



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

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BIASP Exec Message



Prof Rustam Al-Shahi Salman
BIASP Past-president

School's out for summer, but it's business as usual for the BIASP Executive Committee.

As holidays, sabbaticals, and – sadly – strikes temporarily decrease our capacity, we have remained resilient thanks to the breadth and depth of the Exec alongside the processes that we have put in place for the Secretariat to coordinate.

We are committed to our 769 members, now including 54 from Ireland.

We have thought carefully and responded to the latest guidance from NICE on artificial intelligence (AI) software to help clinical decision making in stroke. NICE paused publication of its guidance to allow discussions with the NHS England Getting It Right First Time stroke programme to take place, updated the evidence search, and re-opened the consultation. BIASP's response was pragmatic, acknowledging the limited evidence about diagnostic accuracy yet the widespread rollout of AI-assisted decision making in stroke services.

We have also been busy with nominating members of the stroke community for awards, developing a further award of our own, implementing reduced membership fees for LTFT workers, developing a survey of the stroke workforce, planning the BIASP Trainee meeting, finalising the role description for the Specialty and Specialist (SAS) Exec post, and continuing to professionalise our own working practices.

I do hope that you managed to enjoy a well deserved rest over the summer.

I was reminded on my own holiday to the Inner Hebrides that one doesn't need to take a 'plane to experience sun, sea and sand...



BIASP Executive Committee & Subcommittee Vacant Posts



BIASP would like to invite nominations for the following posts on the Executive Committee
These Executive posts welcome applications from **FULL** BIASP members only

President Elect

2 year term as President-elect,
2 year term as President,
2 year term as Past President

Executive Lead for Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Scientific Subcommittee member

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

Trainee post welcomes applications from Associate members

Trainee Subcommittee member

(post holder will also be ABN representative for the subcommittee)

3 year term (maximum 2 terms)

[CLICK HERE](#) for information

[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form

The closing date for applications is midnight Monday 2 October 2023

BIASP Award



**Who do you believe should be
nominated for the BIASP annual
President's Award?**

Don't forget to send in your nomination

Closes **11/09/2023**

[CLICK HERE](#) for the nomination form

BIASP Trainee Subcommittee Update

The Trainee's Subcommittee is currently planning the 2024 Trainee's Meeting. This two-day event designed for stroke registrars will be held in March 2024.

The venue and dates are in the final stages of being confirmed and we are looking forward to announcing the details in the very near future.



Dr Gordon Blair
Trainee Subcommittee Chair

Would you like to join the trainee subcommittee? We have a vacancy for a subcommittee member to start in December 2023. BIASP subcommittee members play a key role in helping BIASP to achieve its mission to improve stroke care. The role provides an opportunity to represent Stroke trainees and contribute to BIASP projects and events, including the UK Stroke Forum and the BIASP Trainee's Meeting. Application details are within this bulletin.

BIASP Sustainability Update



Dr Bethan Davies
Sustainability Lead

As the summer draws to a close, in the UK and Ireland we have so far escaped the extremes of heat that we experienced last year – climate change does not mean that we will have temperatures of 40 degrees and above every year from now on, but that the chances of this happening are ever increasing along with the health threats that this poses. Our human brains have evolved over millennia to respond to threats that are immediate and sudden – it is much harder for us to react to threats which are complex, relatively slow moving and apparently far away – threats like climate change.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read Dr Davies' report which includes:

- BIASP supporting UKHACC letter to Prime Minister regarding oil and gas licences
- UKHACC report on biodiversity, climate change and health supported by BIASP
- Brighton stroke unit move overlooking a blue space

Executive Lead for Northern Ireland Update

[CLICK HERE](#) to read Dr Fearon's report in full which includes:

- Stroke Action Plan for Northern Ireland Anniversary
- Visit from Ms Juliet Bouverie OBE, CEO of the Stroke Association
- Roll-out of an artificial intelligence hyperacute stroke imaging software across several health trusts in the NI
- Innovation showcase



Dr Patricia Fearon
Executive Lead for Northern Ireland

As I move to a new clinical position, outside of Northern Ireland, I will be stepping down from my role with BIASP. I would like to thank the BIASP executive for welcoming me to the committee as Executive Lead for Northern Ireland for the last few years. It has been really enjoyable and also an extremely informative experience. My best wishes to you all for the future,
Patricia

NEW 2023 National Clinical Guideline for Stroke

Updated National Clinical Guideline for Stroke now available

The 2023 edition of the National Clinical Guideline for Stroke for the UK and Ireland is now available. Over half the recommendations are new or have been updated. Big changes in the evidence base since the previous edition in 2016 have led to significant updates in three main areas:

- A big expansion of patients eligible for thrombolysis and thrombectomy

- More intensive interventions in secondary prevention – antiplatelets, cholesterol, blood pressure
- More intensive rehab in hospital and at home to promote motor and language recovery.

