

Nominations for BSCN Council – AGM 2023

Membership Secretary: Dr Sam Jefferson

I am a Consultant Neurophysiologist at Salford Royal Hospital and have previously worked in a number of hospitals in the North West as a registrar and over the past 10 years as a consultant. I am currently an ordinary member of the BSCN council, past president of the ATCN and have been acting BSCN membership secretary for the past year, so I feel that I have already developed good relationships with many members of the society and many skills which would allow me to become a great membership secretary for the Society and continue the work that I have been doing.



Medical Standing Committee Chair: Dr Andrew Michell

Dr Michell is a consultant in Clinical Neurophysiology and clinical lead in Cambridge, where he has been Training Programme Director for several years. He has enjoyed serving the BSCN as an Ordinary member of Council, where recently he has worked, with colleagues, to address issues of bullying and establish a mentoring scheme. He has also worked, with the ATCN, to address the shortcomings of the GMC survey in small specialities, by designing different approaches to determine trainees needs.



He has served for several years on the SAC, where he leads on Quality. He would like to be considered for MSC Chair, where the years of experience as a consultant, educator and within the BSCN will prove very helpful towards workforce planning, recruitment and other initiatives.

Meetings Secretary: Dr Zaloa Agirre-Arrizubieta

Zaloa Agirre-Arrizubieta is a Consultant Clinical Neurophysiologist at Evelina London Children's Hospital. She is from the Basque Country, where she trained in Medicine and Clinical Neurophysiology. She has a keen interest in training and education, being involved in the teaching programme for clinical neurophysiology and paediatric neurology trainees.

Her clinical and research interests are pre-surgical evaluation in children with complex epilepsy and the use of quantitative EEG in long term EEG monitoring for neonates and children.



Education Committee Chair: Dr Brython Hywell

I am a tertiary centre Consultant Neurologist and Clinical Neurophysiologist working at The Walton Centre, Liverpool. I am the lead for neurophysiology within the epilepsy surgery programme and oversee inpatient and outpatient EEG monitoring provision. I hold regular EMG clinics, seeing a wide breadth of complexity, including regularly giving second opinions on cases from across the region. I run a general neurology clinic and review ward referrals at Ysbyty Gwynedd. I am the educational supervisor for two clinical neurophysiology registrars and two HSST trainees. I therefore have a wide breadth of experience within education in clinical neurophysiology. I wish to take on the mantle of Education Committee Chair to help guide our speciality through changing times. The recently implemented curriculum will need ongoing review. Our relationships with HSST trainees and Consultant Clinical Scientists will need to be carefully defined, with careful regard to the wishes of the society and without a reduction in standards.



Ordinary Member: Dr Simon Freilich

Having trained between the NHNN, RFH and GOSH hospitals, I have been a Consultant since 2015. Currently, I am the clinical lead for the Department of Clinical Neurophysiology at Bedfordshire NHS Hospitals, and provide a wide range of services across all ages. In the remnants of my spare time, I try to promote knowledge and understanding of our wonderful speciality to colleague healthcare providers and the wider public.



Ordinary Member: Dr Jiten Mistry

Jiten Mistry is a consultant Clinical Neurophysiologist working for the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust. He is also a member of the organizing committee for the London 2025 ECCN congress. He was previously an ATCN President.



President-Elect: Dr Jeremy Bland

The BSCN was founded over 60 years ago as a society primarily concerned with electroencephalography and with a rather limited role in representing the interests of clinical neurophysiologists in the NHS. Since then the organisation has continuously evolved, widening its scope to include peripheral neurophysiology, evoked potentials, intraoperative monitoring and more, absorbing the Association of British Clinical Neurophysiologists, nurturing the Association of Trainees in Clinical Neurophysiology and forging links with the Association of Neurophysiological Scientists. This process is continuing with an increasing role in the education and assessment of trainees and the development of an interest in combining nerve imaging with traditional physiological measurement techniques. I have been a member of the BSCN council for the last 17 years and have been heavily involved in many of the more recent changes. I will bring to the role of president-elect a strong element of continuity and prior experience of the way the society operates and as president thereafter I will be an experienced and respected formal voice for the society both nationally and internationally. During the next four years I will endeavour to ensure that the next generation is well prepared to take over the running of the society and continue its traditions while also modernising our structures to adapt to the changing environment in which we work.



President-Elect: Dr Ronit Pressler

I am a Clinical Neurophysiology Consultant at Great Ormond Street for Children & Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and an Associate Professor at UCL Institute of Child Health, with over 15 years of experience. I have served on various committees, from IFCN and ACNS to ILAE and NHS England, focusing on defining clinical standards, guidelines, and classifications. I previously served on the BSCN council as an ordinary member, meeting secretary, international secretary, and currently as honorary secretary.



Our society has played a pivotal role in shaping clinical neurophysiology in the UK. By emphasising education and training, collaboration with other specialities and organisations, and maintaining the highest standards, we can continue to advance our field within a changing NHS. Hosting the European Conference of Clinical Neurophysiology in London in 2025 is a unique opportunity for us to build a legacy of educational excellence and scientific progress.

I would be honoured to serve as President-elect and subsequently as President, working alongside an outstanding and dedicated team of council members. Together, we can build a brighter future for the BSCN.