

# BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER: December 2021



### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Friends and Colleagues

As we approach the end of a challenging 2021, I would personally like to thank the Board of Trustees, the EMSB Senate and Nechama for their tremendous hard

work on behalf of your Association. Everyone has put in the extra effort to ensure that the BBA remains in a strong position, with stable finances and continues to deliver value and support to the membership. With heightened clinical pressures, this has not been easy and we all appreciate the commitment that they have shown.

I am pleased to report that the Association remains buoyant with 351 members, many of you participating and contributing via the various committees and Special Interest Groups, as well as delivering the EMSB courses, for which we thank you. This year, in response to your suggestions, we have introduced group membership rates, so it is a good time to get together with other staff in your department and save a little bit of money.

As the UK hopefully starts to emerge from the worst of the Covid-19 pandemic, the health and well-being of burn patients is at risk of being overlooked. We must ensure that such patients, often with devastating impact on their quality of life, are supported in these times of NHS pressures and constraints. With long waiting lists and limited resources, hospital Trusts may prioritise patients with other conditions, while those awaiting burn reconstructive procedures are pushed to the back of the queue. We need to advocate loudly for our patients and ensure that they are also given the care they deserve.

Despite the necessity of closely managing the finances, prevention, education, research and standards need to be at the forefront of the BBA. Our ambition should be to continue developing in all these areas and more detailed reports are available in the relevant sections of the Newsletter.

On 14<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021, the BBA held its first virtual annual conference, in partnership with the ISBI. This was a great educational experience and many of you participated both presenting and attending. Sadly, Liz Greenfield, the Executive Director of the ISBI, passed away just a few short months after overseeing the success of the event. Thank you to all members who sent messages of condolence.

Covid-19 has undoubtedly accelerated changes in the way education is delivered and this technology will continue to be part of how we learn and train. The Annual Meeting next year in Bristol (4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> May) will be the BBA's first hybrid meeting. The abstract submission deadline is approaching and there is a good feeling of anticipation in the air.

So, as the new year approaches, I wish you and your loved ones a happy and safe festive season. We look forward to the opportunity to meet again, in person and virtually, in Bristol in May 2022.

*Yvonne Wilson, BBA Chair*

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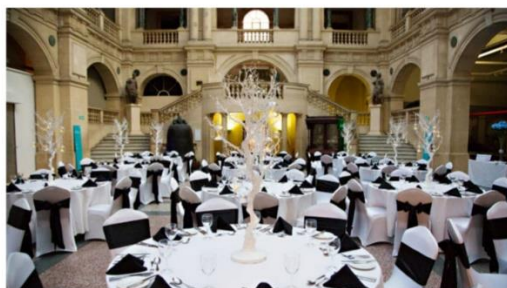
# BRITISH BURN ASSOCIATION

**Annual Meeting 2022**  
**Bristol: Facing the Future**  
**4th - 6th May 2022**

**Venue: Royal Marriott Bristol**

- **BBA Member Early bird rate: Full attendance £290**
- **Non Member Early bird rate: Full attendance £370**

**Includes: Attendance on 4th, 5th & 6th May and Dinner on the 5th May**



**Dinner Venue: Bristol Museum and Art Gallery**

**Early Bird Deadline - 28th February**

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# Annual Conference: 4<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022

## Facing the Future



### Welcome to Bristol

On behalf of Bristol adults and children's Burn Services

The Organising Committee and the Bristol Burn Services are excited to welcome you to the 54<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the British Burn Association in 2022. We are thrilled to be hosting a face-to-face meeting with hybrid options. The venue is based in the heart of the city at the Bristol Royal Marriot Hotel, and just a short walk away, the conference dinner will be held at Bristol Museum. The location has excellent transport links and is a fantastic base for exploring the city.

We are hoping to run a meeting that will be eco-friendly, sociable and inspiring to burn care in the future. The theme 'Facing the Future' hopes to look at where we have come from to where we want our services and treatments to develop. We want to challenge ourselves and colleagues in continuing to thrive for the best patient care and outcomes.

We look forward to seeing you May.

*Catalina Estela on behalf of the Bristol Local Organising Committee*

## BBA Grants

Four different grants are available to BBA Members. These are:-

- ***The BBA Travel Grant***
- ***The Margaret Miller Travel Grant (for Nurses)***
- ***The BBA Research Grant***
- ***A Grant for Research into Methods of Preventing Burn Injuries in the Home***

The terms of the grants are that applicants need to have been a BBA Member for at least 12 months to be eligible to apply. The Travel and Research Grants will not normally exceed £1,000, The Margaret Miller Grant is capped at £1,500 and an open sum will be considered for the Grant for Research into Methods of Preventing Burn Injuries in the Home. Further details and application forms for each grant can be found within the 'Education' section of the website, under 'Prizes and Grants'.



## Education Committee

The BBA's education remit continues to be severely affected by the pandemic. As things begin to return to normal however, there are some signs of a recovery. EMSB courses have once again started face-to-face and we have further webinars planned as co-hosts.

