

**Report to Annual General Meeting of BAPRAS: November 2019****Report from: BAPRAS Research Committee****Name of Representative: Prof Abhilash Jain****Report**RSTN

A RSTN Trials Day had take place on 14 June 2019 at the University of Cardiff, Wales. The theme was 'Get It Right First Time' and Mr Ken Dunn, GIRFT lead for Plastic Surgery, had provided a keynote presentation. The meeting included updates on current trials and the opportunities for clinicians to become involved and submit their own ideas for consideration. A RSTN update would take place at the BSSH Autumn Meeting in Dublin from 31 October to 1 November 2019. The NINJA project was nearing completion and currently eight months ahead of schedule. Recruitment of participants had proceeded faster than expected.

Research Committee Projects

The Committee projects to be undertaken by Committee members during their period of office included Guideline Development, tissue engineering, and progression of academic trainees. Collaboration with BFIRST on an international research project has made steps forward. A sub specialty Skin group will be formed to collaborate with the RSTN and SIG to deliver national cohort studies in skin cancer related studies.

Pump Priming Awards

For Consumables, seven applications had been received and one application had been received for the Clinical Trials award. Both awards were given £20K each.

Paton Masser Memorial Fund.

The simple proforma based on the existing form was reviewed and approved. Six applications had been received in 2018.

Endorsement of Research Proposals

A process for endorsement of non-commissioned calls would be taken forward.

RCS Specialty Surgical Lead for Plastic and Hand Surgery

Prof Abhilash Jain would demit as RCS Surgical Specialty Lead at the end of 2019. Mr Matt Gardiner had been appointed following interview in May 2019. He joined the Committee at the Committee meeting earlier in the month. A formal proposal would be made to Council for a Surgical Specialty Lead dedicated to plastic surgery as the workload had increased significantly with a 3 fold increase in NIHR grant success.

Natric UK Delphi Trauma Research Priorities Survey

BAPRAS should participate in the Natric UK Delphi Trauma Research Priorities Survey and details would be publicised in due course.

Plastic surgeons engaged in national NIHR priority setting in Trauma

The work was completed and had resulted in a successful NIHR funded HTA trial in

digital nerve repair (£1.2 million).

Committee Membership

Mr R Pritchard-Jones had joined the Committee as a consultant member and Professor D Furniss would serve for a further two years. Trainee representation on the Committee was strong: Mr D Leonard (elected Trainee representative) and Mr J Wormald (PLASTA representative) had joined. Miss Anna Allan remains on the committee as RSTN representative.

**Actions**

Continued support with both expertise and funding for research across UK BAPRAS to continue links with RCS research initiative.  
Formal proposal would be made to Council for an additional Surgical Specialty Lead dedicated to plastic surgery.  
BAPRAS to continue support for RSTN