This is a 'five nations' guideline for the first time ever, covering all of the UK and the Republic of Ireland. The guideline is endorsed for use in clinical practice by the Royal College of Physicians (London), the Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN) and the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the Online-only publication

[CLICK HERE](#) for the plain language summary for people affected by stroke.

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize - Results

BIASP Medical Student Essay Prize 2023 Results

Commended Entry:

[Martin Ho](#)

Click on name to read their essay



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.

Mentorship Programme



**We are now going live with the new BIASP mentorship scheme.
CPD approved, 3 points**

**Next ALS Training Day - 20 October 2023, 13:30 - 16:30
Complete the modules and book your place**

Many of you have volunteered to become mentors, or have requested to become a Mentee.

As part of this scheme we have developed online training materials which may be of interest also to those of you who have not yet volunteered to Mentor, and are free of charge for all members to complete. CPD points on completion of mentor training.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the training materials

Are you interested in being mentored?

We are also looking for mentees to participate in this programme. This opportunity is open to those enrolled in early specialty training, including IMT3, in a stroke parent specialty.

Register your interest by completing the form via the link [HERE](#)

BIASP Green Stroke Care Blog



The BIASP Green Stroke Care blog aims to present issues of relevance and interest to those working to improve the sustainability of stroke care for the benefit of people and planet.

We welcome a range of blogs from all those working in stroke care and stroke survivors from projects to personal reflections – please get in touch if you would like to submit an item admin@biasp.org.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the blogs submitted

Member Benefits & Discounts

NEW Benefit for Current and New Members - 20% Discount

Our new benefit started on 1st June 2022 and is for those members who work less than full time, if you work 8 PAs or less, when membership is due for renewal or when a new member joins.



Current members should send in their job plan to admin@biasp.org at least one month before their renewal date.

The 20% discount will be applied upon review of the job plan.

Other Association discounts available for BIASP Members

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information



Research Updates & Opportunities



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

Research Report

**BIASP Research update - Republic of Ireland
August 2023**

Prof. Margaret O'Connor

Prof Ronan Collins Clinical Lead for Stroke in Ireland in association with the National Clinical Advisory Group led out last year on the National Stroke Strategy 2022-2027 which

is supported in the National Service Plan of the Health Service Executive. Research and education comprise one of four key pillars in this strategy with the development of two funded stroke research fellowships in 2023. A wide range of clinician researchers and academics, across disciplines ranging from medicine, allied health and psychology, work tirelessly to progress care for stroke patients in Ireland.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the research update in full

Funding



Research Funding Opportunities 2023/2024

Following the response to the 2021 JLA PSP for stroke, [CLICK HERE](#)

[CLICK HERE](#) to view the advance notice of the funding calls planned for launch this year

Surveys

Help to understand the current management of facial palsy after stroke Closes 31 December 2023

Facial palsy is one of the common problems after stroke, but there are no guidelines for this. We aim to find out which tools are used to assess Facial Palsy after Stroke and which treatment methods are used, by which professional groups, as well as the reasons for these choices.

This survey will not collect any personally identifiable details.

If you wish to complete the survey, please indicate you have read and understood the Participant Information Sheet (PIS). When you complete the survey, you are confirming

you submitted answers and you consent to us using the information you have provided.

If you confirm that you have read the PIS ([here](#)) and would like to start the survey, please [CLICK HERE](#)

Havva Sumeyye Eroglu, PhD student at the University of Manchester

Stroke Association, Saving Brains Campaign



Thrombectomy saves brains, saves money and changes lives. It's one of the most effective medical interventions ever discovered. But most people who need this treatment don't get it. It's subject to availability.

Find out about the Stroke Association's campaign across the UK nations by clicking on the report for each nation:

Saving Brains in [England](#)

Saving Brains in [Northern Ireland](#)

Saving Brains in [Scotland](#)

Saving Brains in [Wales](#), [Welsh version](#)

Thrombectomy in Republic of Ireland:

[Republic of Ireland](#)--the National Stroke Strategy 2020-2025 Endovascular thrombectomy
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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.



