

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

between the following

Parties

1) **British Sleep Society**, hereinafter referred to as “BSS”

and

2) **British Society of Dental Sleep Medicine**, hereinafter referred to as “BSDSM”

Background

- The BSS is a professional association and UK registered charity with the mission statement to promote education and research into sleep and its disorders.
- The BSDSM is a professional not-for-profit association of dental sleep professionals.
- The societies share several common goals and objectives, and memberships partially overlap.
- The societies have recognised that closer affiliation would provide the opportunity for more coordinated scientific, educational and clinical activities, to promote professional development.

Purpose

- To closely align the activities of the two societies in furthering their shared goals, as set out in the charitable constitution of the BSS (Appendix 1).
- This to be done by merging the societies through the subsuming of the BSDSM into the BSS as a formal subcommittee.

Duration

- Potentially indefinite, but subject to review initially at the (Annual) General Meeting, (A)GM, of the BSS that will take place at the 2023 biennial scientific conference.
- The need for and timing of subsequent reviews to be determined at the 2023 (A)GM.

Commitments/Agreements

- The BSDSM to have subcommittee status within the BSS.
- As a formal subcommittee of the BSS, the BSDSM would be subject to and protected by Rules and other Terms of Reference enshrined in the BSS Charitable Constitution.
- To have the chair of the BSDSM, or a mutually agreed representative of the BSDSM, as a co-opted member of the BSS Executive Committee.
- The Chair of the BSDSM to be included in meetings and general communications of the BSS Executive Committee.
- To have a BSS representative from the BSS executive committee, or a mutually agreed representative of the BSS, as a co-opted member on the BSDSM board.
- The BSS representative to be included in meetings and general communications of the BSDSM board.

• **Membership:**

- UK based BSDSM members will become BSS members, subject to payment of the BSS membership fee.
- Payment of the BSS membership fee is subject to mutual agreement between the BSS and the BSDSM; the current plan is to pay the annual membership fee to the BSS on 1st April each year (BSDSM membership count x annual BSS membership fee).
- Standard BSS membership fees will apply.
- BSDSM and BSS members will be eligible for the same benefits and discounts.
- In the case of international members, standard membership fees will apply except for applicants from low- or middle-income countries.
- BSS membership will be required for entry to BSDSM subcommittee meetings and the BSS (A)GM at its biennial conference.
- Participation in BSDSM educational activities alone does not require formal BSS membership.
- The BSDSM logo for the subcommittee is to be mutually agreed (e.g. “owl with tooth”).

Responsibilities

Financial

- As above regarding membership fees.
- There will be no other financial commitment or transaction associated directly with the merger.
- Requests for financial support submitted by the BSDSM subcommittee would be considered by the Executive Committee, specifically by the Treasurer and other officers of the BSS; any requests will be treated in the same way as any other requests submitted by BSS members or subcommittees.

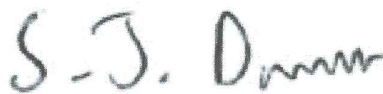
Signatures

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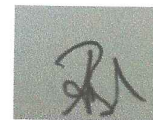
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