Dear Colleagues,

We are accepting applications for the British Society for Haematology **Plenary Speaker Programme 2021**. The aim of this scheme is to form international partnerships between the BSH and haematology societies in low and middle-income countries, to share knowledge and expertise. Please note you must be a British Society for Haematology member to apply.

Previously this programme supported haematologists from the UK travelling to and speaking at international conferences. However due to the impact of COVID-19, we are currently supporting virtual meetings only.

The Global Haematology Special Interest Group Officers are looking for one plenary speakers to speak at:

 The 25<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asia-Pacific Blood and Marrow Transplantation Group, hosted by the Thai Society of Hematology, 15-17th October 2021, hosted in Bangkok. A speaker with expertise in cellular therapies is required.

The selected speaker for the **Thai Society of Hematology** will have an exciting opportunity to be part of the **25<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Asia-Pacific Blood and Marrow Transplantation Group**. A more specific topic brief will be discussed with the organisers based on the experience and interest of the speaker. Additional sessions including workshops and 'meet the expert' sessions may be planned to maximise engagement.

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 guidelines adapted for haematology and transfusion in low and middle income settings.

The closing date for applications is Monday 9 August 2021.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and applicants will be notified of the outcome within 3 weeks of the closing date. This project is evolving and we 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 <u>globalhaem@b-s-h.org.uk</u>.