

President's Letter JODS 33.2

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Figure 1. *Mr. David Bunting* BADS President

It is a pleasure to be writing my first editorial for JODS as BADS President. First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our immediate past President Jo Marsden for her exceptional service and leadership, her dedication and commitment to her role and her contribution to UK Day Surgery. She has put in a huge amount of work covering many workstreams over the years that she has been on BADS council. Jo has achieved what I would describe as a changing face of BADS with a new-look journal, digital publications, and a fresh new social media presence. That's not to forget she has always steered the Council with enthusiasm, patience and gratitude when overseeing the many other aspects of work that are undertaken, thank you Jo.

This is the first JODS edition since our annual conference held at the Glasgow Caledonian University in June. Glasgow holds a significant place in the history of Day Surgery, being the birthplace of James Henderson Nicoll (1863-1921), a Scottish Paediatric Surgeon who is considered as the Father of Day Surgery. The conference welcomed over 300 attendees from the UK and abroad. A full report of the meeting is included in this edition of JODS. This edition also includes a supplement containing all peer-reviewed and presented abstracts from this year's conference. I would like to thank all those who attended the conference as delegates or to present their work and look forward to welcoming as many of you as possible to our annual conference next year which will be held in Cardiff on 20th - 21st June.

The BADS AGM took place on 29th June which included the election of many new BADS Council members. These included 9 full council members, 1 lay member and 2 taster members. I am delighted that BADS has been fortunate enough to welcome so many new faces with considerable experience to the boardroom.

We still have places available on our one-day virtual meeting held in collaboration with Healthcare Conferences UK (HCUK) scheduled this year. These include Breast Surgery as Day Surgery (7th September), BADS Day Case Urology Surgery (4th October), Hip Replacement as Day Case (12th October), Day Case Knee Arthroplasty (19th October), Day Case Foot and Ankle Surgery (7th November) and Day Case Emergency General Surgery (7th December). BADS members have a discounted rate for these meetings (£100+VAT) and are eligible for a 20% discount for other HCUK events. Details, including discount codes, can be found in the events section of our website.

A new guidance document on 'Core Competencies for Adult Day Surgery' has been produced by BADS in association with the Association for Perioperative Practice (AfPP) and is free to download via the news section of the BADS website. The 'Wide Awake Local Anaesthesia No Tourniquet' Uses and Guidance handbook has been produced by BADS and is available free to members and for



purchase to non-members vis the website.

BADS continues to work closely with the Getting it Right First Time (GiRFT) programme and the Model Health System: Please keep a look out in our regular members newsletter and future editions of JODS for further updates and notification of new guidance documents as they become available. In the near future, these will include the GIRFT Best practice day case hysterectomy delivery guide and the GiRFT Practical Guide to Right Procedure Right Place, which promises to outline the key features of this initiative aimed at procedures currently performed in theatres under local anaesthetic to see whether they could be undertaken in the outpatient department or enhanced procedure room environment.

Please enjoy this edition of JODS and don't forget, we are here as a source of advice and information on all aspects of day case surgery, simply email our administration team at bads@bads.co.uk.