**BRITISH-SERBIAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION**

**BSMA**

**21st Annual General Meeting**

**4th March 2023 at 16.00**

**At Serbian Embassy**

**28 Belgrave Square. London SW1X 8QB**

**+ Microsoft Teams online**

**Agenda**

1. **Welcome by Hon. President**
2. **Apologies for absence**
3. **Minutes on the 20th AGM held on 20.02.2022**

To be agreed and matters arising

1. **Reports and Accounts**

To receive and consider:

* 1. The report for the year ended 31st of August 2022 (Hon Secretary)
  2. The accounts for the year ended 31st of August 2022 Hon Treasurer)

1. **Reports**

5.1 Reports from meetings attended by members in 2022

5.2 Discussion on BSMA activities and plans in 2023

5.3 BSMA scholarship

5.4 Other activities

1. **Any other business**

**7. Close of meeting**

**Present: Dejan Maras (DM), Nikac Tomanovic (NT), Jelena Blagojevic (JB), Daniela Kolarevic (DK), Aleksandar Mijovic (AM), Aleksandra Fox (AF), Stasa Stankovic (SS), Branka Polomcic (BP), Ratko Djukanovic (RDJ), Gordana Milavic (GM), Bojana Salovic (BS), Dijana Milanovic (DM), Desanka Babic (DB), Jasna Galijatovic (JG), Aleksandar Radulovic (AR), Zarko Stefan (ZS), Andjela Mijovic (ANM), Mirjana Slijepcevic (MS), Predrag Slijepcevic (PS), Zoka Milan (ZM), Sonja Cerovac (SC), Mirjana Tomanovic (MT), Zika Petrovic (ZP), Mirjana Petrovic (MP), Mina Vapireva (MV) –** special guest

**Microsoft Teams: Branko Brozovic (BB), Desa Lilic (DL), Mario Abinun (MA), Sinisa Savic (SS)**

1. The honorary president ZP welcomed all present. He expressed his gratitude to Marijana Ognjanovic, Consul of Serbian Embassy for hosting the AGM again in the premises of the embassy. ZP introduced and welcomed new members Mirjana Slijepcevic (MS) and Predrag Slijepcevic (PS).
2. **Apologies:** Olivera Potparic, Ana Pokrajac, Jelena Stojanovic, Srdjan Saso
3. **Minutes** from the 20th AGM held on 20/02/2022 have been read and

accepted.

**4.** **Reports and Accounts:**

**4.1** ZP gave account on the BSMA finances and the new Lloyds account.

The balance of £9687.55 was transferred from the old HSBC account to

the new Lloyds bank account.

**4.2** ZP expressed his gratitude to BB for doing a lot of ground work and making

numerous phone calls to HSBC and Lloyds in the process. ZS, the Treasurer

and ZP also managed to register BSMA account for online banking.

The expenses incurred in 2021-22 financial year were accounted for

(Weebly website package membership, membership in Serbian Council of

GB, books for BISOP and expenses in 2022-23 financial year (BSMA

dinner, travel expenses x3 for 2023 BISOP). The balance remained was

£8143.22

As the balance draw only 0.6% interest if left alone and 2.7% if transferred

to 6-months deposit account (but only if balance exceeded £10.000) ZP

has decided, in the best interest of the BSMA funds to ‘top up’ the fund

with £2020 of his own and open the 6-months deposit account running to

July 2023. As there are no imminent expenses expected ZP thought that it

would be the best protection of BSMA fund.

However, there was another unpredicted expense for the humanitarian aid

for the victims of earthquake in Syria of £500 which ZP paid on behalf of

BSMA from his own means. So, the total ZP paid from his own funds Dec22-

Feb 23 is £2520.00, hoping to recover his funds from the 2022-23

membership.

ZP suggested that we introduce the 2022-23 membership as one-off to

cover the shortfall of funds and keep it just above £10.000 in aim to protect

the funds to some degree from the inflation.

ZP suggested that all the members in full employment pay £120/year and

retired members £60/year. However, this is entirely voluntary and based

on personal financial circumstances. BB suggested we all pay by 06/04/23

so before the end of the tax year.

All those who pay the membership will be issued the tax receipt which is

eligible for the claim on the tax return for those who do it.

