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December 2016

Welcome to the winter e-bulletin!

The latest updates on courses, job vacancies and hand therapy news in the UK

Chair report

Well who would have thought that 2016 would have been over this quickly and what an eventful year it has been. I would firstly like to thank Helen Davey for her dedication and hard work over the last 12 months as Chair. I am excited to take over the role and help to continue to build the profile of BAHT and ensure we are providing our members with value, support and education in the next 12 months and beyond,

The joint BSSH/BAHT conference held in Cardiff in October was informative and thought provoking and whilst acknowledgement has been made that the venue did not live up to the expectations we had for it, we hope you all still enjoyed your time there.

We have some exciting times ahead in the coming 12 months. 2017 will see us take our annual conference to Norwich on 10th and 11th November. Our venue promises to be both stunning and well suited to our needs. We are asking all members to provide us with feedback to help us plan the conference that you all want. Please take the time to complete the survey later in the bulletin. Our new honorary President Mr Ian McNab will be delivering an address at this conference.

For those of you that have not yet heard the news from Argentina. London has won the bid for the joint 2022 IFSHT/IFSSH congress and we look forward to showing the world our city and what fabulous things we are doing in the UK. Even more exciting is that Nicola Goldsmith has been elected as "President-Elect" for IFSHT and will be president during the 2022 Congress.

We are also asking all members to consider becoming involved in the Executive Committee of BAHT. We need the assistance of members to ensure that BAHT continues to function well and without the assistance of those that volunteer their time on any of our committees the organisation would not be able to keep functioning. If you feel passionate about the profession and the role of BAHT we want to hear from you.

Christy Fowler, Chair

BAHT validated hand therapy courses 2017

March

Level I: Middlesex

Level I: Dublin

May:

Level I: London

September:

Level II: Paediatrics

November:

Level I: Derby

For further details and courses see the [BAHT website courses section](#).

Would you like funding assistance with course fees? See the Bursary section of the [BAHT website](#)



BAHT are looking for papers



Next BAHT conference ideas please!

The next BAHT conference will be held in Norwich on 10th and 11th November 2017. We would like you input in the topics for symposia and workshops.

This is your opportunity to help make the 2017 conference informative and rewarding for all members.

[Go to survey.](#)

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2017 special editions **Flexor
tendons and dupuytren's.**
Please submit ASAP!



BAHT 2016 AGM

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BAHT Clinical Evidence Committee Peer Reviewers

The BAHT clinical evidence committee (CEC) is seeking to expand their pool of reviewers for the annual research grant and conference abstracts.

Research grant peer review takes place in February and abstract peer review in late summer, annually. Being a member of the review team does not imply an obligation to review at any time. The aim of building a pool is to ensure we have adequate numbers of qualified, experienced reviewers. This will insure transparency and rigour in our review processes while reducing the burden on individuals who assist the BAHT CEC in the review process.

We are seeking reviewers who are experienced researchers, clinicians, lecturers, or surgeons with clinical and research expertise.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the peer review process, please contact Lisa Newington (CEC chair) on baht.cec@gmail.com. To join the pool of reviewers, please send your CV to the same address.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes, BAHT CEC.



iCSP Hand Therapy discussion forum

Some latest

topics:

- Hand therapy & cycling
- Fractional lengthening in neuro patients
- Thalamic pain syndrome
- Hand therapy outcome measures
- EPL repairs
- Educational sessions for self-management of the arthritic hand

Join the discussion on the [iCSP hand therapy forum](#) and receive regular email updates (see [BAHT 'Latest news'](#) for joining information)

Which goniometric measurement technique do you use?

OT masters students at Stanbridge College, California are running a short survey exploring wrist goniometry. The survey will run until 18th December and [can be found here](#)



BAHT 2017 Research Grant - now open for applications

The call for applications for the 2017 BAHT Research Grant is open, so get your thinking caps on! We welcome applications for research on any area of hand therapy practice.

BAHT have £20,000 available to support one large piece of research or several smaller projects; so if you are thinking of setting up a local research project or audit and require funding to buy additional equipment or research time, please get in touch.

Further details can be found on the research section of the [BAHT website](#).

Amount available: £20,000

Criteria: You must be a current BAHT member and the funding cannot go towards fees for an educational or professional qualification. Please see the guidance notes for grant applications for more details [BAHT Research Grant](#)

How to apply: Please download the application form from the Research section of the BAHT website

Application deadline: 01/02/2017

Please contact baht.cec@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like any additional information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

BAHT Clinical Evidence Committee



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From 1st February 2017, the annual BAHT membership fee will be increased as follows:

Full Member (HCP registered, UK based OT/PT): Direct Debit (from UK bank account only): £65, Credit Card: £70

Overseas Full Member:

Direct Debit (from UK bank account only) / credit card: £75/ £80 (Europe) £85/ £90 (Rest of world)

Associate Member (UK based OT/PT Assistant/Tech/Student, if outside UK please contact us): Direct Debit (from UK bank account only) £50, Credit Card £55

Please note: Cheque payments will no longer be available as of 1st February 2017

Journal Platform Upgrade!

The publishers of Hand Therapy, *SAGE Journals*, are excited to announce the launch of their new journal platform from early December 2017. Readers of Hand Therapy will benefit from a more responsive user interface, clean user centered design features, improved article metrics, and ability to set up e-alerts. All personal profiles on the current *SAGE Journals* platform will be carried over to the new site, including preferences for journal e-alerts. On their first visit to the new platform, registered users of *SAGE Journals* will be informed that the email address associated with their account has become their new Username. They will also be invited to reset their password.



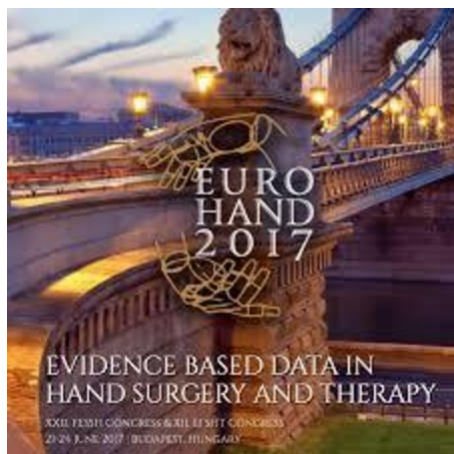
During the launch period and until the end of January 2017 readers can benefit from FREE ACCESS to Hand Therapy and other SAGE publications online!

Web page redirects will be in use however readers are encouraged to change their bookmarked Hand Therapy link to this one



Thank you to everyone who completed the REACTS survey of return to work after carpal tunnel release. The online survey closed on 02/12/16. Watch this space for the results!

Thanks again,
Lisa (CEC Chair)



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