

**President's Update June 2024**

Dear Members

It was lovely to see so many of you in Liverpool last month. I am only sorry that we sold out so quickly and some of you were not able to attend in person. At our June committee meeting we met with our conference organisers, Outsourced, and reviewed some of the feedback.

Some **headlines from the event:**

- 17 sessions; 63 speakers; 387 in person delegates and 54 online; 10 sponsors; 225 posters; 153 people at the conference dinner; 285 abstracts submitted.
- Feedback rated the conference as 4.5 stars out of 5
- £827 amount raised for Tiny Tickers
- Delegate feedback included "Excellent conference...", "Best conference I have been to..."



The committee is already working on our conference for 2025. We hope that this will be a joint conference with BAPM as Perinatal 2025.

We also held our **AGM** at the conference on the 25<sup>th</sup> April and the following motions were passed:

- Appointment of an Executive Manager
- Change to committee roles to support new roles for Midwifery, specialist nurse and patient/carer representation.

Please visit the members section of the website for the minutes and AGM document. The committee are now working with the Charity commission to make the changes to the constitution.

In April we launched the **2024 BMFMS Research Bursary round**. Please visit the [research page](#) on the website for more details.

In **June the committee met for our quarterly meeting**. Below are some highlights of what was discussed and future plans:

- Several committee members have reached the end of their term and we shall be advertising vacancies. These include DGH rep, maternal medicine and pregnancy outcome. Please do encourage people to be nominated.
- Congratulations to Emma Ferriman who has been appointed as the next President of BMFMS and I shall hand over to her at our committee meeting in October.
- We discussed speaker and session suggestions for the 2025 conference. Please do get in contact with any ideas.
- BMFMS will be developing a position statement paper on fetal pain and interventional procedures. We shall soon be sending a survey to members who perform fetal medicine interventions. Please respond to the survey to help shape the statement.
- The fetal medicine representatives co-chaired the Fetal Medicine and High Risk Pregnancy RCOG/BMFMS course in May. The course was well received with over 150 delegates. The committee will now be working to revise this course to fit with the new ROG SITMs.
- Members of the committee will be representing MFM as a speciality at the RCOG careers event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June.

For other updates, please see the [News section](#) on the website and for the [Events, Courses and Meetings section](#) for relevant courses.

The committee will next meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> October at Union Street.