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BIOS ANNUAL REPORT 2022

Summary



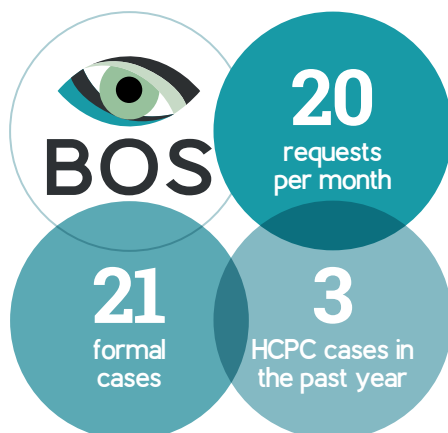
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Supporting our members



We introduced a new membership system, allowing new members start their membership year at beginning of any month.

Provide TU support to our members:



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Some of the highlights were:

- Four virtual new graduate discussion events
- Two online ACP events, one for Orthoptists interested in pursuing ACP and one targeted at Orthoptic managers and AP leads.
- The new Paediatric Ophthalmology CAG held two events, covering areas such as paediatric cataracts, ROP screening, and inherited retinal dystrophies.
- Clinical Tutors Day attracted over 100 delegates to hear presentations on topics including equitable allocation and the new PERL resource
- SEN Virtual Afternoon made full use of the advantages of online events, pre-sharing presentations, allowing for more in depth discussion of the issues raised.
- LOOP also held the first face-to-face event since the pandemic in Birmingham in May. Over sixty delegates for presentations and discussion on a wide range of issues, including sustainability, medicines, and the Orthoptic support workforce.

CPD Virtual library



and can now be accessed as educational resources permanently

Website members' area



AGM

We held our first face-to-face AGM since 2019 passing a resolution so that in future we are able to appoint lay members to our Board of Trustees to bring in necessary knowledge and expertise.

Orthoptic Education Fund (OEF):



supporting students and orthoptists to access CPD to assist in education and training. This is double that awarded in 2021

LOOP



Promoting high-quality practice

Revised Advanced Orthoptic Clinical Practice Competency Framework completed in October, reflecting the continued expansion of the scope of practice of Orthoptists to support in advanced roles across Ophthalmology



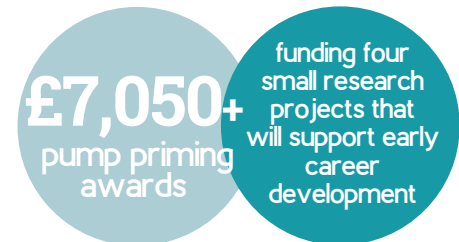
Public Health

Dedicated web page highlighting the importance of sustainability and the actions that Orthoptists can take towards achieving net zero.

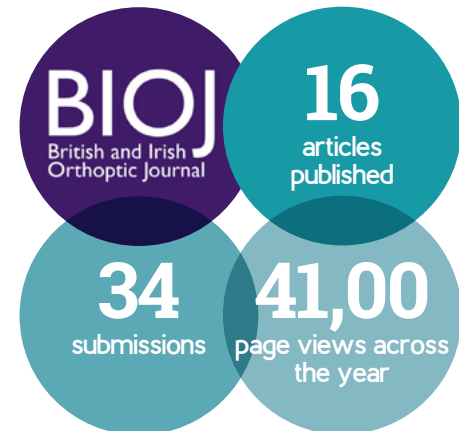


Theme of World Orthoptic Day, making 20,000 impressions on Twitter, with members sharing #GreenerAhps and related hashtags.

