



## BOA Congress Abstracts 2021

As you may be aware, the BOA Annual Congress has been granted gateway status by the Scottish government and so will be able to go ahead this year as a face to face event. However the COVID-19 crisis continues to affect training and in particular the opportunities for trainees to present work undertaken in order to meet training requirements.

The BOA has had an excellent response this year receiving over 1100 abstract submissions. While we are able to run the 'free paper' sessions in the traditional format in Aberdeen, delivering a reduced programme virtually in 2020 has resulted in additional pressures on the programme for 2021. As such, we have a limited number of papers we can invite for presentation.

Therefore the decision has been made that for the second year running, we will not only accept the highest ranking abstracts for presentation, but also publish those abstracts whose scores reached the threshold for presentation according to the scoring guide, on the BOA website and for all these papers to count as a National presentation for portfolio purposes.

All these successful presentations will therefore be certificated by the BOA.

All TPDs have been informed of this agreement and as in all cases have the final say on a trainee's progress at ARCP.

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Honorary Secretary BOA

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