



## Chairperson's Report 2016 – Judy Hanley

As I write this report, we are now only 4 weeks away from our national conference in Bournemouth. I hope to see many of you there.

We currently have 486 delegates registered and received 81 abstracts to be considered for either oral or poster presentation. Once again we will have our own exhibition stand, please take time to visit and familiarise yourself with your ASCN area rep. The stand will be manned by area reps. on a rotational basis as unfortunately Tara can't be with us this year. Please also make any updates to your personal information on the spread sheets that will be available.

We are making excellent progress towards meeting the goals, previously set out within our strategy and currently we have 429 members of ASCN UK, which represents 71.5% of SCN's within the UK (working on data available).

We have continued to meet with the area reps. to enable the development of the next cohort of Clinical Guidelines. A detailed update will be provided during the AGM. Please consider attending as this is 'Your conference – Your say'.

The committee have also delivered the second ASCN masterclass – please see Wendy's report for further information. We have worked with In Conference to obtain CPD points for the masterclass and conference.

I have been involved in many events since Birmingham, specifically:

- Attended the GIN conference, where we also had our display stand.
- It was a huge honour to be asked to be one of the judges for the BJN – Stoma Care Nurse of the year awards for 2016. Unfortunately I was unable to attend the awards ceremony this year, as I was in Cape Town for WCET 2016. However both Gilly and Simon attended (further information and finalists will be congratulated during the AGM).
- ASCN UK were invited by Mark Allen group to attend the London Nurse Show (23rd & 24th February) with the exhibition stand whilst also delivering 9 workshops over 2 days, entitled 'Key principles of stoma care'. We were extremely grateful of the assistance provided by the area reps. in the delivery of the sessions. All sessions were well received with attendance of 182 delegates across the 2 days.
- Gill Skipper and myself were invited to IA National Council meeting the weekend of 16th / 17th April. The event celebrated their Diamond anniversary – 60 years. I was honoured to be part of the celebrations.
- I was delighted to be invited to by WCET to be an abstract reviewer for stoma care abstracts ahead of the 2016 congress. Whilst also having the honour of taking part in our International biennial event, in Cape Town, South Africa. An update and photos will be shown during the AGM.
- The 7th May saw the 10th Anniversary of Breakaway and it was a huge privilege to be invited along to the evening celebration.



- I am delighted to have been selected to represent ASCN UK in the national parastomal hernia research Project (CIPHER).

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow committee colleagues for their continual dedication to ASCN UK. However, this sees the completion of not only Rebecca's extended term of office, but also Gilly Tomsett and I have now completed our 4 year term. You will, by now have received notification of candidates (and hopefully be voting) for your new vice chair and treasurer.

Maddie White, having been shadow chair for the last year, will be your new chair. Similarly I would like to thank my team members at The Great Western Hospital in Swindon, for their on-going support. Especially Tara who has been supporting the organisation at events on a regular basis.

It has been a huge honour to have served as inaugural chair of our national association and I wish the new committee continued success and anticipate the realization of the strategy goals to be achieved by 2019.

Finally I look forward to seeing many of you in Bournemouth 27th – 29th September for our 2016 national conference – 'Achieving more with less?'

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