



**British & Irish Association
of Stroke Physicians**
Advancing stroke medicine

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BIASP Exec Message



Dr Ganesh
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BIASP Honorary
Secretary

Welcome to the BIASP April 2022 edition of the BIASP Bulletin. The most important change that the Executive want to bring to you all is how BIASP is further strengthening its association with other professional bodies in both UK and ROI (e.g. BGS, ABN, Irish Gerontology Society, etc.). This is still ongoing and negotiations are underway to see how both sides can mutually benefitted from each other.

There has been a significant change in the National Clinical Excellence Award (applicable only to England and Wales) – now called National Clinical Impact Award. There is more about this further down the newsletter.

We are also updating the membership categories – there are several in the Associate categories who might well be eligible for Full membership (with all the added benefits). BIASP would be most grateful if you can inform the BIASP secretariat (admin@biasp.org) if you think you need to be a Full member.

Finally, there is a consultation regarding the SSNAP (England only) – please do give your feedback, [CLICK HERE](#)

BIASP Training & Education Subcommittee Update

The Training and Education Committee members enjoyed reading all the medical student essay prize submissions again this year and it is good to see the interest in stroke medicine from the next generation of doctors.

The two winning contestants presented their stories at the very successful BIASP trainees meeting, and we are sharing some of the other top entries each month in the newsletter.

It was good to support the trainees committee in delivering such a great meeting and we continue to work together as committees to set up the new Stroke Mentorship scheme.



Dr Louise Shaw
Training & Education Subcommittee Chair

The current cohort of Take Up Stroke Fellows are coming to the end of their period of tenure and we will shortly be recruiting for the next Fellows. We will be looking for a good geographical and parent specialty spread: do consider applying if you are a trainee, or encourage someone to step up to this if you are already a consultant!

BIASP Scientific Subcommittee Post Election



BIASP is pleased to welcome the new Scientific Subcommittee member, as voted on by our members, Dr Abhijit Das.

GIRFT National Speciality Report

We encourage members to read the Stroke GIRFT Programme National Speciality Report by Dr David Hargroves and Dr Deb Lowe

This report brings the GIRFT approach to stroke services, which encompass the full end-to-end pathway: from stroke prevention, pre-hospital and emergency management, to inpatient care and rehabilitation, both in hospital and, importantly, at home.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read this report

BIASP Sustainability Update

The Environment Act 2021 requires the government to set legally-binding environmental targets in key areas and this is now open for consultation. Of particular interest to BIASP and its members, given the association between air pollution and stroke, is the target on air quality. The current proposed target on air quality does not meet WHO recommendations and BIASP will be responding to this. You can also give your views, [CLICK HERE](#), until May 11th.



Dr Bethan Davies
BIASP Sustainability Lead

Following the launch of our sustainability policy last year, we plan to calculate the carbon footprint of our organisation over the coming year, in line with our strategic plan to respond to climate change. Watch this space for updates and if you are interested in finding out more about your own carbon footprint, a great place to start is 'How Bad Are Bananas?' by Mike Berners-Lee – an informative and entertaining guide to the carbon footprint of everything from doing the washing up to having a heart bypass operation.

Trainee Subcommittee Update



Dr Isuru Induruwa

This month Dr Induruwa, Trainee subcommittee chair, has provided updates on the following:

- Trainees' Meeting 2022
- BIASP Stroke Mentorship Scheme
- New Trainee Subcommittee Members

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the report in full.

National Clinical Impact Awards

BIASP wish to inform our members there are significant changes to the National Clinical Excellence Awards (NCEA)

- Changed to **National Clinical Impact Awards (NCIAs)**
- Application opens on **27 April 2022**,
- Closing date is **22 June 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#) for information on the changes and what it means for you should you wish to apply.

Stroke Awareness Month



This May, the Stroke Association will launch its **Stroke Research Means Everything** campaign.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read more
[CLICK HERE](#) for the Stroke Awareness Month toolkit

Research

Brin Halliwell is a stroke survivor with a passion for driving patient and public involvement in stroke research and contributed an article about his life in stroke research for our February newsletter.



To read the next part of his fascinating journey
[CLICK HERE](#)

Diagnostic strategies for ruling out subarachnoid haemorrhage

Systematic review on the management of patients with sudden onset severe headache presenting to the Emergency Department.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the summary of the review
[CLICK HERE](#) to read the published manuscript

Is your member profile up to date?



You can now access the new and enhanced BIASP membership system. This allows us to know and understand our membership better to tailor the benefits we can deliver.

Please check and update your details, ticking all options which are relevant to you, particularly any other organisations you may also be a member of. This will only take a few minutes.

[CLICK HERE](#) to login to the members area.

