



# BRITISH ORTHOPAEDIC SPECIALISTS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Colleagues

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Re: The **British Orthopaedic Specialists Association**

We, the BOSA executive committee are planning two meetings.

**The first will be during the BOA & IOA Congress in Dublin on 16th September.** Anecdotal evidence suggests that 6 out of 10 SAS doctors are unhappy with their present job contract particularly those who have been transferred from the old contract to the new.

There is also uncertainty regarding what is happening with PMETB/GMC, therefore we have invited two of the present SASC UK (BMA) leaders to give us a talk. BOSA will then recommend a suggested job plan for orthopaedics and seek approval by the BOA council.

### 'Our future is in our own hands'

- 1) Radhakrishna Shanbhag ( chair of SASCUK and member of GMC equivalence group) :- After the merger of PMETB and GMC, What GMC should be proposing regarding specialist registration - SASC view.
- 2) Raj Nirula ( Chair SASCUK Negotiating committee and joint negotiating Committee with NHS employer) :- Assimilation to the new contract and going through the Thresholds.
- 3) BOSA Executives:- What should be the job plan for SAS doctors in orthopaedics.

**The second meeting is the 7<sup>th</sup> BOSA ANNUAL MEETING 2011 - 4th & 5th November at the Postgraduate Centre, Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Stanmore, Middlesex.**

Invited speakers are Professor Tim Briggs, Mr A Nejad, Mr Peter Calder, Mr Simon Lambert Dr Philippa Tyler. Further guest speakers still to be confirmed, there will be free paper sessions on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the meeting.

Our new Web site is coming together very nicely and new items are being added all the time  
[www.BOSA.me.uk](http://www.BOSA.me.uk)

The present BOTA president and their executive committee permitted us to copy the content from the BOTA web site and we sincerely thank them. In future we will seek BOTA's help and will cooperate with them to negotiate better T&C of services, better opportunity to train ourselves so that we can be better orthopaedic surgeons.

I thank the BOTA president and the executive committee members for their generosity and help. We have negotiated discount for some of the FRCS(Orth) course and all BOSA members can take advantage of that. Remember all the Trusts are now capping the amount one can take for study leave.

If you are or want to be professional then join the professional organisation, and **PLEASE JOIN US IN BIG NUMBERS** so we can shape the future.

With kind regards

Yours sincerely

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