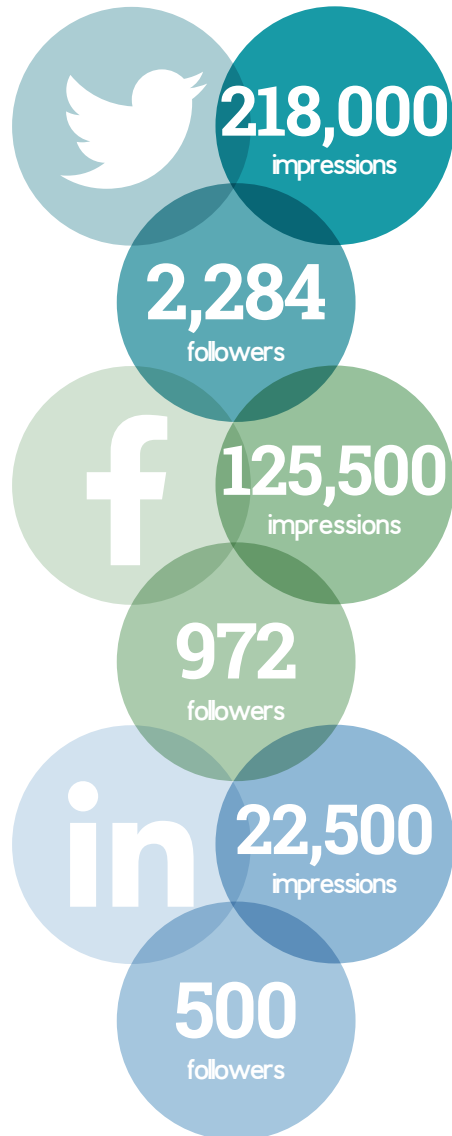
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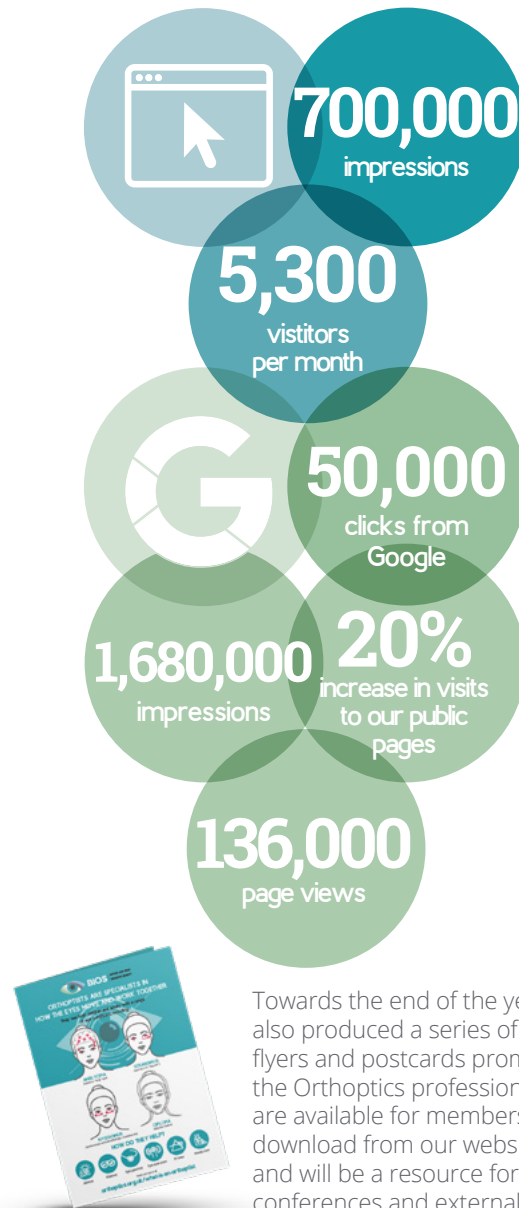
British and Irish Orthoptics Journal (BIOJ)



Informing the public



Website



Ensuring the future of the profession

The Clinical Placement Expansion Project (CPEP) Team received recognition for their incredible work at the CAHPO Awards in November, winning the 2022 Creative Provision of Placements Award.



PERL

The Placement Expansion Resource Library (PERL) was rebranded in 2022 and has continued to expand the range of resources and videos available, receiving over 11,500 page views in 2022. Three Trusts are now live streaming clinics for students via HoloLens 2 augmented reality headsets.



New Pre-registration course at University of Liverpool

Second MSc route into Orthoptics was launched in 2022 at the University of Liverpool, providing an accelerated route into orthoptics for science graduates.

Leading the profession

We represented the profession on:

The AHPF Board and policy groupings, the Royal College of Ophthalmologists' paediatric subcommittee, the Eye Health Forum, the UK Ophthalmology Alliance, the Clinical Council for Eye Health Commissioning (CCEHC).

BIOS remain affiliated to both the Orthoptistes de la Communauté Européenne (OCE), representing Orthoptists in Europe, and the International Orthoptic Association (IOA), giving us representation in important international discussions affecting our members.



We have worked alongside other similar organisations to campaign and promote issues of particular significance to our members.

- Responded to the HCPC Consultation on their proposed fee increase, joined with other professional bodies and trade unions to oppose rise.
- Campaigned alongside other AHPs to push for independent prescribing responsibilities for orthoptists.
- Joined with over 100 other organisations to call on the government to increase investment in the specialist workforce for children and young people, as part of the SEND Review.
- As BOSTU, we've campaigned alongside other unions covered by Agenda for Change to make the case for a real and significant pay rise for health workers across the UK.



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