

newsletter

Save the Date! Registration opens in January 2025

BACR 65th Anniversary
June 2nd- 4th 2025
Royal College of Physicians,
Edinburgh



The British Association for Cancer Research (BACR) is the overarching organisation of UK's cancer research. The Association covers all areas of cancer research from basic discovery science to clinical application, and is particularly focused on promoting and supporting early career cancer researchers. In 2025, BACR will have been actively supporting its mission for 65 years! To mark this anniversary, we are holding a special conference at the Royal College of Physicians in Edinburgh, June 2nd-4th 2025. The purpose of the meeting is to bring together cancer researchers from multiple centres across the UK, which is reflected in the event's invited speakers that include some of the UK's established cancer researchers, a number of its rising stars as well as research leaders from outside the UK. The meeting will be focused on five main themes: 'Genes, Mutations and Repair', 'The Tumour Ecosystem', 'Immune cells and immunotherapy', 'Models, screening, profiling and imaging' and 'Novel therapeutic strategies and early detection'. The programme will also include a number of short talks chosen from submitted abstracts. [Click here](#) for full details.

On behalf of the BACR, I look forward to you joining us in Edinburgh for the largest broad spectrum cancer conference in the UK next year, that promises to be an excellent, vibrant event that will connect and celebrate the very best of British cancer research.

Prof. Kevin Ryan,
Chair of the British Association for Cancer Research

Dear BACR Member,

As the year draws to a close, the BACR Committee would like to once again thank the membership for their continuous support. Below are some selected highlights from our activities in 2024:



The 2024 BACR Student Impact Award winner was Paige Policelli from Southampton University.

Paige was thrilled to receive this award. She muses about her journey and her key influences saying “it’s so important that we provide opportunities and share our stories to inspire future scientists, and each other”. To read more about Paige’s journey please [click here](#)

For more information and how to apply for the 2025 Student Impact Award please [click here](#)

In 2024 we also awarded:



The BACR/AstraZeneca Frank Rose Award to **Stephen-John Samut** from the Institute of Cancer Research Stephen will give his talk at the **BACR 65th Anniversary** meeting.

For more information and how to apply for the 2025 BACR/AstraZeneca Frank Rose Award please [click here](#)

BACR Early Career Award

In 2025, we are introducing a brand-new award, the **BACR Early Career Award**. This award has been developed to recognise the achievement of our brilliant Early Career Cancer Researchers. The award will go to a BACR member who at an early stage has demonstrated a significant contribution to cancer research and who has the ambition to develop their career in this area.

The winner will receive a cash prize of £750 and the opportunity to present their research at a BACR event such as the Trailblazers in Cancer Research meeting, with 2 runners up receiving £250 each.

For more information please [click here](#)

Strive & Achieve

Do you wish to attend a scientific meeting relevant to cancer research? Do you need to travel to fulfil your research goals - for collaboration or further study? We provide several travel bursaries and fellowships, and with exception of BSc and Master Students, members at all career stages are eligible to apply. For more details, visit our website

Application deadlines for **Travel Bursaries** and **Fellowships** are

31st January 2025

30th June 2025

30th September 2025

[Apply Here](#)

In the 2023/2024 financial year, we gave out 39 awards worth a total of £41,712.

To help with the increased cost of travel to attend Conferences around the world we also increased the awards in 2024 to:

£500 for a National Meeting

£1,000 for a European Meeting

£2,000 for a meeting outside Europe

News from the Executive Committee:

We extend our thanks and gratitude to our outgoing Chair:



Professor Ingunn Holen
University of Sheffield



We would also like to extend a warm welcome to our incoming Chair:

Professor Kevin Ryan
CRUK Scotland Institute

We also extend our thanks to the following committee members who stepped down at the Annual General Meeting:

John F Marshall - Bart's & The London School of Medicine & Dentistry

Alan McIntyre - University of Nottingham

Munitta Muthana – University of Sheffield

Stephen Tait – University of Glasgow

Taking over from these members for the next three years are:

Greg Brooke – University of Essex

Giorgia Cioccoloni – University of Leeds

Louise Fets – Medical Research Council

Mark Wade – Hull York Medical School

BACR Meetings

In 2024 the BACR have successfully ran two highly successful meetings. The first was the Response and Resistance in Cancer Therapy held on the 10th to 12th July at the University of Kent. This was the third in the series of this popular event. The BACR wish to thank the organisers Tim Fenton from the University of Southampton and Michelle Garrett, Martin Michaelis and Mark Wass, all from the University of Kent. You can find a report highlighting this by [clicking here](#)

We also ran the New Developments in Breast Cancer Research – from Lab to Clinic meeting on the 25th to 27th November at the Glasshouse International Centre for Music in Gateshead. Again, this meeting was the third in the series and was well received and we wish to thank the organisers: Penelope Ottewell from the University of Sheffield, Will Brackenbury from University of York, Rachael Natrajan from the Institute of Cancer Research and Walid Khaled from University of Cambridge. A meeting report can be found by [clicking here](#).

If you have an idea for meeting or wish to put on an event with the BACR then please [click here](#) or contact the BACR Secretariat on bacr@leeds.ac.uk for more information.

Upcoming Events for 2025:

BACR 65th Anniversary Meeting
2nd to 4th June
Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh

For more information [click here](#)

Cancer Immunology
10th to 12th September
University of Southampton

More information in relation to this meeting will follow in the New Year.

Don't forget to look at our affiliated association EACR for their Events Calendar for 2025 which can be found [click here](#)

Membership Subscriptions:

At the 2024 Annual General Meeting a motion was tabled to increase the annual BACR membership fee for full BACR members to £65.

The BACR has previously benefited from a number of generous donations that, in addition to membership subscriptions, have assisted significantly in helping the BACR to fulfil its role of supporting the educational development of its members through various activities, including attendance at cancer-focussed meetings and visiting fellowships. However, we cannot rely on donations alone and as you will understand costs are increasing for events and travel, and as a result, the Executive Committee have decided that it is time for a small increase in the full membership fee of £5.00. The current subscription fee of £60 has been in place since 2014 and has not increased in this time. We do hope that BACR members will continue to support and recognize that the BACR Executive are committed to minimize costs to its' members where possible.

And Finally...

As always, our biggest thanks go out to all BACR Members.

If you wish to feature your own piece on the BACR Blog, please, email bacr@leeds.ac.uk.

For the latest news and updates, there is always our Membership Jiscmail service, as well as social media. We would like to encourage you to tag us in for any exciting announcements.

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Until next time, BACR Team

Exploring the interplay between hormones and cancer and related topics

Reasons to publish



Editorial excellence

Quality peer review led by Editor-in-Chief Professor Justo P Castaño and an international Editorial Board



Global reach

A gold open-access journal that's indexed in PubMed, Cabells and DOAJ

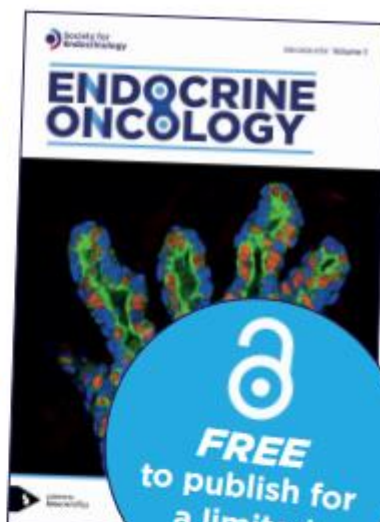


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