Most excitingly, the BBA has successfully applied for a grant from the VTCT Foundation to develop an online Education Platform. This should provide some value for money for the membership as well as acting as a focus for future online educational activities. The initial grant is for £20,000, with a possible £10,000 to follow if we can demonstrate the benefits of the platform. Tendering for the contract to run the platform has been completed and we expect a decision on the successful applicant shortly. We have also been offered administrative support from some of our industry partners in order to manage the online content.

Our remit to educate all regarding the care of the burn-injured patient remains the cornerstone of the BBA's raison d'être. As we emerge after nearly 2 years of enforced hibernation, we hope to once again resume these activities for the benefits of the membership, the general public and our patients.

*Andy Williams, Education Committee Chair*

## Laing Essay Prize

**Laing Essay Prize 2020/21:** *'Artificial Intelligence in the Management and Treatment of Burns'*. Congratulations to the winner Mr Francisco Moura, Plastic Surgery LAS Registrar, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital and to the Runner-Up, Ms Rachel Kuo, Plastic Surgery Registrar and NIHR Academic Clinical Fellow, Thames Valley / Wessex Deanery.

**Laing Essay Prize 2022 now open to all involved in Burn Care:** The Essay, titled ***'Managing Burn Injury in a Pandemic – Challenges, Developments and Lessons Learned'*** should be of a maximum 5,000 words and in the style used by *Burns Journal*. Your Essay should use sub headings, contain an introduction, main body, discussion and conclusion as a minimum. The essay should be well referenced using the Vancouver referencing style. An abstract of up to 150 words should also be provided with your Essay and a list of up to 6 keywords. Three referees, appointed by the BBA, will judge and award the winner £500. The prize-winning Essay may be eligible for publication in *Burns* at the discretion of the Editor.

**Closing date for applications: 5pm on 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022.** The winner will be announced at the BBA Annual Conference, May 2022.

For further information, email:  
[info@britishburnassociation.org](mailto:info@britishburnassociation.org)

## Emergency Management of Severe Burns (EMSB)

The EMSB Senate team have continued to meet very regularly during the last year, working on keeping everyone safe yet returning to the delivery of this vital training as soon as possible.

We have considered hybrid and virtual courses and individual team members have helped as much as possible with informal virtual training sessions. However, we are pleased to announce that we have now returned to a Covid-aware socially distanced face to face course strategy. Five courses have now been undertaken and the feedback from faculty and candidates has been generally very positive.

We have now received links to the new manual and the updated slides from ANZBA and hope to be able to review these at the next Senate meeting.

We have decided on a new Faculty structure especially reviewing the process of joining and progressing through the levels which will be more aligned with other international faculties and will help in the delivery of the new course. We will be circulating the details shortly. We hope the new structure will be more inclusive and will also allow members of the wider burns community to be reconsidered to join the faculty and help with succession planning in some regions.

*Tania Cubison, EMSB National Organiser & Senate Chair*

## Research Committee

The Covid Pandemic has led to the majority of burn research in 2020 and early 2021 being put on hold.

Following the Joint ISBI / BBA Virtual Conference, the Chair of the Research SIG was passed from Yvonne Wilson to Simon Booth, Burn Researcher at Queen Victoria Hospital, East Grinstead.

During 2022, we hope to establish a collaborative network for Burns research following the model of the RSTN in plastic surgery. The SIG will continue to offer peer review of projects pre-application and provide feedback.

*Simon Booth, Research Committee and SI Chair*

## Prevention Committee

As the new Chair of the BBA Prevention Committee, I would like to start by thanking Vicky Dudman, the outgoing Chair for all her hard work. Vicky has led the Committee during Covid times which has added significant challenges. The whole NHS continues to feel these pressures, from frontline acute services such as ICU and acute hospital services including our burn services, to the vital community services which we and our burn injured patients rely on. During these times of immense pressure on the NHS, the message of burn injury prevention is more essential than ever.

National Burn Awareness Day took place on Wednesday 18th October and many of you were able to hold some face-to-face interactions in your Trusts or continued with online/distanced education events. The Children's Burn Trust (CBT) and the Child Accident Prevention Trust (CAPT) ran the second webinar together with the BBA on National Burn Awareness Day on the topic of burn injury prevention in children. Vicky Dudman and Krissie Stiles gave excellent talks on this second collaborative multi-professional webinar attended by over 100 parents, carers and community practitioners. I am very grateful to Alison Tweddle and her team at CBT and Katrina Philips at CAPT for the continued close collaboration with the BBA. Many of you will know that Alison Tweddle has recently retired after many years of heading the Children's Burns Trust and working tirelessly in the area of paediatric burn injury prevention. Alison has also worked closely with the BBA for which we are very grateful and wish her all the best for the future whilst welcoming Jo Myers to her new role.

Lastly, the BBA burn injury Prevention Committee needs you and your ideas. There is a huge amount of fantastic work done locally and within networks on prevention education. I would like to thank all of you involved in these projects often done above and beyond normal working time. Please do link with the Prevention Committee or of course, join the next meetings to share your ideas and let us know where you feel the BBA can help or support you in this vital area.

Wishing you all a very safe and peaceful Christmas and all the best for 2022.

