

## Project proposal for

### **BSGE International Affairs Subcommittee**

The BSGE's International affairs subcommittee's objective is to promote the global exchange of professional values, education and training in gynaecological endoscopic surgery.

The International Affairs Subcommittee (IAS) will promote the BSGE's standing internationally and nurture worldwide relationships. In addition, the IAS will help develop scholarships and observerships as well as organise joint international scientific courses and meetings. These opportunities will be facilitated by funding from host institutions, grants from industry and revenue generated from international meetings.

#### Benefits:

- Provide joint international courses and scientific meetings where a BSGE faculty take part.
- Increase overseas members and funds (e.g. via membership fees, courses and meetings).
- Facilitate reciprocal exchange programmes where our members can travel to centres of excellence and vice versa.
- Learn from the international community about less commonly encountered conditions or types of surgery (e.g.: laparoscopic fistula surgery, neuropelviology).
- Share our experience of innovations, audit, quality assurance and best practice in gynaecological endoscopy (e.g. the BSGE endometriosis centre programme, the use of ambulatory interventions, BSGE SICS, benchmarking in hysteroscopy and in complex endometriosis surgery etc.) with the aim of improving global health.

#### Next steps.

- 1) Discuss this new subcommittee at the November 2021 council meeting and present it to the next AGM.
- 2) Consider appointing a co-opted chair in the first instance to work with the officers.
- 3) If successful appoint a liaison subcommittee members for regions following similar RCOG model. The operational information will be discussed.
- 4) Develop overseas liaison groups jointly for each country or regions
- 5) Explore holding a first joint international scientific meeting within the next 3 years
- 6) If agreed, further meetings can be had with the other similar international societies to start planning a joint meeting.

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