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**Application to join the Research Committee**

This committee deals with research activities within the association, working to enable BAPO members in developing their own research interests and building partnerships with other research bodies. Its main aim is to help increase research capacity and capability within prosthetics and orthotics and enable BAPO members in developing and conducting clinically relevant research.

**How the committee works and what will be expected of you:**

The Committee consists of a Chair and a Vice Chair, who are responsible for organising and chairing the Committee meetings, they will also be expected to lead the Committee and drive the project streams as well as reporting the Committee’s progress to the Executive Committee.

Working on the Research Committee often gives you the opportunity to work on specific projects either individually or with your colleagues. If you agree to take on a project you will be expected to keep the Committee up-to-date on your progress and if you require help, the Committee Chair will ensure this is afforded to you.

All members of the Committee work on a voluntary basis and as such we are acutely aware that your time is precious and we are grateful for the time Committee members offer to their professional Body. However, in order for the Committee too run effectively and to ensure workload is kept to a minimum, we ask applicants to be clear on what they can and cannot commit to and that they understand the importance of effective communication and engagement.

BAPO welcomes applicants of all levels of experience, including P&O students.

If you would like to become a member of this committee please complete the information below and return it to enquiries@bapo.com. Please note you must be a member of BAPO to join this committee.

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BAPO membership No: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Email address (this will be our primary method of communication): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

1. Do you practice as a Prosthetist or Orthotist?

 Orthotist Prosthetist Prosthetist/Orthotist I am a P&O student

*The Research Committee relies on effective communication between its members, the majority of communication is conducted via email with the occasional virtual meeting.*

1. Can you commit to a timely response to emails, even if this means letting your Committee chair know you are not available for comment?

Yes, I can commit to responding to Committee emails in a timely manner.

 No, I cannot commit to responding to Committee emails in a timely manner.

1. Can you commit to attending virtual committee meetings when arranged? (Usually 1-2 hours long, held in the evenings).

 I can’t commit to attend any Committee meetings.

 I can attend meetings but I am not available during these times/days ­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­­\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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1. BAPO uses social media to share information about the organisation and other updates that are considered of interest to the prosthetist and orthotist community.  Please search for BAPO on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn. If you use Twitter and are happy for BAPO to “follow” you please share your Twitter handle below:

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BAPO is aware that circumstances change and there may be times when you need to step down from Committee commitments for a period of time, all we ask is that you communicate this to the Committee Chair so any projects you might be working on can be considered in terms of placing them hold, passing them to a Committee colleague or maybe asking a colleague to work on specific tasks during your absence.

**I confirm I have read the application form and I understand the commitment required as a member of the Research Committee.**

**Signed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**