*Nadeem Khwaja, Prevention Committee Chair*

## Overseas Committee

The BBA is excited to announce the formation of the BBA Overseas Committee. This Committee hopes to attract BBA members from all disciplines with emphasis the multidisciplinary nature of burn care.

The purpose of this Committee will be to develop existing relationships and form new links with overseas burn services with the aim of improving burn education, knowledge, and patient care.

The Committee will also work in coordination with other UK professional and charity groups that provide overseas burn education and burn outreach services.

There will be call for membership from BBA members and this Committee will aim to have its first meeting in early 2022.

*Preetha Muthayya, Overseas Committee Chair*

## Communications Committee & Professional Matters

The public awareness campaign related to 'Squid Games' molten sugar scalds has seen many children (in particular) injured across the burns services.

Articles related to this issue have been published in a host of mainstream media outlets including The Telegraph, The Daily Mail, The Sun, The Mirror amongst others. Valuable media and social media contributions came from the East Grinstead service and Nicole Lee in particular put together a very useful first aid video for social media.

Similar public awareness related to steam inhalation scalds received some traction on social media, as well as public awareness related to firework safety ahead of bonfire night which received similar traction along with collaborative efforts with BAPRAS.

Trustee Nicole Lee, was also heavily involved in Emmerdale episodes and story lines related to Burn injuries, and around this time, Trustees Andrew Williams and Odhran Shelley delivered media interviews and TV content in the Daily Mail and Channel 5.

Mr Khawaja has continued to help with the production of public awareness posters related to a number of issues.

The BBA and its constituent Trustees and members are currently active to try and assist the crisis in Sierra Leone, much of which is being dealt with at Government and WHO level.

As a small charity with limited resource, the BBA continues to make a significant impact through its Trustees and membership in public awareness.

In other news, the membership should be aware of the move by NHS England to tender the care of SJS-TENS patients to a very small number of national centres, to recommence soon after a Covid-related pause. Those not bidding or unsuccessful will be decommissioned for the care of these patients.

*Kayvan Shokrollahi, Communications Committee Chair*

## Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee was launched at our AGM and we held our first meeting in July 2021 where we brainstormed ideas for raising additional funds for the Association.

### **Christmas Card competition:**

Many thanks go to Tracy Foster and the team at Pinderfields / Family Burns Club for their work setting up our Christmas card competition.

### **Easyfundraising:**

We have registered British Burn Association with #easyfundraising, which means over 6,000 shops and sites will now donate to us for FREE every time you use #easyfundraising to shop with them.

These donations will help SO MUCH, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/britishburnassociation/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_content=gs-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/britishburnassociation/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=gs-f1)

### **Plans for next year:**

There is much scope for further activities and projects which could help the BBA raise funds, but we need help from you, our members. Please contact me at [victoria.dudman@nhs.net](mailto:victoria.dudman@nhs.net) if you have any ideas or can provide some support and assistance.

*Vicky Dudman, Fundraising Committee Chair*

## Burns Therapist Interest Group

The BTIG continue to form a community for the sharing of learning and expertise. While we are still in recovery following Covid restrictions, we have been unfortunately unable to meet face to face. Members did however come together for a virtual meeting in July with an agenda that included a presentation by Amberley Prince on acute optic neuropathy as a complication following burn injury, feedback from the Rehab Prescription Task and Finish Group and presentation of a burn's competency package for all grades by the LSEBN Network who have kindly allowed services to trial with a plan to audit later in the year. There is current discussion regarding recommencing our education programme and members are considering the best way to approach this over the coming year. If you wish to become a member of the Burns Therapy Interest Group, please contact Amanda Dufley at [amanda.dufley@nbt.nhs.uk](mailto:amanda.dufley@nbt.nhs.uk)

*Amanda Dufley, BTIG Chair*

## Nurses Special Interest Group

### SAVE THE DATES

**End of life care in burns injury - when is the time and what is the roll of the nurse** - 15th February 2022 16.00 - 18.00 Online

**Ophthalmic care in ocular burn injuries - understanding the additional needs for these injuries and effects** - 14th April 2022 16.00 -18.00 Online

*Registration emails and posters will come out soon*

Also work underway to look at recycling methods for dressing packages – UPDATE - I am working with the reps to look at recycled packaging and bring together the information in relation to what and how can be recycled with the dressings that we use.

Work for you all is to engage in your local hospital recycling teams and start the process of getting recycling bins within your areas.

Wishing you all a safe and happy Christmas

*Nicole Lee, Nurses SIG Chair*

## Pre-Hospital Special Interest Group

We have edited a Burns Action Card submitted by Ian Studd (EEAST) and submitted the revision to the BBA Trustees for their review.

This year with the help of colleagues (Ian King and Adam Young) we are developing a burn (core and advanced) knowledge content for the first responder using the 2020 Consensus (FPHCRCSEd & BBA) document for the advanced portion. We hope to have this completed by early 2022. I would like to invite members of the BBA to contribute potential photographs/diagrams for this pre-hospital project. Please send them to me at [wfdemello@gmail.com](mailto:wfdemello@gmail.com).

Please get in touch with me if there are any other topics/projects that you feel we should concentrate on.

