

# MB ChB Newsletter - academic year 2017-18 No. 6

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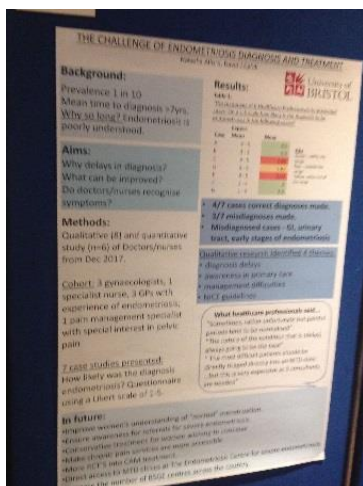
## Student and ex-students Achievements

### SWOGS meeting, May 4<sup>th</sup>

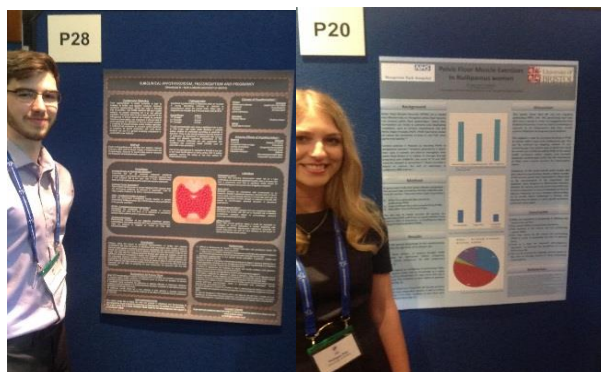
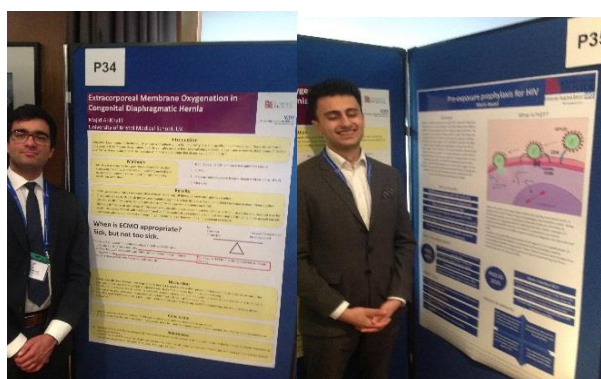


Each May, obstetricians and gynaecologists from the South West of England meet to catch up on research, on clinical practice, and general news from the region.

This year, the meeting was in Southampton and eight of our students (7 from Year 4 and one from Year 2), presented their iSSC work as posters.



Most of these represented the best of the Year 4 RHCN. Well done to them! It was a privilege to see them interact with the audience – and there were no students there from Southampton or Exeter, and one from Peninsula.



## Donations to the Medical Library

We were very privileged to receive such a personal donation from a former medical student of the University of Bristol. Dr Marjorie Williams recently donated her autobiography to the Medical Library. The early chapters describe her life as a student in Bristol, during the Second World War.

Dr Williams is now 98 years old and lives in Washington DC but her friend, Janet Veale, made a trip to the University to present the book on her behalf.

The book was presented to the Medical Library on Monday 30th April 2018. Head of School Professor Sarah Purdy, Dr Eugene Lloyd, Richard Kielb from the Library



along with current students (above) Lina Alim, Shanze Asai and Imogen Fitzpatrick were all present to receive the autobiography. We were also fortunate to have fellow medical student and good friend of Dr Williams, Dr Peggy Box in attendance. She previously worked in Avonmouth as a GP and, like her friend, is also 98 years old.

## Published in the BMJ

Congratulation to [Jonathan Chan](#) and [Patrick Quinn](#) - 3rd Year medical students, and [Grace Boyd](#) -5<sup>th</sup> Year who with Dr Matthew Ridd have recently published a paper in the BMJ open.

<http://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/8/6/e022009>

Jonathan said "It's been a lot of hard work from us all but we've had great support from Dr Ridd and has been worth it in the end!"

## SU Awards winner!

Our congratulations go to [Conor Mason](#) for his peer-2-peer (P2P) project that won the education prize at the SU awards. This award celebrates the work of an



individual who has shown innovation, dedication and passion to improve the educational experience of students at Bristol - well done Conor!

## Restart a Heart Day Meeting with Resuscitation Council UK



On 23rd May, student and staff representatives from nine UK medical schools were invited to meet the Resuscitation Council UK (RCUK), at the Royal College of General Practitioners, to plan and coordinate involvement in [Restart a Heart day 2018](#) (RSAH). RSAH is a yearly day of action on 16th October with the aim of teaching life-saving CPR skills to as many people as possible; almost 200,000 last year. The 'exemplar' medical schools invited had demonstrated active involvement with community CPR teaching. Also present were members of the ambulance service, St John Ambulance and British Heart Foundation who help coordinate the event.

