

Report to Annual General Meeting of BAPRAS: November 2018**Report from: BFIRST****Name of Representative: Mr Wee Lam****Report****FUNDRAISING**

A survey to identify fundraising strengths of Committee Members had been undertaken. The Bicycle Ride from Oxford to Bournemouth in aid of BFIRST. This had raised funds for BFIRST. Participation by BFIRST in further fundraising cycling events were discussed. The Committee expressed thanks for BAPRAS for its continued support to BFIRST.

SPENDING STRATEGY

The reserves had been meaningfully reduced and were being used for its charitable purposes. The aims and strategies of BFIRST are maintained with the current spending strategies but BFIRST would be looking to increase spending with two 'hands on' microsurgery fellowships in Tawian.

BEST PRACTICES AND STANDARDS FOR OVERSEAS WORK

A document of standards has been produced and circulated. It has been agreed that BFIRST projects would be checked that it adhere to the standards before applying them to potential affiliates.

STANDARDS AND MOU FOR AFFILIATES

The document could be a framework document used as a template by Project Leads. It would establish a clear theme with financial limits. It was anticipated that it would raise awareness of standards that BFIRST was hoping to implement. Those projects that follow the BFIRST standard were BFIRST projects.

PROJECTS

BFIRST continues to carry out projects in 10-11 projects in Cambodia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Vietnam (x2), Zimbabwe.

BFIRST-BSSH OVERSEAS DAY

The event had taken place at the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh on 13 September. Eighty people had attended the very highly successful event and it had raised the profile of overseas work. The next proposed Overseas day would be in 2021. In 2020, a smaller event with RSM may be proposed.

BFIRST PARALLEL SESSIONS AT BAPRAS MEETINGS

BFIRST had hosted a parallel session at the BAPRAS Summer Meeting in Bournemouth. This had been successful and feedback had been positive. There was a deliberate effort not to have any BFIRST speakers at the session and this was seen as a positive and inclusive move. An event at the Transatlantic Plastic Surgery Summit in Reykjavik in Summer 2020 was being explored. An event at the BAPRAS Winter Meeting 2020 would be discussed.

NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR UNITS-RECONNAISSANCE DOCUMENTS

A Online Needs Assessment for Units had been approved. Access to the documents would be via a web link.

CONSULTANT PACK AND BOOKLET

The updated consultant pack committee was approved. A consent form would be developed for photographs.

UPDATE ON EDUCATIONAL RESOURCE

Regular webinars take place regularly and attract 10 to 14 participants. The first live Hand Surgery seminar had been on 'the Mangled Hand'. We are entering the 9 month now.

CHICAGO BURN RECONSTRUCTION CONFERENCE

BFIRST was asked to participate at the Chicago Burn Reconstruction Conference in October 2019 for attendance, networking, provide Faculty and sponsor delegates. The event would be attended by Mr Nadeem Khwaja and Miss Monica Fawzy. Miss Fawzy would be faculty. The increasing workload of burns within BFIRST was recognised. Joint working with BBA and Interburns would be explored.

FELLOWSHIPS

There had been four UK Fellows in 2019. Two had visited from Bangladesh and one each from Ethiopia and Pakistan. 13 applications had been received for the 2019/20 and three were awarded to applicants from Ethiopia, Nigeria and Pakistan. The Global Overseas Fellowship in Taiwan had completed and a successor would be identified in the New Year.

TRAINEES

There were 15 members of the Trainee Committee. The BFIRST Committee discussed acknowledgement around acknowledgement in global plastic surgery publications. A BFIRST Medical Student Committee had been established and was enthusiastic.

NIHR GRANTS AND COLLABORATION

The Committee discussed NIHR Grants and Collaboration. Mr Matt Gardiner SSL for Plastic Surgery would be invited to a future meeting.

SPEAKER AND CHAIR EXPENSES POLICY FOR BFIRST EVENTS

Speaker and Chair Expenses Policy was necessary and a revised draft would be considered. Speakers would be reminded to consider value for money and remind speakers that BFIRST was a fundraising charity and as such had limited resources

NEW CHAIRMAN

Mr Wee Lam to demit as Chairman at the end of 2019. Mrs Sarah Tucker would serve as Chairman for a term 2020-2022.

Actions

1. Overseas Day 2021 with BSSH
2. Parallel overseas session at BAPRAS Winter Meeting 2020 proposed