Thanking you in anticipation.

*Winston de Mello, Pre-Hospital SIG Chair*



# Burn Club and Camps Special Interest Group

The Covid pandemic has continued to have a major impact on all Burn Clubs and Camps both in relation to the support they normally offer and in what they are able to do in terms of fundraising.

With regard to fundraising, the majority of activities clubs normally run such as Evening Balls, Quiz Nights and other Social Events have not been able to run so there has been a significant loss in income. Whilst some activity has been able to move online or individual fundraisers have still been able to raise money through sponsored runs etc, some of this has also not reached previous revenue levels as other larger charities have bigger resources to promote their activities and encourage donations to them instead. Additionally many people have experienced financial concerns since the pandemic and don't have the money to donate. Although this may not have an immediate impact with clubs and camps running fewer activities at present, as support restarts clubs may need to limit some activities they had previously run or look at greater support for fundraising.

The ability to run club and camp activities over the last 18 months has also been heavily impacted. Some staff and volunteers have had changes to their work or personal lives and not been able to commit to support activities; some have needed to shield or suffered with long Covid and generally many club/camp activities involve bringing groups of people together which the pandemic has restricted.

In response to this, clubs and camps across the country have run various online activities including, therapeutic workshops, social 'drop ins', craft activities, quiz evenings and competitions. Clubs have also joined together with each other and the Children's Burns Trust (CBT) to run online family days, including webinars, fun activities and presentations from medical specialists, older burn survivors and parents talking about their 'burn journeys', all of which has been well received. All clubs promoted National Burn Awareness Day on social media and where possible linked with local fires services, schools and other agencies to raise awareness.

Face to face contact has needed to be very cautious, the Family Burns Club in Yorkshire distributed Easter Eggs to families and developed 'welcome packs' to give to families when admitted to the ward. The Manchester Burns Camp were able to hold an evening event at a cookery school and also a day at a Watersports centre primarily for those aged 15 and over and young adults, which really helped those transitioning from child to adult services. They have another in person event planned for the 7<sup>th</sup> November and along with the other clubs in the Northern network are attending the CBT led Family Weekend in Penrith on 12<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> November.

The FAB club in Bristol organised a day trip to Paultons Park (Peppa Pig world) in September which was enjoyed by many families.

The Children's Burns Club held a family Funday in July at an outdoor activity centre and ran a summer camp for children in August. The camp did include quite strict processes for Covid and testing everyone which was a challenge, but this seemed more for staff and volunteers than the children as their feedback was they had become used to all the changes from school! They have another Funday and family weekend planned for November depending on any changes to Covid procedures. The Burns Clubs in the London and South East area also attended a family weekend in September in conjunction with CBT and Fire-fighters charity which went well and was really valued by those attending as it was the first support event they had been able to attend.

The Burn Club and Camps SIG held a virtual meeting on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, and all members were keen to discuss and look at what support they could offer for families in 2022. If you would like more information or to join a meeting please email [martin.palmer@nhs.net](mailto:martin.palmer@nhs.net)

*Martin Palmer, Burn Clubs and Camps SIG Chair*

# Psychosocial Special Interest Group

## Overview

The BBA Psychosocial SIG continues to retain a healthy membership of psychosocial professionals working or researching in burns, as well as other professionals with BBA membership with an interest in psychosocial issues related to burns.

The SIG has recently planned to continue meeting twice a year virtually, instead of face-to-face as was the case prior to Covid-19. In addition, the SIG plans to start holding an annual clinical education/CPD day for psychosocial professionals working in burns starting from 2022.

The current Chair is Dr Laura Shepherd, Consultant Clinical Psychologist at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust. The current Secretary is Dr Rachel Mumford, Clinical Psychologist at The Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust. The Psychosocial SIG is grateful to Dr Anna Turner, Clinical Psychologist at Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust for her previous work in term as Secretary between 2019 and 2021.

## Focus of activity in 2020-2021

The focus of the year has included:

- Sharing clinical practice and maintaining professional support
- Liaising with Ken Dunn regarding iBID data entry and analysis related to inpatient psychosocial screening, to ensure consistency with the associated dashboard indicator and understanding of the analytic process across the Psychosocial SIG
- Producing a guidance document related to the schema detailed in the National Burn Care Standards Outcome Measures for 'Optimising psychological well-being' (H.02). The aim of this document is to enhance standardisation in the use of these scoring systems across burns services
- The development of a subgroup to focus on making recommendations related to the psychological support offered to BIRT members
- The development of a document summarising the aims of the Psychosocial SIG and membership information
- Setting up a jiscmail account for the purposes of communication within the Psychosocial SIG
- Making recommendations related to the draft burns rehabilitation prescription
- Continuing to promote clinical and service development, and share and encourage research activity, including maintaining established links with the Centre for Appearance Research and supporting PhD work
- Promoting and supporting activities by burn care charities (Katie Piper Foundation and Dan's Fund for Burns)
- Complex case discussion and utilising therapeutic approaches

## Call for new members

Anyone interested in joining the Psychosocial SIG would be welcome and should contact Dr Rachel Mumford ([r.mumford@nhs.net](mailto:r.mumford@nhs.net)).

