PROMOTING SIOG

1. Appeal to join SIOG membership and to attend Annual Meeting in Prague in November 2015

a) Formal invitations were sent to the following national, regional and local organisations (March 2016):

- Association of Breast Surgery
- British Association of Cancer Surgery
- Royal College of Radiologists
- Association of Cancer Physicians
- British Geriatrics Society (BGS)
- British Society for Haematology
- Royal College of Surgeons of England
- Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh
- NHS England (Central Midlands)
- Derby Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (surgeons, oncologists, gynaecological oncologists, palliative care physicians, cancer lead clinicians, geriatricians; including their trainees and allied health professionals in the teams)

b) Personal promotion while chairing/speaking at invited sessions:

- Association of Breast Surgery’s 3rd Multidisciplinary Team Meeting, London (18th January 2016) [chair]

- CME lecture at Union Hospital, Hong Kong (18th March 2016) [speaker]

- 2nd Irish Geriatric Oncology Meeting, Dublin (9th April 2016) [speaker]

- NHS North West Coast (NWC) Strategic Clinical Network – Breast Network Site Specific Group (NSSG) Education Event, Preston (25th May 2016) [speaker]
2. Following participation at Association of Breast Surgery’s 3rd Multidisciplinary Team Meeting on ‘Management of breast cancer in the older patient’ (See below under Education), the Association’s President agreed to put a link on their website to SIOG.

INFLUENCING NATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

1. Invited as SIOG’s NR to collaborate in the Macmillan Geriatric Oncology Expert Reference Group for Cancer in Older People (with direct advisory link to NHS England) (January 2016) – I am currently a member of the Assessment Subgroup and the Workforce Subgroup.

2. Invited to speak as SIOG’s NR at the NHS North West Coast (NWC) Strategic Clinical Network – Breast Network Site Specific Group (NSSG) Education Event, Preston (25th May 2016). The lecture, entitled ‘Managing primary breast cancer in older women – Does age matter?’, included an introduction to SIOG. Following the event, the above Network has agreed to promote SIOG to NSSGs of all tumour sites (May 2016). Formal contact has since been established with SIOG’s Head Office.

EDUCATION

1. Association of Breast Surgery to participate in the 3rd Multidisciplinary Team Meeting held in London, with the theme on ‘Management of breast cancer in the older patient’ (18th January 2016) – I was invited to chaired a session and received written commendation from the Association’s President.

2. 2nd Irish Geriatric Oncology Meeting, held in Dublin (9th April 2016) – I delivered an invited lecture on ‘Challenges in surgical oncology’.

3. NHS NWC Strategic Clinical Network – Refer to above.

4. 4th Symposium on Primary Breast Cancer in Older Women, hosted by the University of Nottingham, to be held on 3rd March 2017 – The inception of this event was from me back in 2010. It has since become a biennial event and the last two were organised under SIOG’s auspices. Planning is now underway and registration will soon be open. Details are available from www.nottingham.ac.uk/medicine/breastmeetings.

RESEARCH

1. Within my host institution (University of Nottingham), I continue to lead a research programme on ‘Primary breast cancer in older women’ with three streams: a) biology and clinical outcome; b) geriatric assessment and psychosocial aspects; and c) cost effectiveness of therapeutic strategies.
2. I continue to be a collaborator in a national multicentre study – ‘Bridging the Age Gap in Breast Cancer – Improving outcomes for older women’, funded by National Institute for Health Research (NIHR), UK.

3. Invited (based on the PI’s search on SIOG’s website) to collaborate in a research project entitled, ‘Decision making for the treatment of cancer in older people’ at the University of Birmingham, funded by Cancer Research UK (January 2016)