DL suggested the Treasurer sends the information about new Lloyds

account

**5. Reports**

**5**.1 ZP reported on the 17th BISOP in Belgrade in May 2022 and the

forthcoming 18th in May 2023. The symposium remains a high-quality pain

meeting hosting both domestic and foreign lecturers. In 2022 OP has

started a new initiative, mentoring young Serbian doctors interested in

pain management which she continues this year by guiding another 5

mentees on different pain related topics (weekly scheduled online

consultations). BSMA has donated 3 pain management books to winners

of poster presentation in 2022 and has paid 3 air tickets to attending

lecturers in 2023.

RDJ noted that there was a positive change towards opioid use on

government level in Serbia. However, palliative care was neglected and

Bell Hospice, the only registered palliative care institution had, eventually

ZM) its registration recalled. The reasons are not clear. DM and SC

advocated that EB palliative care protocols should be used in care, the

same like in the UK. ZS reiterated that GPs prescribe palliative medications

in the UK. DM mentioned the use of palliative care in patients with

terminal heart failure. RDJ observed that there is a culturological problem

towards palliative care in Serbia which remains poorly regulated and

unattractive, enabling some medical professionals to provide service of

dubious value to patients in need. He suggested we form an action group

for those interested in the problem both in BSMA and in Serbia (Dr

Bosnjak-Institut for Oncology), Health Minister Dr D Grujicic and others.

ZP said that he and OP will discuss the issue with Professor Ladjevic, host

of the pain symposium in May 23.

GM attended the Congress on Paediatric Psychiatry in V Banja in May 2022

which was well visited (300 participants) and hosted by domestic and

foreign lecturers

NT reported on his activities in the period: he attended the Anaesthesia

meeting for nurses and anaesthetists in V Banja in May 2022; attended

BAF (Belgrade Anaesthesia Forum) and gave an online lecture to Year 5

medical students on Anaesthesia in ophthalmology in Foca and east

Sarajevo.

DS reported on her and MA’s lectures on clinical immunology at the

Newcastle University. She suggested the BSMA logo was displayed on any

presentation which was delivered on behalf of BSMA.

RDJ reported on Immunology Congress (for severe asthma) in V Banja

gathering experts from 29 countries

ZP reported on very successful BSMA members session within Serbian Month 2023. AP, SS, ANM, Jelena Delic and ZP presented on obesity, gynaecological malignancies, suicide, skin as an organ and skin products and management of acute and chronic pain to audience in the Vladika Nikolaj House. It was well attended and interactive session which was recorded and is available on You Tube.

**5.2** ForthcomingBISOP in Belgrade in May 2023

**5.3**  NT is trying to complete the placement of Dr J Virijevic from Kraljevo in Canterbury Hospital. It has been delayed due to covid and personal circumstances. ZP suggested that candidates with scholarship granted should not receive the entire amount until they submit the feedback form upon completion of placement. ZM suggested we create a standard feedback form displayed on the website. She also noted that the entry requirement for clinical observer role has become more stringent (2 identity document certified by the notary, referees, professional visa etc)

SS said that, from his experience, in current situation only candidates from Slovenia and Croatia (EU) have a smooth entry to UK. AR has set up a special link for our doctors intending to practice in the UK explaining entry regulations.

**5.4** DM reported on a very successful traditional Svetosavski Bal, which he organized in the hotel in S. Kensington on 11/02/23. It was well attended with 220 guests. The patron was Hilandar Monastery, represented by Iguman Metodije. The monastery provided their own red wine for the guests. Excellent classic music programme was held followed by the charity raising auction. Some £17000 was collected for the children of Kosovo.

**6.** ZPinvited the present members to vote for **the Executive Committee** which was inactive in the last few years. The members voted for:

**Zika Petrovic, Mirjana Petrovic, Aleksandra Fox, Zarko Stefan, Ana Pokrajac, Andjela Mijovic, Dejan Maras and co-opted members Aleksandar Radulovic and Stasa Stankovic**

The existing **BSMA Trustees**, as recorded on Charity Commission website are: **Zika Petrovic, Mirjana Petrovic, Aleksandra Fox, Zarko Stefan and Nikac Tomanovic.** The members voted for **Branko Brozovic** to be added, as well as **Alek Mijovic and Aleksanadar Radulovic**.

ZP reported that he emailed around 20 BSMA members who never respond or communicate. Only 5 responded and expressed their wish to remain on the mailing list. ZP asked the members to decide whether we exclude those from the member’s list or leave them in. Majority agreed we leave them in.

1. **Meeting was closed at 18:00 and followed by the dinner in nearby The Soak Clermont restaurant**