*Laura Shepherd, Psychosocial SIG Chair*

## iBID and BCIG

At the end of this year Cathy Reade will be stepping down as the national coordinator for the database. I am sure you will join me and other members of the BCIG in wishing her all the best for the future and thanking her for the immense contribution she has made to our understanding of burn care in the UK. Cathy's last working day will be 17 December should you wish to send her any messages.

Also of note is the retirement in December of Alison Tweddle from the Children's Burn Trust (CBT), known to many in the burn care community because of her role in the annual national burn awareness days (NBAD) and the funding and organisation of burn camps. She is to be replaced by Jo Myers, ex-lead nurse at Chelmsford, who starts in November.

Several changes within the NHS have prompted the Burn Care Informatics Group (BCIG) to consider the future utility of the existing iBID software design. Several national registries (TARN, PICaNet, ICNARC) have moved towards centrally held databases accessed directly by contributing services via the N3 secure network. These moves were based on an acceptance some time ago by NHS Digital that this is the way forward for the NHS and is an acceptable and secure means of managing patient identifiable data.

Work is continuing on the plan to create a centralised version of iBID. However, further updates to the existing software will need to be released and implemented. These will probably be in the early part of next year while the entire centralisation project is expected to run throughout 2022.

The reporting arrangements organised by NHS England for the quarterly quality dashboard are going to change. Methods Analytics will no longer be preparing the dashboards for the NHS. The important thing to appreciate is that this will make no difference to the burn services with regard to data collection, analysis and the production of our reports but the ultimate target for the dashboard metrics will change.

In April 2022 the quality dashboard metrics themselves will be updated in line with the agreed design confirmed by the CRG at the end of 2019 which was then minimally revised last year. In discussion with NHS England trauma programme of care, it is evident that no funding will be made available in the foreseeable future to incorporate the validated burn care PROMS and rehabilitation prescription in the way that we intended. There will be the facility in the iBID software to indicate that these items have been completed but as yet no facility to report on their results or successful implementation. The BCIG is looking at a range of options to resolve this.

Additionally, the draft PREMS measures are being tested with some burn services and could be included using the methodology we intended to implement for the PROMS and rehabilitation prescription but again this will have to stay on the backburner for the moment.

*Ken Dunn, iBID MD*

# Treasurer's Update

## Membership Fees 2022:

I am pleased to confirm that there will be no increase to membership fees for 2022 and fees will remain as follows:

Doctors and Consultant Nurses/AHPs	£75pa
All other staff	£50pa
Students studying for primary degrees and retired members	£30pa

## Income Tax Relief in Respect of Annual Membership Fees:

The British Burn Association has been approved by the Commissioners for HM Revenue and Customs under Section 344 of the Income Tax (Earnings and Pensions) Act 2003 with effect from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2014. The Association's name will therefore appear in the list of approved bodies.

## Group Membership:

The BBA is an association run by its members, for its members, and a strong membership is key to ensuring the Association's long-term viability in terms of both its activities and finances into the future.

The BBA Trustees would like to encourage new members to join the Association and have introduced a Group Membership package offering **20% discount for 10 new members and 10% discount for 5 new members**. Please encourage your colleagues to join the Association either individually or as part of a group. Further details are available from Nechama in the BBA office.

## Fundraising:

We encourage you to support the Association by signing up to EasyFundraising for your shopping via the link

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/britishburnassociation/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_source=social&utm\\_medium=facebook&utm\\_content=gs-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/britishburnassociation/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_source=social&utm_medium=facebook&utm_content=gs-f1) kindly organised by Vicky Dudman, our Fundraising Committee Chair.

## Christmas Cards:

The BBA Christmas cards have been released and are on sale to patients and staff in hospitals where members have kindly offered to manage the process. If you would like to volunteer to sell Christmas cards for the BBA next year, please contact Nechama in the BBA office.

*Odhran Shelley, BBA Treasurer*



# The Scar Free Foundation (SFF)



## Organisational Update

During the second part of 2021, we have continued to pursue our ambitious research and fundraising agenda. People with a lived experience of scarring are at the heart of everything we do and, having regained much of the momentum lost through the COVID-19 pandemic, we continue to work hard to deliver scar free healing. Some of our clinical research was impacted by lockdowns and NHS constraints but all is now thankfully up and running again.

On 7 October, we were incredibly excited to hold our first 'in person' event for over 18 months. We ran our Annual Update, as a 'hybrid' event, held in person and broadcast simultaneously over Facebook. The event, attended by over 50 scar free supporters and researchers took place at the Royal College of Surgeons. Over 200 additional 'friends and family' of the Foundation watched the event live on Facebook with many more watching the recording in their own time. The Update event included presentations from one of our Scar Free Foundation Ambassadors (people with a 'lived experience' of



Professor Janet Lord presenting on her laser therapy project

scarring) and researchers including Professor Janet Lord from The Scar Free Foundation Centre for Conflict Wound Research.