BIASP Webinar 23

Date: 21 September 2023

Time: 17:30 - 18:30

Speaker: Dr Ali Ali

Topic: Exercise interventions to promote cardiovascular health after stroke

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Dr Ali is a Senior Lecturer in Cerebrovascular disease at the University of Sheffield , which has NIHR BRC status. He is a Consultant in Stroke and Geriatrics at Sheffield Teaching

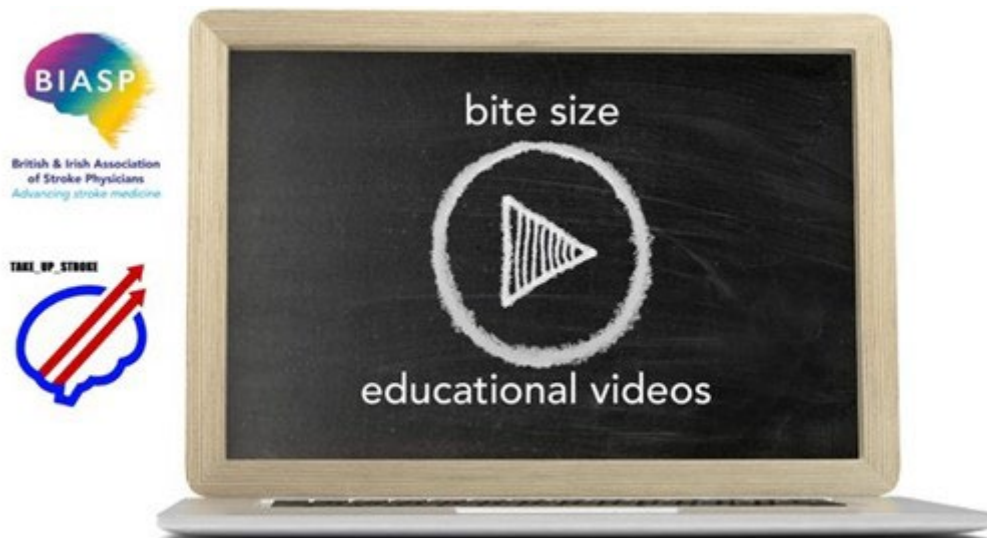
Hospitals Trust. His research interests include the use of exercise after stroke, ischaemic reconditioning, vagal nerve stimulation and other devices for rehabilitating after stroke.

Dates for 2023 for your diary, further details will follow:

Webinar 24: Stroke in the elderly - Oct 18

Webinar 25: Mobile Stroke Unit - Nov 22

Bitesize Educational Hub



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.

Education

MRes in Stroke degree at Cardiff Met University for the 2023 entry

This FT or PT MRes in Stroke consists of:

3 taught modules each of 20 credits:

*2 are research methodology.

*1 module of clinical stroke from prehospital to longer term care

These 3 modules alone qualify for a PG cert.

The stroke module can be done alone to get 20 credits of CPD that can also be used as part of another qualification.

For the full MRes there is then a 120 credit research project and dissertation. The projects can be done back at the workplace.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

[CLICK HERE](#) for the link for MRes in Stroke

Master of Advanced Studies in Stroke Medicine 2024 - 2026

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

Application deadline 30 September 2023



For the SSEF role profile library on:

- Advanced Clinical Practitioners
- Nurses
- Occupational Therapists
- Therapy Assistants and more

[CLICK HERE](#)

Different Strokes Charity for younger stroke survivors have a series of webinars every fortnight to engage with beneficiaries and health care professionals.

Webinars are accessible for all to see,

[CLICK HERE](#)



Events

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

 **STROKE FORUM**

Stroke
Association

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18th UKSF 2023 - Registration is now OPEN

Early Bird Closes 31st August

5% discount for group bookings of 5 or more

ICC Birmingham

4-6 December 2023

[CLICK HERE](#) for Information

[CLICK HERE](#) to Register

Join us to share more unmissable ground-breaking research, as we scrap our traditional UKSF programme format. New and exciting ways of learning will be introduced, designed to get VALUE for your money and time. Short, long, group and individual sessions will be introduced as we start a new chapter for the UK Stroke Forum.



2023 Improving Continence in Older People Meeting

Date: 15 September 2023

Location: ETC Venues, Manchester

Topics: Neurological Conditions and Continence, Urinary and Bowel Incontinence Treatments, Community Continence Care, Physiotherapy interventions to improve urinary and faecal continence, Pelvic Floor Health
The meeting has applied for 6 live CPD credits

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend



2023 UK Stroke Research Workshop
26-27 September 2023
Building Centre, 26 Store St, London WC1E 7BT
Registration closes 11 September

The 2023 UK Stroke Research Workshop, organised under the auspices of the NIHR CRN Stroke Speciality and generously supported by the British and Irish Association of Stroke Physicians and the Stroke Association, will be held on 26th and 27th September 2023 in London. The meeting will be in person.

[CLICK HERE](#) for the flyer

Abstract submissions now closed

A number of fully funded bursaries (registration fees, accommodation and dinner as well as £100 towards travel) are available for medical students.

