

British Medical Laser Association

Honorary Secretary's Report

2023



At the close 2022, BMLA membership had remained above 200 for the second year running with 104 Full members and 101 Basic members and 10 Honorary members. Reassuringly, 72% of the membership had renewed from the previous year. With investment into a new membership system planned for coming year (more about that below), the BMLA reluctantly decided to increase membership fees although, mindful of the current cost of living for many, the increase was limited to the Basic membership fee. The committee also agreed to re-name the “Basic membership” to “Standard membership”. As such, the following fees were implemented from Jan 1st 2023: Full Membership: £95 (same as last year) and Standard Membership: £55 (increased from £45).

In May (2022), the BMLA hosted its first face to face conference, since before the pandemic, at the Surgeons Quarters (Edinburgh) - the postponed venue booking from 2020. The conference was a huge success and ran smoothly with minimal hitches. A high-quality evidence based scientific programme for the medical and aesthetic laser community included over 50 expert speakers presenting in over 20 live sessions. All the courses were very well attended with several bookings being taken on the day. The introduction of course on “how to treat skin of colour” was also very well received. The scientific programme was packed with high quality content delivered by leading experts in lasers, aesthetics, PDT, basic science, dentistry and many other disciplines. The conference was attended by 164 delegates and the courses attracted 68 registrations. Financially, the BMLA annual conference resulted in a small deficit of around £4,000 however, post conference feedback was hugely positive with 95% of respondents stating they would be likely or very likely to recommend the conference to a colleague.

There were 29 abstracts were submitted and 28 were selected for oral presentations. The following prizes were awarded:

BMLA prize awards (£100 award)

- Carrie Davis for her fascinating talk on “Pulse stacking with Alexandrite laser for the management highly resistant verruca’s”
- Florence Robinson for her insightful presentation on “Treatment of iatrogenic vulva using surgical ablative and fractional CO2 laser”

The BMLA was again very grateful to Springer for the donation of their book voucher which was awarded to Shetha Naji for her leading research into how “Pulsed dye Laser treatments can be delivered safely without formal test-patching in children”.

Perhaps the highlight of the conference took place at the welcome reception which incorporated the official launch of Vasant Oswal’s autobiography. The evening included a Q&A session with Vasant in which he recounted numerous anecdotes from his book as well as a photo opportunity. The book documents his life and his fantastic contribution to the field of Lasers in ENT surgery. As a founding member of the BMLA, the conference delegates expressed their admiration for his great achievements and this fantastic autobiography.

Council elections took place during the AGM as Tom Lister and Reem Hannah had both reached the end of their tenure on the BMLA executive committee this year (2022). They each stood for re-election and were successfully voted for another term in office.

The growing level of membership over the last few years has been very encouraging for the association but having undertaken a recent survey, the executive committee was aware that further work is required to improve the value being offered to its members and increase awareness of the benefits of being part of the BMLA. As such, the committee agreed to implement a new membership system which will not only improve enrolment and annual subscription payments but will also provide a platform to create an on-line membership area with facilities

such as hosting webinars, document libraries and chat forums. However, the real value to members will, of course, come from the content up-loaded and shared in the member area and so it was also agreed that there should be a concerted effort to reach out to the wider membership for support in generating content and actively contributing. Along with this new membership platform and its benefits, the BMLA also agreed to refresh its brand and is planning the launch of a new logo and further commitment to an enhance presence on social media in the coming year.

Finally, the BMLA was delighted with the announcement by Vasant Oswal in which he pledged a donation in excess of £2,500 to fund between 3 – 5 sponsorships opportunities for trainees who wished to attend future BMLA conferences. This donation is gratefully received and provides the BMLA with further charitable funds by which it can continue to deliver its key objectives for the medical laser community:

- Promote the safe operation of lasers and light-based technology in the treatment of human diseases.
- Promote research and development in laser and light-based technology in medicine and by the publication of the useful results of such research.
- Establish standards in the medical application of lasers and light-based technology.
- Promote collaboration and understanding between clinical and scientific disciplines in the field of laser and light-based technology application.



Dr. Jonathan Exley

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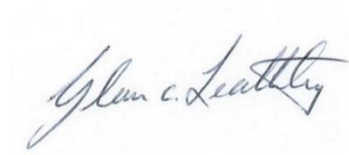
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Independent examiner's statement

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Approved by the board on 10th May 2023

And signed on its behalf by:

R. Bhutani
Trustee
10th May 2023

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Taxation

The charity is exempt from corporation tax on its charitable activities.

Trade and other debtors

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Cash and cash equivalents

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4. Debtors

	2022	2021
	£	£
Due within one year		
VAT	1,277	1,722
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5. Creditors: Amounts Falling Due Within One Year

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	£	£
Trade creditors	1	-
Accruals and deferred income	750	2,510
	751	2,510

6. Company limited by guarantee

The company is limited by guarantee and has no share capital.

Every member of the company undertakes to contribute to the assets of the company, in the event of a winding up, such an amount as may be required not exceeding £1.

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Website advertising		1,250		1,750
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Virtual Conference	-		10,289	
Management fees	23,505		21,851	
Premises costs	24,395		176	
Support and administration costs	3,077		-	
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GROSS SURPLUS		12,339		17,440
Administrative Expenses				
Staff training	-		50	
Travel expenses	82		1,396	
Insurance	555		-	
Advertising and marketing costs	2,368		4,102	
Website costs	213		712	
Accountancy fees and Independent Examination	(440)		1,794	
Consultancy fees	-		3,224	
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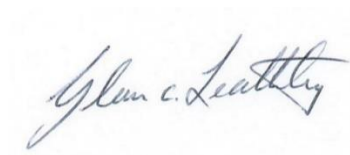
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