

Dear Colleagues,

Applications are invited for the British Society for Haematology Plenary Speaker Programme 2018. We aim 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 two BSH members (post-trainee) to attend conferences in 2018.

Firstly, we are looking for a BSH-sponsored Plenary Speaker to attend the Nigerian Society for Haematology and Blood Transfusion (NSHBT) Annual Scientific Conference, 29th-31st August 2018 in Calabar. They have requested a specialist in either myeloma, lymphoma or CLL, to speak on diagnosis and management of that condition. NSHBT ask the speaker to have experience of clinical trials. They hope that the talk can stimulate thought and discussions on practical and feasible ways for African health professionals to engage in tackling haematological malignancies in the region.

Secondly, we are looking for a speaker to attend the Egyptian Society of Hematology and Research (ESHR) Conference 'Update in Hematology' in Cairo, 31st October-1st November 2018. ESHR have requested a specialist in red cell disorders to discuss dyserythropoietic causes of anaemia. They also request that the speaker has some experience in thalassaemia guideline appraisal.

We hope that the plenary speaker programme will encourage ongoing 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 Monday 4th June 2018.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 3 weeks of the closing date. This is a new initiative from the Society's Global Haematology Committee. 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.

The application form is at
<https://b-s-h.org.uk/about-us/special-interest-groups/global-haematology-sig/>

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