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Dear Doctor

We contacted you recently regarding a 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.

In 2017 and 2018 we ran a successful pilot scheme with UK haematologists visiting and speaking at the scientific meetings of selected haematology societies. We plan to continue and expand our programme in 2019 and are pleased to invite you to apply for our initiative this year.

The BSH has up to £2,500 available to pay for a BSH sponsored plenary speaker to attend your society's conference. We are currently looking at conferences between September 2019 and September 2020. We will cover economy return international flights, accommodation, visa, and subsistence for the speaker. We ask you to identify a haematology topic which you would like to be covered by the speaker. Topics might include for example malignant haematology such as lymphoma, or non-malignant haematology such as red cell disorders and transfusion.

BSH funding for plenary speakers for the meetings in 2017 and 2018 have given rise to independent collaborative projects in education and service enhancement. We encourage future applicants to use this initiative as an opportunity to develop independent collaborations on, for example, co-authored evidence-based guidelines or research to improve evidence and treatment in your setting.

The closing date for applications is **10 June 2019**. Applications will be reviewed by a panel and applicants notified of the outcome as soon as possible after the closing date.

We hope to work closely with our international partner societies who host BSH Plenary Speakers. To assess the success of this initiative we will also request written feedback from your society after the event. Details of this will be sent nearer the time.

We look forward to hearing from you.

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Yours sincerely

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