[CLICK HERE](#) to register

[CLICK HERE](#) for the full programme and more information

Belows are some of the speakers attending:

Stuart Allen, Prof Avril Drummond, Prof Parachkev Nachev, Dr Zahraa Al-Almady, Prof Karen Klijn, Prof Alex Leff, Dr Anna Kuppuswamy, Dr Gargi Banerjee, Prof David Seiffge, and Prof Hannah Cohen



Dementias Online Workshop, 28 September 2023
CPD-certified online event focussed on the fundamentals of dementia care.
[CLICK HERE](#) for programme and registration

20% discount for BIASP Members - at checkout use code BIASPWEB20

WSC 2023!
October 10-12, 2023 | Toronto, Canada

[CLICK HERE](#) to register to attend

The 15th World Stroke Congress (WSC 2023) will assemble the international stroke community to work together to reduce the burden of stroke by delivering improvements in prevention, treatment and recovery. Join global professionals to discuss the latest science, clinical trials, breakthroughs and guidelines to stroke prevention. Connect to a global network committed to provide quality stroke care through skill-building and high-quality research and help us keep the stroke community united at WSC 2023!

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

[CLICK HERE](#) for the programme

[CLICK HERE](#) for Young Investigator Award eligibility and rules



**ASSOCIATION
OF BRITISH
NEUROLOGISTS**

ABN Autumn Meeting

Wednesday 8 November 2023
Holiday Inn, Bloomsbury, London

The ABN would like to offer all BIASP members a 'member rate'
1 day hybrid event, join in-person or virtually, [CLICK HERE](#) for rates

BIASP Session - Advances in thrombectomy – Soma Banerjee
ABN John Walton Lecture - Joanna Wardlaw

[CLICK HERE](#) for programme and registration

The fourth annual BRAIN Conference
Monday 4th until Wednesday 6th December 2023
etc.venues 155 Bishopsgate, London

Welcoming neuroradiologists, endovascular neurosurgeons and allied health professionals from all over the world, to attend this exciting and innovative meeting. International experts and key opinion leaders from across the world will once again be a part of the faculty and will provide education on a range of different topics, including stroke, aneurysms, new technology and much more!

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



[CLICK HERE](#) for more information

[CLICK HERE](#) for abstract submission - closes **20th December 2023**

Details on registration to follow



**The 26th National Dementias Conference
8-9 February 2024
Cavendish Conference Centre, London.**

This is a hugely successful annual event, chaired by **Alistair Burns and John O'Brien**, that brings together some of the leading specialists in dementia care and research.

We have an exciting two-day programme planned, including a talk on '**Stroke, small vessel disease and dementia**' by Professor Joanna Wardlaw.

[CLICK HERE](#) for registration and programme

20% discount for BIASP Members - at checkout use code BIASP20

Career Opportunities

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

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

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#) (2 posts), University Hospital Southampton NHS Trust, closes 31 August

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Cambridge, closes 31 August

[Trust Doctor Registrar in Stroke Ability to join Gene Med on call rota](#), Carlisle, closes 3 September

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Norwich, closes 4 September

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Bolton, closes 6 September

[Stroke Consultant](#), Peterborough, closes 10 September

[Consultant \(Stroke\) Physician](#), Lancaster/Morecombe, closes 10 September

[ST3+ Trust Doctor in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 12 September

[Consultant Stroke Physician](#), Dorchester, closes 24 September

[Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 30 September

[Locum Consultant in Stroke Medicine](#), Blackpool, closes 30 September

[Locum Stroke Consultant](#), Abergavenny, closes 1 October

Other Job Opportunity

Research Registrar in Vascular Neurology to Professor Dominick McCabe

Dept. of Neurology, Tallaght University Hospital (TUH) / The Adelaide and Meath Hospital, Dublin, Incorporating the National Children's Hospital (AMNCH), Trinity College Dublin (TCD), ideally commencing September 1st 2023. The start date is negotiable and an earlier start date is also possible.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information and how to apply

[CLICK HERE](#) to access the VNRF.ie website

HEE Podcast

New podcast - Health Education England (HEE) releases podcast discussing stroke careers

The HEE Stroke Careers Podcast series takes an in depth look into stroke medicine careers including real life experiences, the career pathway and how we deliver care across the country.

This episode is jointly hosted by Dr Deborah Lowe, National Clinical Director for Stroke Medicine at NHS England and Dr Jon Cooper, Stroke Consultant in Yorkshire and the Humber and Postgraduate Dean at Health Education England. They discuss their career pathways, the benefits of a career in stroke, and opportunities for the future workforce.

You can listen to this podcast on HEE's [Anchor FM channel](#).

If you would like to learn more about Health Education England's work around stroke you can email: ltcp@hee.nhs.uk or visit the [stroke page on the HEE website](#).

Training Opportunities

Excellent and **freeonline 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

Neuropodcases 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.neuropodcases.co.uk/>

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If you have any suggestions please get in touch with us contact@neuropodcases.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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