



Eid Mubarak!

GREETINGS FROM SRHSB PRESIDENT IAN POPLÉ

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As Muslims around me celebrate Eid al Adha here in Qatar, I can't help being impressed by the wonderful atmosphere of commitment to each other and the amazing generosity within the community here. Eid al Adha celebrates the Old Testament story of total commitment by Ibrahim (Abraham)

to his God Allah when tested and directed to potentially sacrifice his son Isaac. Luckily the directive from God was revoked at the last minute and instead he sacrificed a lamb to give meat to local people in need. This story of unselfish commitment to a greater cause and true generosity to others spans all the three great religions, yet the world is now full of people (mostly men!) squabbling over territory, money and power such that monetizing everyone's time and ideas is fast becoming the norm.

The success of SRHSB relies on members being generous with their ideas, their precious time and their limited money - all for the greater good of future generations. This greater good in our Society is our charitable mission to advance hydrocephalus and spina bifida research, bringing hope and health to many lives. Small achievements in many of the basic and clinical research groups committed to attending SRHSB meetings will eventually lead to better outcomes for children and adults.

After the highly successful Annual meeting in Manchester last year we are looking forward to an exciting meeting next **August (6-8th) 2025** in Columbus Ohio hosted by Albert Isaacs and colleagues who will focus part of the meeting on the latest engineering & research developments in CSF shunts, with a keynote lecture by Dr David Limbrick, pediatric neurosurgeon.

Our SRHSB annual meeting in August will be tandemed with the regular meeting of the North American Hydrocephalus Association (August 4-6th) and will also be hybrid for those who are unable to attend in person and wishing to join remotely. For those potential delegates from low-income countries with travel bans wishing to join online there will be some discretionary bursaries available from the honorary treasurer to cover their registration fee.

Abstracts from last year's meeting are now published on the website and we will be publishing this year's abstracts in a similar fashion later in the Autumn.

Warmest wishes to you all,

Ian Pople MD FRCS, President SRHSB.

