

CHOLANGIOCARCINOMA-UK SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (CCA-UK): ANNUAL REPORT 2018-19

This annual report covers the period 1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019.

Membership

The BASL Committee appointed an initial SIG Lead to serve for one year, Professor Shahid Khan, Professor of Practice (Hepatology), Imperial College London. Professor Khan was subsequently elected as SIG lead for the period June 2019 to June 2021.

CCA-UK has a Steering Committee, comprising the Lead, a Secretary and 14 other members from a variety of specialties including Oncology, Pathology and HPB Surgery. The committee has one patient representative, two trainee representatives and representatives from disciplines relevant to CCA. The SIG also has a smaller Executive Committee, comprising the Lead, Secretary and patient representative.

At the time of writing this report, there are 188 individuals included in the member database. 97 (52%) are BASL members and 91 (48%) are non-members.

Meetings

The inaugural meeting of the CCA-UK SIG was held during 2018-19, on 7 December 2018, at Friends House in London. There were 54 participants, with £500 sponsorship each from Biocompatibles UK and Sirtex. The second meeting will be a Basic Science Workshop to be held in Nottingham in November 2019.

Key achievements

By the end of this year, CCA-UK and its committee members will have delivered two high level cross-specialty national meetings, had representation on various national and international bodies/meetings, be leading on a revision of the national cholangiocarcinoma management guidelines, secured funding - via a donation - for an annual memorial lecture and an annual pump priming grant for young researchers, and become established on the national liver scene. We have also set up a CCA-UK badged Trainee Collaborative Sub-group.

Members of CCA-UK have been asked to edit a special issue for the journal Cancers (IF 6.2) on basic and translational research in Cholangiocarcinoma. This will draw from the CCA-UK basic science meeting which will be held on 14 November 2019. We also plan to employ a modified Delphi Process to arrive at key consensus outcomes from the basic science meeting attendees, which we could then use as a building block to base a grant application on. A major goal now has to be to get a collaborative, multiplatform, competitive grant proposal out.

Further information

Please visit the CCA-UK webpage at <https://www.basl.org.uk/index.cfm/content/page/cid/28>.