Take up Stoke Fellow - Paper review

TakeUpStroke



This month one of our stroke fellows, **Helen Harris**, has written a review of the paper **Strategic infarct locations for post-stroke cognitive impairment: a pooled analysis of individual patient data**.

To read Helen's report [CLICK HERE](#)

Guideline Update

NICE guideline on Stroke and transient ischaemic attack in over 16s.

This final guideline has now been published on the [NICE website](#). You can also find the [supporting evidence](#), [tools and resources](#) as well as all the [stakeholder comments](#) that we received during consultation and the responses to these comments. The comments were invaluable in helping us to develop and refine the guideline. We have also produced an [equality impact assessment](#) to support the guideline.

There is brief information about the guideline for people using services, carers and the public at '[Information for the public](#)'.

Mentorship Programme

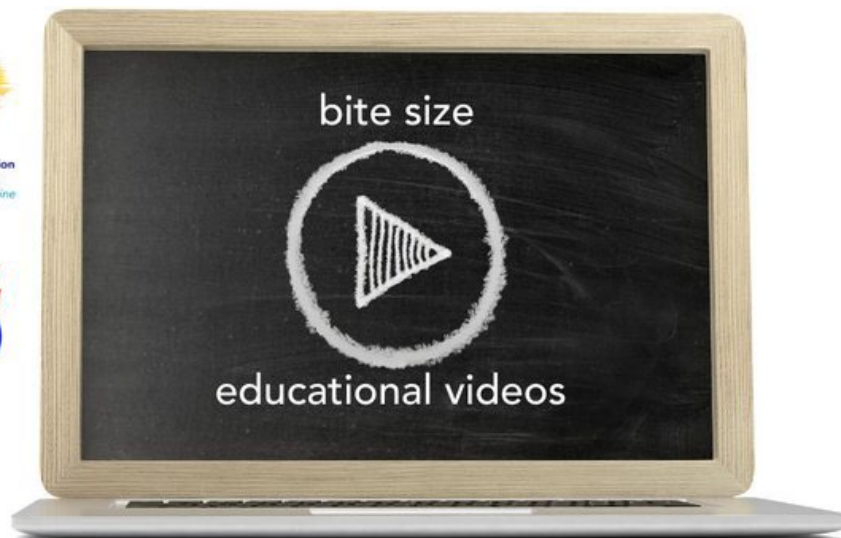
This scheme will be aimed at those in early specialty training, including IMT3, in all stroke parent specialties. If you think you would be interested and are currently an IMT3 or registrar, please could you email admin@biasp.org



Bitesize Education Hub



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Bitesize videos are now available to view on the BIASP website.

Topics include:

- **Why I love Stroke**
- **Joys of working as an MDT**
- **Why I chose stroke as a career**
- **A patient's journey**

[CLICK HERE](#) to view them.

Contact admin@biasp.org for further information if these inspire you to film a video of your own.

Medical Student Essay Competition

We are delighted to announce that the joint winners of the 2022 BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize are Claudia Kate Au-Yeung from the University of Warwick and Matthew Bellamy from the University of Sheffield. They have both received free attendance at the BIASP Trainees Meeting. Our runner up was Aditi Chaturvedi from the University College of Dublin.

From this month onwards one highly commended entry from this year will be available to read.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the entry from **Hugo Labat**



Member's Benefits



To further strengthen links between the Societies and to support the workforce providing healthcare to older people, the BGS and BIASP have collaborated to offer a 20% discount on new BGS membership.

The discount is open to new BGS members and for your first membership year only.

To join the BGS membership, [CLICK HERE](#) and use the discount code **BIASP22** to benefit from this offer from **1 April 2022**.

Thinking of joining WSO?

BIASP members can receive a reduced rate for the membership fee,

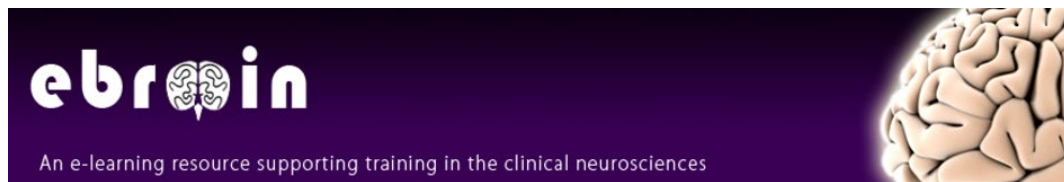
2022 promocode: **22BIASP**

All WSO members get discounted registrations rate for the congress.

