

## **BCS Annual Conference Sessions Guide**

NB. Conference sessions are either 60 minutes (to be more precise 55 minutes to allow for a changeover between sessions) or 90 minutes (to be more precise 85 minutes to allow for a changeover between sessions).

A 60 minute session will typically include a maximum of 3 presentations (17 minutes each including time for Q&A at the end of each presentation. As a guide, we recommend the 17 minutes is comprised of a 12 minute presentation with remaining 5 minutes for Q&A).

A 90 minute session will typically include a maximum of 4 presentations (20 minutes each including time for Q&A at the end of each presentation). As a guide, we recommend the 20 minutes is comprised of a 15 minute presentation with remaining 5 minutes for Q&A).

Other various conference sessions that take place include:

- **Named Lectures**

Named lectures alternate from year to year:

- Even years – Thomas Lewis Lecture, The BCS Lecture
- Odd years – Paul Wood Lecture, Strickland Goodall Lecture

*[Note that in 2022, this marked the Centenary year of the BCS, and on this occasion, the BCS Annual Conference did not feature any named lectures – only Centenary lectures. From 2023 onwards, the arrangements reverted back to normal with the Thomas Lewis Lecture and BCS Lecture].*

- Thomas Lewis Lecture

Founded by Dr Samuel A Levine of Boston in gratitude for the training and friendship which he and other American physicians had received from Sir Thomas Lewis and to commemorate his great influence on cardiology.

- The BCS Lecture

Supported by Joy Edelman legacy for the years 2007 – 2010. Dr Edelman was a member of the Society and a Consultant Physician and Cardiologist at St George's Hospital, Ilford. She was committed to the teaching of junior doctors and a pioneer in providing specialist cardiology in a DGH setting. Dr Edelman bequeathed a legacy jointly to the BCS and the RCP with the purpose of funding an annual lecture on a subject related to cardiology.

- Paul Wood Lecture

This lecture was founded to perpetuate the memory of Dr Paul Wood who was at the forefront of modern cardiology from 1948 until his early death in 1962. He was renowned worldwide for his skills as a clinical cardiologist and teacher.

- Strickland Goodall Lecture

The Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London is the trustee of a fund established in 1936 by the colleagues, friends and patients of Dr J Strickland Goodall, to found a lecture and gold medal in his memory. The subject of the lectureship should be some aspect of cardiology in its widest sense: physiological, anatomical and pathological, as well as clinical. The Society has hosted this lecture since 1983.

- **Top Ten Trials**

Objective is to provide the audience with a snapshot of the two most influential trials from each discipline within the past year. Usual format is a general presentation of the finding of the study (Presenter) and then a deep dive of the data and relevance of that study (Perspective). You have been invited to fulfil one of these roles – please refer to your invitation letter which will specify whether you are to present as the 'Presenter' or the 'Perspective'.

There are usually two Top Ten Trials sessions which take place on the final day of the conference. Presentations will be 5 minutes maximum unless otherwise advised.

- **Competition sessions**

- Michael Davies Early Career Award (MDECA)

This award is to honour clinical and non-clinical researchers who have recently established themselves as independent investigators and who have made, and are making, an outstanding contribution to cardiovascular medicine. The successful candidate will be expected to give a 15 minute presentation usually during a break on Monday. The successful candidate is then presented with their award usually at the Closing Ceremony.

- Young Investigator Award (YIA)

This competition is open to both young clinicians and basic scientists, who have not attained consultant status and are no more than 5 years post-PhD. Each candidate can make one research submission, and it must be concerned with the cardiovascular system. Applications open in January.

Five finalists are selected to present at the Conference usually during lunchtime on Tuesday. Each finalist will present for 10 minutes, with 5 minutes for questioning by the judges. Prizes are usually presented at the closing ceremony.

- BCS Quiz

This is a popular and light-hearted session that has taken place from 2022 onwards during the BCS Networking Reception in the Education Hall on Tuesday evening. The quiz is open to all registered delegates who attend the Reception. *Prior to 2022, the quiz was usually held on the Wednesday after lunch, with 3 teams competing (each team is made up of 1 x captain plus 4 x team members).*

- **Hot Topics**

Hot Topic sessions are more informal 55 minute sessions and are held during break times in 3 zones within the Education Hall (Exhibition area) for the duration of the conference. Hot Topics by nature of their title are intended to be very topical presentations which are thought provoking. Hot topics are 15 minutes long and generally have no prescribed format. They are moderated.

- **Poster sessions**

Every clinical and basic science abstract that is accepted for the conference, the abstract submitter will need to produce an A0 size poster which will then be displayed throughout the 3 days of the conference in the education hall. The abstract submitter will be notified once the abstract has been accepted, in that they must present their poster on the selected day of the conference to a couple of experts.

In recent years we have had around 150 clinical abstracts and 50 basic science abstracts selected. The clinical posters are split into 7 different categories and Basic Science makes up the 8<sup>th</sup> category.