



BGS Autumn meeting 2019

Your Society, your conference, your voice

Contribute

All delegates are encouraged to raise their hands during the Q&As and to prepare questions for the discussions. For the tech savvy, use Sli.do #BGSAut19 or tweet @GeriSoc using #BGSconf.

Wednesday 6 November

14.00-17.00 MDTea Podcast Research, Rehearsal room 5

The MDTea podcast faculty are running focus groups to examine how podcasts can be used as an educational tool in professional learning. As technology enhanced learning methods become increasingly mainstream as a form of education, it is important that we also advance understanding of the educational validity and role it plays in post-graduate professional development. All members of the MDT are welcome.

To participate please contact thebearingaidpodcasts@gmail.com for a participant information sheet in advance.

Thursday 7 November

All-day Fringe, Mezzanine

Born from the question "could humanities help us resist the inhumanities of life in hospital?" the fringe explores how the humanities can positively impact on the working lives of geriatricians, the MDT and patients. The fringe will take place during scheduled breaks in the conference and will include inspiring displays, installations, sessions and activities addressing a wide variety of relevant topics. Make the most of this novel experience alongside the traditional educational content of the conference. It is meant as learning and sharing experience and is suitable for all curious minds.

13.00 - 14.00 Cultural diversity at end of life world cafe, Exhibition area

In complement to the workshop on Cultural diversity at end of life which provide the opportunity to hear from religious leaders about the different end of life priorities that patients may have and discuss some challenging cases, there will be the opportunity to meet the speakers in the exhibition space during the lunch break.

Get social

Make the conference an opportunity to meet with colleagues in an informal setting, network at our meet up points in the exhibition area, and join one of our social activities.

Meet up points

Daily in the exhibition area, you will have the opportunity to interact with people and groups who share your interest on specific topics via designated meet up points.

Topics and timings are displayed in the exhibition area and at the registration desk.

Wednesday 6 November

17.45 Walking tour, Ground floor foyer

Enjoy a relaxing and informative walk around Leicester. The tour will depart from the Curve and last around 90 minutes.

Limited spaces. Delegates who've indicated their interest to attend should meet the tour guides at 17.45 at the registration desk.

Thursday 7 November

07.30 Social run, Curve main entrance (by registration desk)

Give your mind and your body a challenge and join likeminded colleagues for this 5k run around Leicester. This is an opportunity to network with colleagues in an informal setting while exploring the area near the meeting's venue.

Indicate your interest to participate on your registration or by emailing conferences@bgs.org.uk if you have already registered for the meeting

18.30 Conference evening reception, The City Rooms

This year's evening reception has something for everyone - conference delegates and their friends and partners alike! We encourage attendees to invite their partners and friends to attend as well.

The conference evening reception will commence with a short drinks reception and will be followed by a light finger food buffet. It will provide attendees with opportunities to network with colleagues, family and friends in an informal and fun atmosphere. The interactive entertainment is designed to act as an icebreaker to encourage attendees to mingle and meet people.

Entertainment programme includes:

- **I Spy @Gerisoc** a meet and greet photo hunt
- **HCOP Speed dating** a networking activity bringing together healthcare professionals to share ideas and expand their networks of contacts and resources
- **Mini-golf and giant games room** for those seeking a challenge outside of the dance floor
- **Live jazz followed by a silent disco** will get guests up and moving

Prepaid tickets will be required. Ticket price includes 2 drinks per person and food (canapes and bowl food that will be served throughout the evening). The dress code is smart casual.

Influence

Thursday 7 November

08.00 Policy breakfast, Rehearsal room 5

Would you like to learn more about how BGS works to influence health and social care policy at a national level, or become involved in shaping it? Or do you have questions about how national policy impacts upon your work? Join us for breakfast to chat about all things policy! We will be discussing why and how we engage in policy and influencing activity, our key messages, and how you can become more involved, without any overly onerous commitments on your time.

Friday 8 November

13.15 BGS Annual General Meeting, Main Hall

The AGM is an important opportunity for members of the Society to vote on key resolutions and proposals, such as the membership fees structure for 2020 and the appointment of chief office bearers. This year we will be inviting members to approve the Society's three-year Strategic Plan. The meeting will take place at 1.15 on 8 November in the Main Hall. The AGM typically lasts for no more than 30 minutes and doesn't require participants to miss key conference sessions. Please support the business of the Society if you can by attending the meeting.

13.30 BGS Nurse and AHP council meeting, Rehearsal room 5

The Nurses and AHPs Council welcomes any nurses or AHPs to attend a lunchtime meeting to hear about the work of the council and meet with like-minded colleagues. There will be a short presentation followed by an opportunity to talk informally with other clinicians about the BGS's work and learn how you can become more involved with improving healthcare for older people.

Volunteer

Medical student

We are looking for volunteer medical students who are interested in or considering a career in geriatric medicine to assist in the daily running of our annual meetings. Responsibilities includes assisting with registration, greeting and directing attendees to key points, providing microphone support during Q&A sessions in presentations. The opportunity to observe the sessions and meet with geriatricians is invaluable when deciding whether to pursue geriatric medicine as a speciality. Benefits also includes contact with current Geriatric healthcare professionals and a certificate of contribution for a CV/portfolio. Interested candidates should visit www.bgs.org.uk for more details and list of events. Reasonable travel costs will be reimbursed and subsistence at the event is offered.

Fringe

Enjoyed taking part in the Fringe? Why not help organise the Fringe 2020 in London! We are looking for volunteers to form the next organising committee and continue the Fringe journey to 2020. You will be responsible for shaping a programme to appeal to our multidisciplinary audience from members' submissions based on the theme chosen by the Fringe organising committee. It is a great chance to take part in this fun experiment and bring your own flavour to it.

For more information or to register your interest, email j.gaudreau@bgs.org.uk