[CLICK HERE](#) to join

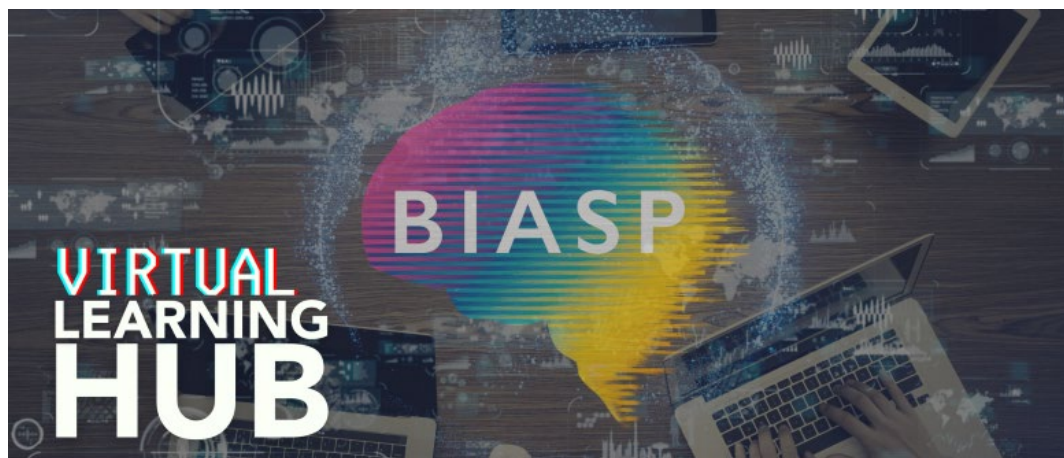


Reduced membership for BIASP members. Receive a discount of 50 EUR on the membership rate. Just select you are a BIASP member when applying and the fee will be reduced. [CLICK HERE](#) to join



To access ebrain, please go to www.ebrain.net or learning.ebrain.net

Virtual Learning Hub



BIASP are hosting monthly 1-hour webinar sessions with the opportunity to ask the presenters questions at the end of each session. The live webinars will also be uploaded to the Virtual Learning Hub in the BIASP Members-only section for you to watch any time afterwards.

Each webinar is **free** to attend, you must register in advance for each live session. A certificate will be issued for those who attend more than 75% of the session, and complete a short evaluation that appears on the screen directly after the session.

Click [HERE](#) to view past webinars on the BIASP Virtual Learning Hub.

Date for your diary:

Look out for more information on upcoming webinars listed below on our website, here, and in the newsletters:

- **12th May** - Vascular Cognitive Impairment in relation to TIA and Stroke by Prof Sarah Pendlebury, [CLICK HERE](#) to register
- **16th June** - Management of carotid and vertebral dissection- from acute therapy to longer term management by Prof Hugh Markus

Education - Masters in Research in Stroke

Cardiff University have a Masters in Research (MRes) in Stroke starting from September.

If you are interested and would like to find out more [CLICK HERE](#)



Stroke Hub **Wales**
Hwb Strôc **Cymru**

Government Call for Evidence

This call for evidence will inform the development of the government's acquired brain injury strategy.

- Request for ideas on which we can build.
- Runs for a period of 12 weeks
- Open to everyone aged 16 and over.
- Respond as an individual or on behalf of an organisation

The easiest way for BIASP members to participate in the call for evidence is to complete the online survey, [CLICK HERE](#)

Research Update & Opportunities



If you have any research opportunities you would like us to promote please email admin@biasp.org

Research Surveys

Gwenllian Wilkinson (Speech & Language Therapist/ PhD student) and Professor Philip Bath (Stroke Physician, PhD supervisor) from Nottingham are validating (as part of a PhD project), a health outcome measure for the acute/sub-acute stroke patient population based on how nutrition is being consumed/provided. They hope that this tool can be implemented for clinical and research by any member of the multi-disciplinary team (MDT).

As part of this validation, they need input from members of stroke MDTs in the UK to rate the content and relevance of the tool. They would be very grateful if you could spare 10 minutes to complete the survey via the link below.

Responses are anonymous. They accept the submission of the survey as indication of your consent to participate.

[CLICK HERE](#) to complete the survey. **Closing date 20th May 2022**

Research Opportunities

PREPARE: imPRoving End of life care Practice in stroke cARE

The Stroke Research Team at UCLan (University of Central Lancashire) are about to undertake a national survey funded by NIHR into end-of-life care following a stroke to refine our understanding of patients' and families' EoLC needs. We are looking to identify a named contact in stroke units across the UK in relation to this study. The contact will be asked to share a survey with three members of the MDT to help us understand the end-of-life care and support that is provided to acute stroke patients.

If you would be interested in being involved please email PREPARE@uclan.ac.uk for more information.

Studies recruiting/ welcoming new sites by BIASP members

Database of UK patients with iatrogenic cerebral amyloid angiopathy

Cerebral amyloid angiopathy (CAA) is an age-related cerebral small vessel disease that causes brain haemorrhage and cognitive impairment. It is often diagnosed using MRI and associated with imaging features including cerebral microbleeds and cortical superficial siderosis.

