We are pleased to report a healthy 93% retention rate and a total of 10,681 members including 812 new members joining during the year.

Progress in providing services and communicating with members online has been a key focus this year. The website, our eNewsletters and activity on social media offer members' news and updates quickly and easily.

New member benefits for the year include:

- Discounts on UltraScan courses. This is an educational initiative for those who want further expertise and competency in medical ultrasound and echocardiography for clinical practice.
- Mentoring sessions at AAGBI meetings with trained AAGBI mentors. This gives delegates a confidential opportunity to discuss career options, work-life balance, opportunities or dilemmas.

Environment

The AAGBI continues to make progress in its drive to become more environmentally friendly. Last year we established the Environmental Task Group to promote green healthcare in the profession.

Working together with specialist societies

The AAGBI staff provide secretariat and event management services for 18 specialist societies. We organised events for the Difficult Airway Society (DAS), the Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland (APAGBI), the Obstetric Anaesthetists’ Association (OAA) and Regional Anaesthesia UK (RA UK), as well as seven one-day conferences and six study days for others. There were also upgrades to IT systems to enhance the service provided.

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Environment

In-house at 21 Portland Place, we recycled a 5.8 tonnes of paper. This equates to a saving of 8.0 tonnes of CO₂ and 78 trees. This is an improvement of 24% on the previous year.

Join the conversation

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21 Portland Place

Our Grade II listed building in London has attracted around 300 visitors a week and hosted numerous meetings, events and seminars during the year.

We continue to offer office space to the World Federation of Societies of Anaesthesiology (WFSA) and Lifebox, the international charity of which AAGBI is a founder member.

Council

At the Annual Members’ Meeting in Dublin in September 2013, we were pleased to welcome three newly elected Council members:

- Dr Paul Barker, Consultant Anaesthetist, Norfolk & Norwich University Hospital.
- Dr Upma Misra, Consultant Anaesthetist, Sunderland Royal Hospital.
- Dr Mike Nathanson, Consultant Anaesthetist, Queen’s Medical Centre, Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust.

GAT Committee

The GAT Committee had one new elected member at the Annual General Meeting in Oxford in April 2013:

- Dr Emily Robson, Hillingdon Hospital.

Delivering value to members at all stages in their professional career

A YEAR IN REVIEW 2013-2014

2013-2014 was another successful and progressive year for the AAGBI: here we share a few highlights

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They raised just under £10,000 for Lifebox, and contributed to safer surgery in developing countries.

**SAFETY MATTERS**

One of the AAGBI’s principal activities is the advancement of patient care and safety in the field of anaesthesia.

**Safety Initiatives**

**National Audit Project 5 (NAP5)**

The AAGBI and the Royal College of Anaesthetists have been working together for the past two years on the 5th National Audit Project on Accidental Awareness during General Anaesthesia (NAP5). In March 2013 an interim report of the NAP5 findings were published in the British Journal of Anaesthesia. Over 7,000 anaesthetists were surveyed. The report attracted media coverage including BBC News, LA Times and OnMedica.

**Hip Fractures – Anaesthetic Sprint Audit of Practice.**

The Anaesthetic Sprint Audit of Practice (ASAP) was commissioned by the Healthcare Quality Improvement Partnership (HQIP) as part of the National Clinical Audit programme. ASAP marks a successful collaboration between several professional organisations. The NHS Hip Fracture Perioperative Network (HipPen), British Orthopaedic Association (BOA), British Geriatrics Society (BGS), Royal College of Physicians (RCP) and the AAGBI have worked together to explore anaesthesia within hip fracture care using data collected by members of the HipPen.

The audit showed that 44% of hip fracture patients do not receive a peri-operative nerve block for pain relief and recommended that this type of pain-relieving anaesthetic should be offered to all hospital patients who suffer hip fracture.

**e-SAFE DVD**

The e-SAFE DVD was formally launched in April 2013 by HRH The Princess Royal at the e-SAFE (Safer Anaesthesia from Education) event held at The Royal College of Anaesthetists. The event served to highlight how the anaesthetic community are working together to improve healthcare for under-resourced countries.

The DVD contains over 100 interactive e-learning sessions and an e-library with over 500 articles covering basic science and clinical anaesthesia.

**SUPPORTING COLLEAGUES OVERSEAS**

The AAGBI Foundation maintains an active programme of support for anaesthesia worldwide, including grants towards educational projects in lower resource countries, book donations and funding of educational resources. This year 43 grants were awarded towards work in 17 countries.

**Fundraising for Lifebox**

In April, the AAGBI launched the Great Anaesthesia Bake challenging departments around the country to show their skills in the kitchen and raise funds for the Lifebox Foundation. Departments from all around the country took up the challenge and since its inception, the Great Anaesthesia Bake has raised over £25,000 for Lifebox.

**Gubblin’ to Dublin**

In September, eight intrepid cyclists (including the AAGBI’s President, Honorary Secretary and Treasurer) braved rain and gale-force winds riding almost 400 miles from London to AAGBI’s Annual Congress in Dublin.

**Raising ‘dough’ for safer surgery**

AAGBI and Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET) teamed up to gather and share information about anaesthetists involved in international projects. AAGBI members shared information about their overseas work to create an online resource that maps UK collaboration in global anaesthesia.

AAGBI is proud to be a founder member of the international charity, Lifebox. Lifebox is a not-for-profit organisation saving lives by improving the safety and quality of surgical care in low-resource countries by ensuring that every operating room in the world has a pulse oximeter.