SFF Ambassadors Lottie, Gary, Jaco and Dan

Prior to the Annual Update we held an event for our Ambassadors. During the pandemic we held regular updates and presentations for them over Zoom, but it was really heartening to meet with some of them again in person to share updates and invite them to participate in a workshop to assist with the setting of our refreshed research priorities.



SFF Ambassadors Tatiana and Kish and new SFF team member, Lubna



SFF Ambassador, Harry watching 'Karl's Story'

On 7 October we also gave our supporters, researchers, and Ambassadors a 'sneak preview' of our new virtual reality film 'Karl's Story'. The aim of the film is to provide the viewer with an insight into the story of veteran, Karl Hinett, who was burnt in a tank while serving in Iraq in 2005 and showcase some of the pioneering work underway at The Scar Free Foundation Centre for Conflict Wound Research. We are currently in the process of finalising the launch of the film, so please watch our Social Media for updates next month.

Since the last report to the BBA, we are pleased to report that our small team of four has grown. Dr Lubna Arif-Schmidt recently joined the Foundation as Senior Development Officer and brings a wealth of fundraising and communications experience. Lubna is working with our Senior Trusts and Foundation's Manager, Amy Ingram, who has been in post since June last year.

## Burns Research Update

All our burns research projects continue to make good progress. The projects of The Scar Free Foundation Burns Research Network are:

- *A prospective study to examine the validity of a panel of objective burn scar measurement tools.* Professor Naiem Moiemmen, University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust.
- *Development of a multicentre cohort of burn injury patients – a feasibility study.* Dr Amber Young, University of Bristol.
- *Core Outcomes for Burns Research: Short Term Outcomes and Outcome Measures for Use in Burn Efficacy Trials.* Dr Amber Young, University of Bristol.

Professor Moiemmen's team have recently prepared two systematic reviews. The papers look at what outcomes are important for patients and staff and compare the ranking of scar features on scar scales. Dr Young's projects will both be drawing to a close in the first quarter of next year. We look forward to sharing the findings from both projects in the New Year.

## Research Update

We continue to work on the refresh of our Research Strategy and have produced a lay, online only strategy focussed on the following overarching questions:

- What is a scar?  
This theme is centred on the development of our understanding of the 'science of scarring' i.e., the biological processes which underpin healing and lead to scarring. For this theme we are speaking to scientists working across a range of lab-based research.
- How do we prevent scarring?  
This theme is centred on research into the best treatments to ensure wounds heal with minimal or no scarring. For this theme we are speaking to a range of individuals with an expertise in clinical research.
- How do we live with scarring?  
This theme is centred on research into long term patient care and increasing the understanding of how clinicians can best support patients affected by scarring. For this theme we are speaking to people with a 'lived experience' of scarring and the clinicians who treat them.

The strategy, along with a revised fundraising Case for Support featuring research exemplars, will be launched early next year. Research Council have been assisting with this work including Mr Simon Booth who has recently joined the Research Council as the BBA representative. Welcome Simon!

*Charlotte Coates, Head of Research Funds, Scar Free Foundation*

## WOULD YOU LIKE TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE NEWSLETTER?

If you have a 'hot topic' to address or developments in your centre which you would like to share with colleagues via the BBA Newsletter, please email Nechama Lewis at the BBA Office:  
[info@britishburnassociation.org](mailto:info@britishburnassociation.org)

*The Board of Trustees and Staff of the BBA wish Members a very happy festive season and all the best for the new year.*



# International Society for Burn Injuries (ISBI)



The ISBI (International Society for burn Injuries) lost their Executive Director, Liz Greenfield unexpectedly in October 2021. While we mourn the loss of a friend and leader, the ISBI would like to push forward to continue her legacy. The interim Executive Director is Michael A Serghiou.

The ISBI in 2021 was a great success and although it was unfortunate that we could not meet in person, the virtual platform offered the opportunity for many colleagues to 'attend' and enjoy and learn from the fantastic programme.

The ISBI President Dr Greenhalgh, and the Executive Committee invite you to save the date for their upcoming congress which will take place in Guadalajara Mexico on August 28<sup>th</sup> – September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. A great scientific programme is being prepared along with a fantastic social activity programme for all attendees.

The new look ISBI website Public Platform has been launched [info@worldburn.org](mailto:info@worldburn.org). This has many links to educational resources, other associations and societies and information about the ISBI itself. The anticipated launch of the Membership Platform is February of 2022. At that time, you will be able to register for the meeting in Guadalajara, submit your abstracts, update your information, pay dues, and apply to become a member of ISBI if interested.

The ISBI Nursing Committee is planning to meet to discuss and plan exciting opportunities where nursing knowledge and education can be encouraged and disseminated. The chair of this committee is Katie Hollowed.

***'ISBI – Disseminating knowledge and stimulating prevention in the field of burns'*** [info@worldburn.org](mailto:info@worldburn.org)

*Clare Thomas, Regional Representative for Europe*

## **Obituary: Elisabeth Greenfield** ***Executive Director of the International Society*** ***For Burn Injuries***



It is with great sadness that we announce that Liz Greenfield our Executive Director of the International Society for Burn Injuries has unexpectedly passed away. She was in the presence of her family when she died peacefully on Saturday, October, 23, 2021. Liz was a tireless leader of our organization and her absence leaves a great void. She personally knew most members of our society and was loved by us all.