We are creating a research database of people in the UK with a newly described form of CAA, called iatrogenic CAA.

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFORMATION](#)

If you have a patient who you suspect has iatrogenic CAA, or would like more information on this condition, please contact Dr Gargi Banerjee (gargi.banerjee@nhs.net) for further details.

NIHR Stroke Research Workshop 2022 Save the Date



BIASP are pleased to announce the next **NIHR Stroke Research Workshop**.

Date: Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th September 2022

Location: Mercure Sheffield St Paul's Hotel, Sheffield

Supported by the NIHR CRN Stroke Speciality Group, Stroke Association and BIASP

Please refer to the links below for all the information:

[CLICK HERE](#) for Registration Flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for Abstract Flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for Bursary Flyer

Event Listings

Upcoming events will be listed here in future, if you have an event you wish to promote please contact admin@biasp.org

**European Stroke Organisation
Conference 2022,
Lyon, France 4th-6th May 2022**

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and registration



ESO Trials Alliance - Update on clinical stroke trials and role of ESOTA

The next ESOTA symposium takes place in person at ESOC 2022 in Lyon, France.

Tuesday 3rd May 2022, 14:00 - 17:00

CEST

ESOC Venue: Centre de Congrès de Lyon

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

The overall objectives of this meeting are:

1. Sharing experiences in running clinical trials in ESOTA networks
- 2.. How to facilitate networks and collaborations; and design the future trials

In the wake of COP26, the **Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh** will be running a series of short evening webinars on climate change and health.

For more information on each webinar [CLICK HERE](#)



Upcoming Webinars:

- Thursday 19 May 2022 - College action



National Conference in Medicine for the Older Person, Wednesday 15th June 2022

NEW VENUE University of Leicester
College Court Conference Centre,
Knighton Road, Leicester LE2 3UF

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)
For the programme [CLICK HERE](#)
To register [CLICK HERE](#)

Career Opportunities

BASP lists NHS jobs on their website free of charge, to list your advert contact admin@basp.org

Here are the latest adverts for NHS stroke jobs. Click below for further information.

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Wrexham, closes 4 May 2022

[Fixed Term Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Lincoln, closes 4 May 2022

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Peterborough, closes 8 May 2022

[Locum Consultant in Neurology with an Interest in Stroke Medicine](#), Leeds, closes 9 May 2022

[Consultant in Neurology and Stroke](#), Leeds, closes 12 May 2022

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Swindon, closes 17 May 2022

[Stroke Consultant](#) with ESNEFT, closes 19 May 2022

[Consultant in Medicine for Older People \(Frailty\)](#), Blackburn, closes 20 May 2022

[Consultant Stroke/Clinical Director for Stroke](#), Stockport, closes 24 May 2022

Other job vacancies:

[Clinical Research Fellow in the Department of Brain Repair and Rehabilitation](#), UCL Queen Square Institute of Neurology, Closes 10 May 2022

Training Opportunities

British Association of Stroke Physicians (BASP) CT training lecture

The BASP CT Training lecture teaches about how to read acute stroke CT scans. It is useful to review in advance of participation in the Acute Cerebral CT Evaluation of Stroke Study (ACCESS).

REGISTER FOR BASP CT Training

- We will send you a password with which to login

LOGIN TO BASP CT Training

- The BASP CT Training lecture was originally launched on 18 Dec 2003
- The BASP CT Training lecture was re-launched on 21 Nov 2018
- There are about 180 slides so expect to spend about 90 minutes / 1.5 hours working through the materials



Quick links

- [Participate in & train using BASP CT Training slides here](#)
- [Follow on & test yourself against experts, with the ACCESS series of 63 acute stroke CT scans](#)
- [Integrate imaging training with STARS Thrombolysis Masterclass](#)

Excellent and **free online stroke brain imaging training resources** at the University of Edinburgh:

- Acute cerebral CT evaluation of Stroke Study (ACCESS)
- BASP CT training lecture
- Acute CTA for thrombectomy in Stroke (ACTATS)

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the training



Free Neurology/Stroke Learning Resource

Neuropodcasts is a free, podcast learning resource on clinical neurology and stroke, suitable for students, trainees, consultants and allied health professionals. These have been created by a team of Neurology trainees and consultants.

Podcasts are available to download on Apple/Spotify or via the website <https://www.neuropodcasts.co.uk/>
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If you have any suggestions please get in touch with us contact@neuropodcasts.co.uk

Online NIHSS Training

To access the **free version** of the training individuals need to register and login [HERE](#)

Online training 'Hyperacute Stroke Treatments Including Thrombolysis & Thrombectomy' - STARS Advancing Module

[CLICK HERE](#) to access this resource for free. A certificate is awarded on successful completion of both the module and the module test.

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