

# FRIENDS OF THE BRITISH HYPERTENSION SOCIETY

The BHS Executive Committee is pleased to announce the ongoing development of the initiatives between the Society and our colleagues in the pharmaceutical industry.

At the BHS Annual Business Meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2002, the then President, Bryan Williams, outlined proposals for establishing a 'Friends of the BHS' scheme. A meeting was held in December 2002 between the Committee and senior representatives of major pharmaceutical companies with an interest in the field of hypertension, where this initiative was discussed further.

We are pleased to confirm that the following pharmaceutical companies are currently Friends of the BHS, and we are very grateful to them for their support:

**Boehringer Ingelheim**  
**Merck Sharp & Dohme**  
**Takeda**

**Bristol Myers Squibb/Sanofi**  
**Novartis**

Contributions from the above companies to the Friends scheme enable the BHS to continue to develop the following initiatives, which are organised by Working Parties who report to the Executive Committee:

## **BHS Information Service and Guidelines Working Party**

- To provide information for health care professionals about hypertension
- To provide hypertension guidelines and web-based timely updates in response to new trial evidence
- To product factfiles on the management of hypertension in special situations
- To develop and implement BHS Live! Events
- To manage the BHS website as an educational resource for BHS members and other healthcare professionals
- To produce a quarterly newsletter for BHS Members also circulated to ISH members and GPs who have attended BHS Primary Care meetings
- To liaise with NICE and contribute to their Guideline developments in relevant topics
- To manage accreditation of UK clinical Excellence and ESH Hypertension Specialist status
- To develop a strategy, manage & support the Information Service to ensure that it delivers on the above

## **BHS Educational Programmes Working Party**

- To develop UK Specialist Accreditation
- To organise BHS Primary Care Meetings
- To organise BHS Masterclasses
- To organise training for Independent Prescribers in collaboration with the NHA
- To liaise with other Societies regarding Joint Symposia

## **BHS BP Measurement Working Party**

- To advise on the validation of blood pressure monitors
- To maintain a list of validated blood pressure monitors
- To run a BHS Validation Service for manufacturers of blood pressure monitors
- To be responsible for issues relating to mercury in liaison with the MHRA
- To develop educational resources relating to the measurement of blood pressure

## **BHS Collaborative Research Working Party**

- To design and execute de novo clinical research studies expected to benefit from collaboration among several UK centres