



## BOA Congress Abstracts 2020

As everyone is aware, due to the current Covid-19 crisis the BOA Annual Congress was cancelled in its normal format, but the decision was made to setup and run a virtual event.

As part of that event we decided to dedicate a second week of Congress to the "free paper" sessions, this normally being present within the traditional format, but on this occasion we are limited in the number of papers we can invite for presentation.

The BOA had nearly 1500 abstracts submitted, this being a reflection the near-wipe out of annual meetings and conferences in the UK this year.

We are fully aware of the impact that Covid-19 has had on training and in particular on the opportunities for trainees to present work undertaken in order to meet training requirements.

As such a discussion took place with the resulting agreement not only to accept the highest ranking abstracts for virtual presentation, but also to publish those abstracts whose scores reached the threshold for presentation according to the scoring guide, on the BOA website and for all of 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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