

- **COVID-19 pandemic**

We remain in unprecedented times as the world continues to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic. BASK members across the UK have taken leading roles in the drive to return to normal operating practice. The BASK executive produced guidance on prioritisation of surgical cases. In addition, BASK has worked very closely with the British Orthopaedic Association, the British Hip Society and the British Orthopaedic Directors Society. More uncertain times are ahead but BASK remains committed to supporting its Membership and the patients we treat.

- **Spring meeting**

The planned BASK Spring meeting in Oxford, with the Combined Orthopaedic Knee Societies, was unfortunately cancelled due to the first COVID-19. There was an amazing response by a large number of members that allowed us to organise a virtual meeting later in the year. BASK would like to everyone, including our industry partners, who made this possible. The BOA annual conference was also run virtually and was a huge success. BASK made a significant contribution to the programme with a series of instructional courses and combined sessions with the British Hip Society.

- **Engagement with external bodies**

Throughout the last year BASK has continued to work closely with a number of bodies including; the British Orthopaedic Association, the UK National Joint Registry, the National Ligament Registry, the Getting It Right First-Time programme, NICE, Beyond Compliance and NHS England. These relationships are important for representing the BASK Membership and we are very grateful to all members who have contributed to the process.

- **Working groups**

Over the last two years a key change in the way BASK operates has been the formation of a series of Working Groups. Each group is made up from BASK members supported by the Executive committee and are focused on developing Best Practice Guidance, BOA Standards for Trauma and Orthopaedics (BOASTs) and educational resources. Currently active groups; the Meniscal Working Group, the Revision Knee Surgery Working Group, and the Patello-femoral Working group. The Knee Arthroplasty Working Group is currently being formed.

- **New structure for BASK**

The BASK Executive has recognised the need to change the association's organisational structure, in similar fashion to many other Specialist Societies. The detail of this will be shared with the membership at the AGM and all members will have an opportunity to share their views and vote on the proposed changes.

- **Presidential Medal**

Jonny Mathews 2019

Nick Karlson 2020

Jonny and Nick have both made an exceptional contribution to BASK through their work in the successful completion of the Revision Knee Surgery James Lind Alliance Priority Setting Partnership, which is now published.

- **BASK Executive**

I would like to thank all members of the BASK Executive for their hard work over the past two years, during my time as President. Behind the scenes a huge amount of work goes on to support the work of BASK and its members. It has been a great pleasure to work in such a great team.

- **Welcome to the new BASK President**

Finally, I would like to welcome Andrew Porteous to his new role as President. Andrew has been a very productive member of the BASK Executive over many years and a great support to me during my time as President. I wish him well in the role and know that BASK remains in safe hands.