Liz started as a nurse in the United States Army Institute for Surgical Research in San Antonio, Texas. While in San Antonio, she married Albert McManus who was a leader in the microbiology of burn wounds. She worked closely with several of our Presidents, first and foremost, Dr Basil Pruitt. Dr Pruitt relied on Liz to be the orchestrator of many of the early ISBI meetings. She also worked with past president Dr William Cioffi and future president Dr David Harrington. She became the official Executive Director of the ISBI in 2006. She has spent tireless hours running our organization for over 15 years. She worked this past summer setting up our next meeting in Guadalajara, Mexico before becoming ill. It was a great surprise to all of us when we heard of her passing. I know that she will look down on us from heaven to ensure that the ISBI continues to be the dominant burn organization in the world.

*David G Greenhalgh, MD, President of the ISBI*

# The Burns Game:

## Educational Board Game to Improve Core Burn Care Knowledge



The Burns Game was developed by **Focus Games Ltd.** in partnership with the **British Burn Association** and **Birmingham City University**. The purpose of the game is to bring key information about acute burns management in an engaging and interactive format. The game matches the core burn care competencies and knowledge requirements, which can be used for initial staff induction and follow up team training updates. The content covers the initial approach to management of burns of various aetiologies, severe and minor burn injuries, as well as the requirements for referral and transfer to a specialist burn service. The Burns Game is reflective of the advances in burns first aid, burn shock, inhalation injury and burn fluid resuscitation in line with EMSB and ATLS principles, and is attentive to the key elements of burn assessment and wound management.

The Burns Game delivers awareness, knowledge and practical burn care skills through face-to-face, reflective discussions, stimulated by questions and scenarios presented in the game. These conversations allow participants to explore and discuss new ways of working amongst their peers and to share their knowledge and experience to learn from each other.

*'The Burns Game is an exciting and innovative way of broadening the knowledge base of anyone working with burn-injured patients. Everyone, from fire service personnel and first-aiders through to specialist hospital staff will find it challenging. The BBA is proud to have helped develop the game and hope players everywhere find it both educational and entertaining.'* **Peter Drew, Chairman of British Burn Association.**

The game is simple to play and manage. It is a competitive, discussion based game for between 4-12 players and games usually last between 45 and 60 minutes. It can be played with or without a facilitator. It can be used for informal workplace learning, or as part of more structured training programmes, everything you need is in the box! The game allows the players to be selective about the learnt content and be adapted to suit the training needs of the burns team.

*'As a Burns and Plastic Surgeon, I am all too familiar with the misery that burn injuries cause families throughout the country every year. Birmingham City University has used its expertise in medical education to develop this game together with the British Burn Association and Focus Games Ltd in order to improve the initial management of burn injury, which can greatly improve the final cosmetic and functional result for the individual patient.'* **Professor SLA Jeffery, Consultant Burns and Plastic Surgeon, The Birmingham Burns Centre.**

More information: [www.burnsgame.com](http://www.burnsgame.com) == Twitter: [@BurnsGame](https://twitter.com/BurnsGame)  
== Price: £60 (exc. VAT, P&P).

<http://journals.sagepub.com/doi/pdf/10.1177/2059513117690012>

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teaching burn care: A preliminary evaluation. *Scars, Burns & Healing*, Volume 3, 2017. DOI: 10.1177/2059513117690012





# Articles from the Burn Community

*Opinions expressed in the articles below do not necessarily reflect the views of the BBA*



## Children's Burns Trust – Looking Forward to 2022

The [Children's Burns Trust](#) has been thrilled to work closely with the British Burn Association for many years, notably with the Prevention Committee and in particular helping to grow the reach and success of National Burn Awareness Day.

It is therefore especially exciting to share news of the appointment of Jo Myers as our Operations and Relationship Manager. As a BBA Executive Committee member from 2011 – 2017, Jo will be well known to many members of the BBA. She recently retired as Associate Director of Nursing, Burns Plastics & Outpatients at Broomfield Hospital, and takes up her role with us from 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021.

We were delighted to welcome her as part of our small working team on NBAD when, again this year, the amazing work of the burns services up and down the country was highlighted on social media. A small snapshot of the reach achieved on the Children's Burns Trust social channels is shown below. In addition, a new and extremely popular resource that we were able to offer this year was a Burn Prevention and First Aid Webinar – including presentations from Vicky Dudman and Krissie Stiles, and with BBA Prevention Committee Chairman, Nadeem Kwaja on the Q&A panel. Registrations exceeded 288, with 100+ attending live on the day and at the time of writing the same number viewing the webinar recording on YouTube.

As ever, social media was the driving force behind the day's activity with engagement across the burns community - hospitals, Fire & Rescue Services, families, childcare professionals, burn survivors and other charities. A continuing 'trend' to note was the increased use of Instagram, as well as the number of young adult burns survivors sharing their personal experiences. On Facebook there were also a number of parents who took to the platform to share their child's story.

The #BeBurnsAware hashtag has appeared in over 11.9k social media interactions, with 1.6k shares, 9.9k likes and with a total reach of 860k users.

