

Applications are invited for a new British Society for Haematology (BSH) initiative aiming to form international partnerships between the BSH and haematology societies in low and middle income countries, to share knowledge and expertise.

The BSH has funds available to pay for a BSH member (post-trainee) to attend the Ghana Society of Haematology (GHASH) annual meeting on Thursday, 30th of November 2017 in Accra, as the BSH-sponsored Plenary Speaker. The theme of the meeting is 'Anaemia in the Young and Old: Differentials and Challenges'.

The Ghana Society for Haematology request that the speaker can also give advice on developing their laboratory facilities, including enrolling in NEQAS. There will also be opportunities to observe clinics, teach haematology residents and collaborate with members of the haematology department.

The speaker is also invited to attend and/or present at the West African College of Physicians Dinner on 24th November, and to the WACP Annual General Scientific Meeting 4-7th December, if they are available.

We hope that this will be the first step towards a successful and rewarding exchange of expertise, and we therefore encourage applicants to use this opportunity to collaborate on, for example, co-authored evidence-based treatment guidelines adapted for haematology in low and middle income settings. We also encourage applicants to collaborate on research or publication of studies to improve evidence and treatment in the low and middle income country setting.

The BSH will cover economy return international flights, accommodation, required visas and subsistence for the speaker. BSH is not able to cover the costs of vaccinations and advises that the volunteer seeks professional advice about required vaccinations.

The closing date for applications is **1st June 2017**.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and applicants will be notified of the outcome within two months of the closing date.

This is a new initiative from the Society's Global Haematology Committee and we do not have an existing precedent for partnerships of this nature. We therefore hope to work closely with our international partner societies and the BSH Plenary Speakers during both planning and evaluation stages. To assess the success of this initiative we will also request written feedback from you after the event. Details of this will be sent nearer the time.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries please contact Liz Taylor at liz@b-s-h.org.uk.