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Chair's Report

This year we have delayed our AGM due to NECTM8 being postponed until June 2022, which is when our AGM was originally scheduled for.

I am pleased to report that our membership numbers have started to increase, notably because of the introduction of corporate membership. This allows 10 or more employees from one company to join at a reduced rate. and as a thank you to our members we are inviting them to attend our annual conference, free of charge.

We want to expand our membership, and as such, we have, like last year, provided a year's membership as part of the Conference admission fee. Throughout this year we have refreshed our website, making it more user friendly. We have added new webinars and uploaded the recordings from last year's conference. The webinars and presentations are only available to members

Since our 2021 AGM our longest serving committee member, Becky Swadling has resigned for personal reasons. Becky was the sole editor of Travel wise, the journal of BGTHA for six years and her input will be hugely missed. We thank her for her long service on the Executive Committee. Three eminent travel and global health doctors have joined the committee since the last AGM- Dr Jane Wilson-Howarth, Dr Jim Bond and Dr Graham Fry. They bring with them a wealth of experience and have been very supportive in contributing both as authors and peer reviewers of journal articles. There are currently vacancies in the Executive Committee so there are opportunities to bring in fresh ideas and passion to the Executive Committee. Please contact me, or any of the Committee should you wish to nominate yourself.

We have continued to present the electronic version of the Journal, now merged with Travelwise, as an educational publication with relevant material to practitioners who provide, or have an interest in, any type of Travel or Global Health service. Our new editorial team are Sarah Feliciello and me. We have throughout this year introduced several new authors, but we are always actively seeking out new research. Can I take this opportunity to invite members to contribute to the Journal. Sarah and I can be contacted by emailing editor@bgtha.org and we can provide you with our author guidelines.

As always, my heartfelt thanks to all on the BGTHA Executive Committee for their hard work throughout this year. It truly has been a pleasure to work with you all toward our common goal of providing education to travel and global health practitioners.

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