

BOWEL DISEASE RESEARCH FOUNDATION - ANNUAL REPORT JUNE 2008

The BDRF has made great strides over the last year under the Presidency of Prof Michael Keighley and Chairmanship of Miss Asha Senapati. It is now incorporated as a subsidiary company of the ACPGBI, but maintaining its independent charity number and accounts. We now have 16 trustees, including representation from Scotland and Ireland, the association, the nursing profession and 2 expert lay trustees, and have retained our 6 patrons.

Thanks to the tireless efforts of our fundraising officer Martyn Hall, Fund Raising Committee Chair Sir Barry Jackson, President (Opera gala event) and Chairman (Midsummer dinner at the College and sponsored walk on the Great Wall of China) the BDRF has now raised in excess of £200k - more than a year ahead of target - and looks set to top this by the time we host the plenary Research and Career Development session at this year's annual meeting in Birmingham.

We are proud that every pound donated can be put directly to support research, thanks to the generosity of the ACPGBI in funding our running costs. This is our "USP" when it comes to soliciting donations and we are grateful that this will continue in the new Presidential year starting in July. We earnestly hope to rely on this support continuing thereafter, albeit such costs are increasing a little.

Following on from the 4 **successful research bursaries** awarded 2 years ago, we are delighted to be confirming the names of recipients of 5 **further awards** at the BDRF session in Birmingham. In addition to plans for **further bursary awards** next year, we shall also outline a **major new funding initiative** to support the appointment of **Research Trial Recruiters/Facilitators** in hospitals currently unable to enter patients into important national trials for want of this infrastructure resource. Finally we are exploring a possible **major national trial for funding** by one or two potential major donors.

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