Please visit www.lifebox.org Lifebox UK-registered charity (No. 1143018)
**OPPORTUNITIES TO LEARN BOTH FACE-TO-FACE AND ONLINE**

**AAGBI events**

In 2013-2014 the AAGBI ran a number of hugely successful conferences, Core Topics meetings and seminars for the profession. Annual Congress in Dublin attracted a large number of overseas delegates and WSM London in January saw the largest delegate numbers to date for an AAGBI conference, with 930 registered delegates. Our major conferences are all approved for European accreditation.

**Parent and baby room facility**

Parents can now bring their little ones to all our major meetings! Lectures from the main auditorium are streamed into a separate room so parents can catch up on CPD whilst looking after their babies in an informal setting.

**Learn@AAGBI**

Further steps to provide e-education and associated CPD services online have been taken in converting the video platform to an online learning zone for members; Learn@AAGBI actively supports members with their CPD and in the revalidation process. Our comprehensive video library now offers over 233 lectures and CPD content from our conference and seminars. It attracts around 3,000 visits a month and keeps revalidation simple and user-friendly.

**DATE (Database of Anaesthesia Training Encounters) Project**

The AAGBI wants to connect members together for peer-to-peer learning. The pilot scheme has launched with a call for ‘hosts’ who will provide the training and are willing to receive fellow anaesthetists as visitors. This will provide another way of learning and assist in revalidation.

**Heritage Centre**

The AAGBI Heritage Centre, accredited by the Arts Council received 976 visitors last year, an increase of 30% from the previous year and the most successful year to date for the Heritage Centre.


“This tiny little museum is a gem”.

“If you can’t face another shop, leave the other half for an hour’s worthwhile diversion here”.

As well as the travelling exhibitions, the BMA hosted an exhibition celebrating the founder of the Anaesthesia Heritage Centre, A. Charles King.

**KEEPPING ANAESTHETISTS UP TO DATE**

**AAGBI publications**

**Anaesthesia**

Anaesthesia, the official journal of the AAGBI, is international in scope and comprehensive in coverage. The journal has a very high impact factor of 3.846 (compared to 2.958 last year) demonstrating the relevance of articles to the anaesthesia community.

This year the journal’s publishers, Wiley Blackwell, developed an iPad app for the Anaesthesia making it easier for our members to access the journal on the move. The app was downloaded 3,336 times last year.

**Anaesthesia News**

85 articles were published in our popular members’ magazine Anaesthesia News last year. We encourage our members to submit content; it’s a great way of sharing experiences and thoughts with fellow colleagues.

**Anaesthesia Cases**

Anaesthesia Cases (www.anesthesiacases.org) is a free, online, editorially reviewed journal of case reports in anaesthesia. Since the launch of Anaesthesia Cases in January 2013, we have had an increasing number of visitors from across the world. Visitor traffic has come from countries as far as Russia, Japan, China and Saudi Arabia.

@AAGBI

The bi-monthly enewsletter, @AAGBI, provides members with quick, effective and convenient communication with the latest information about the AAGBI and current issues within the profession.

**Guidelines**

Our Guidelines cover a wide range of clinical and non-clinical issues. In the last year we have produced these new titles:

- Immediate Post-anaesthesia Recovery 2013
- GAT - Who is the Anaesthetist? 2013
- Obstetric Anaesthetic Services 2013
- Regional Anaesthesia and Patients with Abnormalities of Coagulation 2013
- GAT Handbook 2013
- Peri-operative care of the elderly 2014

New working parties were established on:

- Skin Asepsis for Neuromaxial Block
- Standards of Monitoring During Anaesthesia and Recovery
- Provision of Vascular Access by Anaesthetists
- Quick Reference Handbook and Guideline for the Management of Sudden Unexpected Hypoxia or Raised Airway Pressure
- Peri-operative Management of the Elective Surgical Patient with Diabetes

**GETTING IDEAS REALISED**

**Research opportunities**

The AAGBI Foundation is one of the UK’s largest single grant providers for anaesthetic research.

In the past year we allocated nearly £100,000 in research funding for nine awards through the National Institute for Academic Anaesthesia (NIAA).

Abstract submission is a great way to get research published, boost your CV and win prizes. Last year we had over 450 abstract submissions for our three major conferences.

New prizes included the medical student’s poster prize and an essay prize sponsored by the RSM Section of Anaesthesia.

**Promoting innovation**

The AAGBI’s annual Award for Innovation in Anaesthesia, Critical Care and Pain is open to all British and Irish based anaesthetists, intensivists and pain specialists, with the emphasis being on new ideas contributing to patient safety, high quality clinical care and improvements in the working environment. Last year the winner devised SAFIRPA - Safe Injection System for Regional Anaesthesia.
The AAGBI’s Irish Standing Committee released a statement on the ongoing national workforce crisis in the Republic of Ireland. The statement gave support and advice to anaesthetists at local, regional and national levels in ensuring an adequate supply of appropriately trained doctors to provide safe anaesthetic services.

The Berwick Report

The Berwick Report highlights the main problems affecting patient safety in the NHS and makes recommendations to address them. Professor Don Berwick, an international expert in patient safety, was asked to carry out the review following the publication of the Francis Report into the breakdown of care at Mid Staffordshire Hospitals. The AAGBI released a statement welcoming the publication and supporting its recommendations.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our members for their continued support!