Representing Bristol were [William Mears](#) (4th year medical student, RMD and CPRiS Bristol) and [Joanna Bruce-Jones](#) (Co-Director RMD Bristol). Attendees were interested to hear about Bristol's innovative peer-led BLS teaching programme, RMD Bristol, which provides high quality training to all first-year medics. We also shared tips on running community CPR teaching, **CPRiS Bristol** having trained over 300 local children in BLS this year, while **StreetDoctors** have taught almost 150. The meeting was an excellent opportunity to forge links with other medical schools and a lasting partnership with the RCUK. Bristol Medical School aims to play a major part in RSAH 2018. We hope to engage as many medical students as possible in community CPR teaching for the event. For further details, or to offer assistance, please contact [wm0850@my.bristol.ac.uk](mailto:wm0850@my.bristol.ac.uk)

## Sad news: Year 5 student death in a diving accident.



Staff and students in Bristol medical School were shocked and saddened to hear of the very sad loss of Olivia Byrom, who died on June 8<sup>th</sup> on holidays after her elective. This was just 2 days after she had been told that she had passed all

elements of the course, and was free to graduate and start her foundation year (due to have been in Severn).

This tragic event only happened a few days before this was written and I have already heard so many great things about this fine young woman with wide interests and a huge energy for life, from her friends and from staff. We are in contact with Liv's family and will provide information about a memorial event soon and how you can send condolences to her family and friends should you wish to.

## Bristol Teaching Awards



Congratulations to Sarah Allsop, Jo Howarth and Joe McAllister!

At the UoB teaching awards our MB21 Year 1 team were presented with the Faculty of Health Sciences Award **and** the Vice Chancellor's Award. An

outstanding result and thoroughly well-deserved to this dedicated and hard working team.

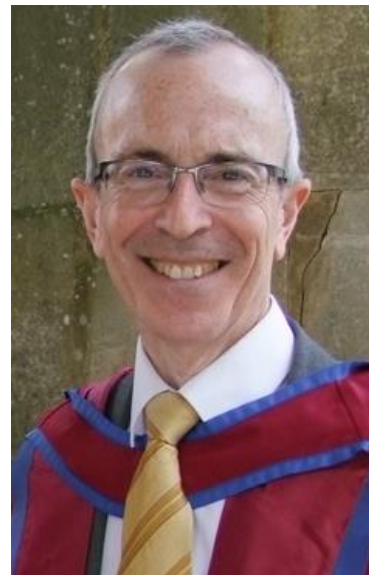
On presenting the award Professor Hugh Brady the Vice Chancellor said *"the award winner has established a transformational means of providing students with the opportunities to develop and present ideas at an early stage: adopting an evidence-based, but innovative, approach to ensuring students are able to cope with the transition from school to university. The enthusiasm and competence of the award winners has enabled this to succeed with great feedback from students and staff within the Faculty."*

## Medical School movements

The Faculty offices and the Medical School administrative team have moved from 39-41 St Michael's Hill and Senate House to 5 Tyndall Ave. Emails remain the same but all staff will have new phone numbers which will be put on the medical School webpages once they are collated.

## BOF musings: the circle of life

In March, one of the stalwarts of the undergraduate medical school left the University for the fields of



retirement – Prof Andy Levy. Andy was a rigorous teacher who for many years taught year 5s and others in the early hours of the morning on Long Cases and loved to teach; believing passionately that the best classroom was the ward, all of life was there.

As I move towards the gateway to those fields, I reflect on what he says as being fundamentally sound. And I was encouraged by an email recently from a graduate, one of my old mentees who started off with the traditional "hey, remember me ..." and then told me of the amazing journey they have had since leaving

medical school at pretty much the bottom of the class. Despite that and a few rocky foundation experiences, they are now working in Africa supporting marathons runners, who are raising funds for the same hospital that the student went to in their Year 4 SSC in Swindon, and getting their dream job for next year.

So the circle of life reference is – you students are the doctors, the greats, the inspirers of the future. The old people have to step back to make way for the next generations and allow them to flourish, make mistakes, learn from those, and to succeed.

And BOF??? If you don't know, ask.  
*Professor David Cahill*

### **Finally**

Do you have something to share? Send it to [susan.pettinger-moores@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:susan.pettinger-moores@bristol.ac.uk)