

Message from the President May 2015

Dear Members

As you all know we have been working behind the scenes to engage a new company to look after the Society and provide a secretariat. I am now delighted to announce that Executive Business Support (EBS) will be our new provider from 1st August 2015. EBS are based in Litchfield and have many years of experience in looking after health related societies. EBS will take over the day to day running of all aspects of the BTS including membership fulfilment, advertising and conference organising. Some of the Officers will be visiting EBS on 14th July to see their offices and to finalise the handover arrangements. The contract is for 3 years in the first instance and I hope that we will build a fruitful and active partnership with EBS in that time. I will introduce you to the EBS team supporting the BTS in due course. I hope that you will bear with us over the transition period which has only just begun.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank PCS for all their support over the last 6 years. There are many people who have helped us. In particular, I would like to thank Nora Green, Linda Allardyce, Beth Faircliffe and more recently Hannah Atkins all of whom have given great service to the BTS.

I am pleased to say the BTS has signed the joint statement supporting EU Directive 2010/63/EU organised via the Wellcome Trust around the ECI wanting to stop vivisection in the EU. At the last count there were 167 organisations supporting the Directive.

The website will be transferred to EBS in due course and this will be an opportunity to revamp the current offering. One innovation will be the Executive Committee biographies and photographs which I hope will help you identify the appropriate people to talk to about BTS matters. We did identify members of the Executive Committee at the Annual Congress but perhaps next year we will make this a little more obvious!

If you have any ideas, views or comments about the Society and its organisation please do contact me at president@thebts.org

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President