hall with delegates lining the wall to hear! This was a fantastic performance by the team as we had to achieve speakers at the last minute after the postponement of the Indian Summer to 2022 and the last minute spectre of Covid related problems in the Glasgow area – so hats off to the whole BIOS Council for this. I attended the BOA Council dinner as your President (enclose some photos) and received unofficial kudos of our sessions and ongoing commitments to BIOS going ahead. This was a very successful meeting after the shadow of Covid and attendances on the main days of the conference were excellent, considering the location. We also hosted a BIOS stall in the exhibition area (see photo) for the first time which was received well, thanks to the efforts of the Executive members who manned it in the breaks.

In the background the Exec has been working to support Vikram Desai and the Mansfield team for **BIOSCON 2022** which is on schedule for **8/9 July 2022**. The conference will be face to face and promises to be an educational /revalidation feast. The BOA President John Skinner and IOA President Ramesh Sen have committed to attend, and we anticipate good numbers with the low Registration fees promised by Vikram and team! Please keep a lookout for “call for abstracts” in the new year as we have a good number of podium slots for scientific papers as well. I ask all the Past Presidents to attend as I plan a special event on the 9th July! The Program will be sent once finalised but I would urge you all to place the dates in your diary and come over to Conference as it will be wonderful to meet up after the Covid hiatus!

Friends – I can also disclose that we are now linked up with BOTA and are restarting the BIOS-BOTA fellowship in the new year! This has long remained one of my objectives and after discussions held at the BOA the BOTA Exec have agreed to support us in all ways for Educational events and we in turn will support a travelling fellowship for one senior years trainee in 2022. We also remain on course to re-start State and national (IOA) fellowships for 2022 and after preliminary discussions a Virtual meeting is planned with the new IOA President Ramesh Sen and their Overseas Exec led by Jamal Ashraf in February 2022. I will update as soon as we know the plan and confirm our MOU.

I can also give you the good news that some Industry support for previously agreed fellowships for BIOS members (but then suspended due to Covid) is now re-pledged and Medacta is also giving us a fully funded additional Spine fellowship – applications for two fellowships will open in the new year, so please keep a lookout for these. Additional streams of funding are in the pipeline as well, for supporting BIOS members to avail of national or international fellowships. We also congratulate Karthik Iyengar for being selected to join the Educational Committee of SICOT and Kodali Prasad for being selected as Elite Reviewer for the BJJ and being on the Editorial Board of CORR, a great prestige for us. I was invited to join the Editorial Board of the JOO (Journal Of Orthopaedics) and have accepted this. All this enhances our Research profile as a Society and we plan research webinars to teach the younger members of the Society on methodology and also on how to review papers in 2022.

*Looking further- in the second half on 2022 we will be participating at the September 2022 BOA conference in Birmingham where we will have a double session likely on **Wednesday 21st September**. It will showcase the Indian Summer and our Revalidation session and preparations are underway to finalise the program and speakers. I ask that you note this date in your diary as the Indian Summer is a huge attraction and we have excellent overseas speakers who agreed to attend!*

Finally I sign off with my best wishes to you all as we ring in the new year and pray that all in the BIOS family remain safe and well in 2022! Happy new year to all!

Regards

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President BIOS

(Attached & below: BIOS session feedback ([Click Here – Internet access required to download](#)) from BOA and photos)



BOA Aberdeen 2021



BIOS Stand at Aberdeen



**Bob Handley BOA president & Amit Tolat BIOS President
at Council Dinner 2021**



Fares Haddad Amit Tolat & Ananda Nanu at BOA Council dinner 2021