Over a 28 day period (24.09.2021 - 21.10.2021) the Children's Burns Trust Facebook account reached 254,680 users. Various promoted posts, highlighting hot drink prevention and First Aid key messages on Facebook and Instagram were targeted at the areas of social deprivation, to assist in breaking the link between severe burns and people living in the most deprived areas of England and Wales. In the same period the Children's Burns Trust Twitter account received 96,900 impressions.

As my retirement approaches at the end of 2021, I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone I have met through the BBA over the years, for your support and commitment to the work of the charity. It is with a very happy heart that the baton is being handed over to such capable and caring hands!

Alison

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# CHARITY CORNER

Burn Charities do invaluable work in supporting patients. Catch up on the work of 2 UK Charities



## Katie Piper Foundation

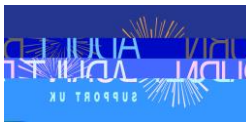
The Katie Piper Foundation Services are evolving fast, so we're delighted to have the chance to update you in this newsletter spot. **We are open for referrals** for our rehabilitation services for adult people with scars from traumatic injuries, and necrotising fasciitis.

Thanks to the VTCT Foundation and other committed funders, we had opened our Rehabilitation Centre in Merseyside before the pandemic, and were able to quickly rework our service to being a digitally delivered one, due to Covid restrictions. 2021 has seen the Foundation's team evolve once again, to ensure that **next year sees the digital and in-person sides converge into one seamless service.**

That team includes Ciaran O'Boyle, of Nottingham Universities Hospitals as Trustee and Catrin Pugh as our physiotherapist, who join the existing team, founded by Professor Kayvan Shokrollahi and RuthAnn Fanstson. Ciaran has feedback that he is impressed to see the pace that we've got together detailed analysis of outcome measures and impact across in-person and tele-care services. This analysis examines POSAS, Brisbane, Your Health Today and structured service feedback. **Please ask us if you'd be interested to read this or have a 20 minute presentation on the insights.** Catrin is an outstanding addition to the specialist team, having newly qualified as a physiotherapist. Being a survivor of burns herself, she's bringing fresh insight into shaping the service and making a huge impact on the survivors she sees on her daily sessions, currently done 1-1 over video call.

However, the financial side is not as positive. We're devastated to be in this position, but we are launching an appeal. Event cancellations and funders dropping off without warning has left us with only half the funds to deliver to 5 times more the survivors. We welcome all introductions to potential commissioning and funding options.

Contact us on 0300 365 0055 or [info@katiepiperfoundation.org.uk](mailto:info@katiepiperfoundation.org.uk)



## Dan's Fund for Burns

**Dan's Fund For Burns (DFFB)** is a burns charity offering practical, emotional and financial support to adult burn survivors. The charity



was set up in 2003 by Polly Brooks, MBE, in memory of her husband, Dan, who died in the 2002 Bali Bombing. She was the sole survivor of a party of ten and sustained 43% burns herself. Having experienced how little aftercare and support there was for adult burn survivors across the UK, she decided to do something about it! Here is a brief overview of what we do:

### How We Help

- We provide direct financial grants to burn survivors on a case-by-case basis.
- Peer to Peer support:
  - provide a **weekly online burn support live chat** every Wednesday, 7.30-9.00pm and on the first Wednesday of each month, there's a Zoom social for burn survivors – More information can be found on our Adult Burn Support UK Live Chat page, [www.adultburnsupportuk.org/live-chat/](http://www.adultburnsupportuk.org/live-chat/).
  - **Dan's Fund For Burns Befriender Peer Support Service** - any adult burn survivor who may be struggling at any point in their recovery can be matched with one of our trained burn survivors who provide one to one support via Zoom, MS Teams or over the phone. We collaborated with members of the Psychological Therapy Service at Broomfield Hospital to develop and set up this service.
- DFFB fund and manage the **Adult Burn Support UK website**, [www.adultburnsupportuk.org](http://www.adultburnsupportuk.org), which acts as an information hub signposting individuals to the aftercare and support available to burn injured adults across the UK.
- We provide funding for equipment to burn services in the NHS.
- We support Job re-training for burn survivors and offer free career counselling.
- Fund NHS burn service staff training in Skin Camouflage, micro needling etc.
- Research grants and in 2022, we will be offering a Travel Fellowship for Burns Professionals.

In 2021, we launched our Befriender Peer Support Service and have recently launched our new website, [www.dansfundforburns.org](http://www.dansfundforburns.org). Please have a look around and get in touch if you'd like more information on any of the services we provide. We can be contacted by email at [info@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:info@dansfundforburns.org), by tel. 07526 847699 or via social media, Instagram @pollydanskund2002, Twitter @DansFund4Burns, Facebook Dans Fund For Burns.



## **DFFB BEFRIENDER PEER SUPPORT SERVICE**

Have you been burned?  
Are you feeling confused and scared?

Would you like to connect with someone  
who has been there, understands  
and can help?



**Get in touch: 07526 847699**  
**email: [info@dansfundforburns.org](mailto:info@dansfundforburns.org)**

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