

EANS Tumour Section Report 2017

The Tumour Section has acknowledged that there has been a significant reduction in membership. This may partly reflect limited opportunities for members to engage and partly a lack of opportunity to highlight areas that they would like to see developed. With this in mind a consultation exercise was held with section members to identify their priorities and areas of interest. The information was collated by Susie Hide & her team and discussed with me. We agreed that going forward for the 2017/18 period the section would focus on the following:

- Integrated Journal Club//Newsletter
- Chat-room/Virtual Meetings
- Establishing an annual Section meeting

Progress has been made on all these fronts:

The section has produced its first newsletter edited by Michael Bruneau and supported by several enthusiastic colleagues and contributors. A wide range of topics were covered and the format is easy to read and well laid out.

A virtual meeting on the management of insular gliomas took place in May. It was organised by Christian Senft & supported by a very able group of colleagues. The format was case-based discussions with questions from the audience.

Finally a section meeting alongside the EANS has been organized with enthusiastic support from section members and senior neurosurgical oncology colleagues

Going forward the challenge will be to maintain the momentum that has been established and encourage section member participation. We will need to broaden participation in the virtual meetings and encourage contributions to the newsletter. We will need to organize section meetings to ensure members have opportunity to attend and participate. To achieve these objectives the section will be working closely with Susie Hide and the EANS administrative team, who have been very supportive & helpful in developing the tumour section.