



## **ABC Secretary Report 2022**

May I begin my first annual report by a quick introduction for those who do not know me. I have worked in Chester since 2015 and I trained as a breast clinician in Manchester since early 2006. I have been fortunate to retain links with Manchester and I work with the National Breast Imaging Academy as the Lead Breast Clinician on the eLfh learning resource for breast imaging.

I am honoured to be stepping into Cathy's shoes although it will be a difficult act to follow. I would like to thank Cathy on behalf of the ABC for her many hours of toil on promoting the breast clinician role and in her diverse achievements in her role as secretary. She has contributed enormously, with other credential board members, in initiation of the Credential, and subsequent recruitment and oversight of the programme. Cathy will continue her credential role until further cohorts of trainees establish. She will continue to represent us as Trustee for Symposium Mammographicum and works tirelessly on our behalf.

The executive met regularly in 2021 on Zoom and Teams. Meetings have been squeezed into very busy schedules as, like many of our breast clinician colleagues around the UK, working life has been incredibly busy with the local and nationally driven pressures to pull back on both missed symptomatic and screening targets due to the pandemic, while often working with depleted numbers of colleagues. We have managed to conduct ABC business very effectively in this format, without the need for travel, but we do look forward to the possibility of future face to face meetings.

I began the role of secretary in April 2021 and since then we have appointed Nadia Akhtar as our new training officer, and may I extend a warm welcome to Nadia from the executive committee. The committee continues with efforts to reinforce our association and links with other organisations, to increase our representation at national breast meetings, raise our profile and ensure we have a voice within forums which shape the national agenda in delivering breast care services. Equally important is our role in supporting our membership and Breast Clinicians across the UK, so please do contact us via the website if you would like help or information.

Keeping up with CPD is challenging in current times. Information about relevant study days and meetings is available via our website. There are copious online CPD resources published by the Breast Imaging Academy on eLfh which also provide a convenient opportunity for CPD. In large part, due to Di and Cathy's vision and commitment, we held our first Family History Study Day hosted by St George's in virtual format in October 2021. This was an outstanding day of education which received excellent feedback from delegates and for those of you who were not able to attend we hope to run a repeat in the future so watch the website for details of this

We are greatly looking forward to welcoming many of you to our first face to face study day for a couple of years in Bristol which has a great programme with hot topics for debate and how we integrate newer techniques into our everyday practice, as well as sessions to help with our self-care.

**Dr Sally Bundred, Secretary, ABC**

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