**SIOG National Representative – Report of Activities since October 2014**

(specific activities within the last 6 months highlighted)

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PROMOTING SIOG

1. Appeal to join SIOG membership and to attend Annual Meeting in Prague in November 2015

a) Formal invitation was sent to the following national and regional organisations:

- British Society for Haematology (14th November 2014)

- Royal College of Surgeons of England (20th November 2014)

b) Personal promotion at an invited lecture:

- Grey Turner Surgical Meeting held at Royal Derby Hospital (13th November 2014)

c) Formal invitations were sent to the following national and regional organisations (May

 2015):

- Association of Breast Surgery

- British Association of Cancer Surgery

- Royal College of Radiologists

- Association of Cancer Physicians

- British Geriatrics Society (BGS)

- British Society for Haematology

- Royal College of Surgeons of England

- Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh

- NHS England (Central Midlands)

- Geriatrician at Royal Derby Hospital

d) Formal letter was sent to all UK SIOG members asking them to encourage their

 teams/colleagues to join/attend as above (May 2015).

e) Formal agreement was obtained in August 2015 to promote SIOG with printed materials

 to be distributed to all delegates attending the BGS Oncogeriatrics Special Interest Group

 Meeting to be held in London (18th September 2015).

2. Networked with relevant stakeholders to introduce about SIOG by attending the following ‘Meeting the needs of an aging population’ event organised by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, NHS East Midlands Clinical Senate and East Midlands Academic Health Science Network, held in Kegworth (19th November 2014).

BUILDING LINKS WITH BRITISH GERIATRICS SOCIETY (BGS)

1. Invited to write a blog for BGS on ‘Bringing the two worlds together – oncology and geriatrics’ (published on 30th October 2014):

<http://britishgeriatricssociety.wordpress.com/2014/10/30/bringing-two-worlds-together-oncology-and-geriatrics/>

2. Invited to write a blog for BGS on ‘Strengthening the link between geriatrics and oncology’ (published on 10th June 2015):

<https://britishgeriatricssociety.wordpress.com/2015/06/10/strengthening-the-link-between-geriatrics-and-oncology/>

3. Invited in July 2015 to attend the BGS Oncogeriatrics Special Interest Group Meeting to be held in London (18th September 2015).

EDUCATION

1. Invited lecture to Grey Turner Surgical Meeting, Derby on ‘Primary breast cancer in older women – Can we not operate?’ (13th November 2014).

2. Organised and co-chaired the Third Symposium on Primary Breast Cancer in Older Women, hosted by the University of Nottingham under the auspices of SIOG (6th March 2015):

* This is a multidisciplinary educational event, the only meeting of this kind in the UK, with its inception from myself and an oncologist (also a SIOG member) in 2010. It has since become a biennial event.
* On this occasion, it was attended by over 90 delegates. There was an addition of poster presentations, with all accepted abstracts published in a peer-reviewed journal – Future Oncology, Vol. 11, No. 4s, Pages 1-23. Full details of the event can be found at (<http://www.futuremedicine.com/toc/fon/11/4s>).

3. Invited in July 2015 by the Association of Breast Surgery to participate in the 3rd Multidisciplinary Team Meeting to be held in London, with the theme on ‘Management of breast cancer in the older patient’ (18th January 2016).

RESEARCH

1. Within my host institution (University of Nottingham), I continue to lead a research programme on ‘Primary breast cancer in older women’ with three streams: a) biology and clinical outcome; b) geriatric assessment and psychosocial aspects; and c) cost effectiveness of therapeutic strategies. Five journal articles have been published since October 2014 (two within the last 6 months).

2. I continue to be a collaborator in a national multicentre study – ‘Bridging the Age Gap in Breast Cancer – Improving outcomes for older women’, funded by National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), UK. Two journal articles have been published since October 2014 (all within the last 6 months).