Our year in numbers:

1767  ABN members
1481  delegates registered across all our events
55    clinical consultations responded to
£1,112,169  funding secured for ABN’s 2023 Clinical Research Training Fellows
116,151 page views on the ABN website
5682  Twitter followers

Thank you to all our members on the ABN Council, Executive Committee, our Advisory Groups, Special Interest Groups, Funders, Sponsors and Stakeholders who have worked with us and supported our work during 2022.
Highlights from our committees/officers

Finance, Audit and Risk (FAR) Committee

- Created an annual budget process, allowing real time estimation of financial performance according to established targets rather than a single end of year review
- Consolidated ABN finance support staff to increase admin capacity
- Appointed grants and donations officer to maximise opportunities in grant applications
- Adopted the risk register into this committee and enhanced layout
- Rolled out recruitment of additional lay trustee

Meetings Committee

- Planned and delivered our first face-to-face annual meeting since 2019 in Harrogate in May 2022. With:
  - 800 delegates
  - 276 abstract submissions
  - 641 delegates used and engaged on the conference app
  - 274 delegates feedback, with 95% saying they were very satisfied/satisfied overall with the meeting
  - it was our largest conference to date, financially profitable for the ABN, enabling us to invest in other activities and hugely enjoyed by all
- Planned and delivered our Autumn meeting 2022
  - With 238 delegates, in person and virtually
  - 98% of delegates were very satisfied/satisfied overall with the meeting
- Started to organise the Belfast meeting in the spring with the IICN in Ireland.
  - 322 abstracts submitted
  - 13 annual sponsors secured
  - 700+ delegates registered
Services Committee

- Convened a meeting of all relevant parties to take forwards the priorities in resolving the workforce crisis involving stakeholders across neurology, stroke, neurophysiology, NHSE, HEE and RCP, and have committed to working across specialties to produce a common message.
- Developed surveys for physician associates and advanced nurse practitioners to understand their roles in neurology, to develop a support network and career programme to help with workforce modelling.
- Worked with NHSE to produce guidance on new ways of working, including advice and guidance, remote working, outpatient transformation and patient initiated follow up.
- Set up an acute neurology working group across ABN, NHSE, stroke and other stakeholders to share best practice and enable acute neurology development.
- Planned a curated library of business cases to help improve services.
- Worked with external bodies including the RCP to continue work on invited service reviews and have liaised with NI neurology to ensure they are supported and involved in any process; the neurological alliance to engage with new bodies such as the ICS networks to ensure neurology is on the agenda.

Education Committee

- Approved 8 post/peri-CCT advanced clinical training fellowships.
- Produced the annual ABN self-assessment questions in conjunction with eBrain.
- Ran the third virtual ABN undergraduate teaching day in November 2022 with 169 student registrations, and awarded prizes for the annual student case report and audit competition.
- Developed an afternoon education session for FY and IMT doctors at the annual conference in Harrogate.
- Appointed the latest ABN Australasian Fellow.
Research Committee

- 4 ABN Fellows were appointed to PhD projects selected from 23 applications
- Enhanced fellowship process:
  - Increased diversity of interview panel
  - Adopted a new scoring matrix based on the MRC process
  - Planned the development of collection and publication of annual data on the numbers of ACFs, ACLs and PhDs in progress to assess the impact of workforce changes on academics in training
  - Continued to manage the ABN Rare Diseases Ascertainment and Recruitment (RaDAR) online platform, to help identify cases through the pandemic including patients with neurological complications of COVID infection and vaccination

Quality Committee

- Developed safety audit tool and refined following feedback received at Annual meeting and presented at ABN Autumn meeting
- Undertook qualitative analysis of ABN work practice surveys (2019-2021) - analysis of changes in practice and wellbeing during and following pandemic
- Worked on and endorsed the ABN Clinical Practice Guide: Nitrous Oxide-Induced Subacute Combined Degeneration of the Cord

Equality, Diversity, Inclusion (EDI) Committee

- Developed and published the ABN Code of Conduct, which will be used by all members when joining, renewing and registering for ABN events
- Developed and published the ABN Policy on bullying and harassment
- Worked on improving data collection across ABN activities to help us monitor our EDI data
Consultations/Advisory Groups

- 55 consultations
- Optimal care pathways: joint with Neurological Alliance and NNAG
  - 10 Pathways worked on
  - 7 pathways reviewed
- Ongoing recruitment of trainees to Advisory Groups (AAGs) and refreshing membership as required
- Started working with the MHRA on regulatory changes to valproate prescriptions

ABNT Committee

- Ran the Acute Neurology Boot Camp ran for its 4th year in June 2022. In 2022, we developed a “survival guide” to use alongside the programme. We had over 174 delegates from 12 countries
- Developed and ran a trainee day immediately prior to the main ABN conference, which ran with 121 delegates in 2022. We planned sessions for IMT doctors and registrars with sessions focused on neuro-infection, metabolic disorders, frailty and neuro-oncology
- ABNT representatives sit on the Neurology Specialty Advisory Committee. In 2022, they were involved in supporting the transition of new registrars to the new neurology curriculum as well as continuing to raise trainee concerns at a national level
- ABNT run a successful twitter account (@ABNTtrainees), highlighting opportunities within Neurology, including job opportunities, research and education. We currently have 6689 followers

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