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ULTRASOUND 2026



Evidence in Action:
Transforming Practice,
Improving Experience

**CALL FOR PAPERS AND
PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME**

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE 31ST JULY 2026



Evidence in Action: Transforming Practice, Improving Experience

As Chair of this year's BMUS Annual Scientific Meeting, I am delighted to invite you to submit your work for the 2026 conference. Following the fantastic success of last year's meeting in Harrogate, it is a real pleasure to build on that momentum as we look ahead to another inspiring event.

The energy, engagement, and quality of contributions in 2025 set a high bar, and I am excited to see how we can take this even further in 2026. I am equally delighted that we will be returning to Cheltenham, a wonderful setting that provides the perfect backdrop for learning, collaboration, and sharing ideas.

Our theme for 2026, Evidence in Action: Transforming Practice, Improving Experience, reflects something I feel strongly about: the importance of not only generating evidence, but using it to make a tangible difference in our day-to-day practice.

Based on this theme, I am particularly keen to hear from colleagues who can demonstrate how their work has led to real change. Whether you have led a service improvement project, implemented research findings within your department, or introduced an innovative approach to patient care, education, or workflow, I encourage you to share your experience. This year's programme aims to highlight practical examples of how ultrasound services are evolving, with a clear focus on impact on patients, staff, and the quality of care we provide.

The conference will bring together a wide range of perspectives from across the ultrasound community, and we are committed to creating a programme that reflects both the breadth and depth of work taking place. Alongside established research and completed projects, I recognise that some of the most exciting ideas are still in development. With that in mind, I am pleased to introduce a new Research Development Area for 2026.

This dedicated space is designed to support those of you who are at an earlier stage in your research journey. If you have a developing idea, a pilot project, or work

in progress that would benefit from discussion and feedback, I warmly encourage you to take part. My aim is to create an environment where emerging research can be shared openly, where connections can be made, and where future collaborations can begin. So please send in your proposals.

In addition, we will once again be offering an opportunity to submit to our Ultra-Sound Ideas: pitch your project as part of our research funding session. This is a chance to present your ideas directly to a supportive audience, gain valuable feedback, and potentially secure funding to help bring your project to life. I would strongly encourage anyone with a research proposal to consider taking part in this session.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the organising committee for their hard work and dedication in putting together what promises to be an engaging and forward-thinking programme. Their efforts ensure that the conference continues to evolve and reflect the needs and ambitions of our community.

By submitting your work, you will be contributing to a conference that celebrates not only excellence in research, but also the application of that research in practice. I hope you will take this opportunity to share your insights, your challenges, and your successes with colleagues from across the profession.

I very much look forward to receiving your submissions and to welcoming you to what promises to be an engaging and inspiring BMUS Annual Conference 2026.

Further details on submission guidelines and deadlines will be shared via BMUS conference communications.

Dr Ruth Reeve

Chair of Scientific Organising Committee

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION TIMELINE

31st July 2026 – Submission Deadline

This date is the deadline for abstracts submitted via the website.

31st August 2026 – Abstract Judging

All stream leads will have completed their assessments of each submitted abstract.

12th September 2026 – Author Notification

We aim to notify all abstract authors by this date if they have been successful.

30th September 2026 – Early Bird Registration Closes and BMUS Champion of the Year Nomination Deadline.

Both should be submitted via the website.

20th October 2026 – All submission authors should have registered to attend.

Successful abstract authors must register by this date. A £155 presentation fee is required for each accepted abstract. This fee includes one day of conference attendance for the presenting author.

PLENARY 1	PLENARY 2	PLENARY 3	SATELLITE
<p>Improving Practice: Imaging the Fetal Brain</p> <p>Has our ability to assess the fetal brain improved with the advent of high-resolution modern ultrasound machines? In this session, we will look at the evidence and explore the normal and abnormal appearances of the brain in the three trimesters of pregnancy.</p>	<p>Musculoskeletal Ultrasound Beyond the Scanning</p> <p>Musculoskeletal ultrasound often focuses on scanning and overlooks other key components. This session enhances the understanding of patient pathways, the importance of producing high-quality, standardised reports and how to engage and contribute to musculoskeletal ultrasound research.</p>	<p>Professional Issues</p> <p>The BMUS Professional Issues Stream at this year's conference will focus on three key areas: regulation in ultrasound, innovation in ultrasound within cancer care, and managing wellbeing, advice for managers working under pressure.</p> <p>We are inviting submissions for papers and abstracts that align with these themes. We particularly welcome contributions that explore current regulatory challenges and professional standards, innovative approaches to the use of ultrasound in oncology pathways, and strategies or evidence-based approaches supporting leadership and wellbeing in demanding healthcare environments.</p>	<p>Trainees</p> <p>We invite submissions from trainees or recent graduates to present your work in a welcoming and supportive environment where you can share your findings with peers and experienced professionals. If you have been working to improve practice or experiences, we would like to hear from you: for example, have you recently completed an MSc project, or seen an interesting or unusual case study?</p> <p>Aligned with the conference theme Evidence in Action: Transforming Practice, Improving Experience, this stream is specifically designed to support learners and newly qualified sonographers. This stream focuses on developing knowledge and understanding of the professional and clinical issues that shape contemporary ultrasound practice, supporting both professional development and future career planning.</p>
<p>Holistic Care: Monitoring Fetal Growth in Maternal Medicine</p> <p>Nationally, an increasing number of women with complex medical conditions are starting families. How do we utilise the best evidence to look after these women? In this session, we will have an update on the BMUS 3rd trimester guideline, look at three of the most common maternal conditions, and discuss the role of ultrasound in safe pregnancy care.</p>	<p>Practical Approaches in Musculoskeletal Ultrasound: Top Tips, Troubleshooting, and Technique</p> <p>Musculoskeletal ultrasound is a challenging skill to master due to the difficulty of scanning and the complexity of anatomy and pathology. This session showcases practical techniques and is a must for those wanting to sharpen their own practice.</p>	<p>Ultra-Sound Ideas: The Ultrasound Innovation Pitch</p> <p>This year, BMUS are pleased to be continuing with Ultra-Sound Ideas: The Ultrasound Innovation Pitch. During this session, a panel of BMUS experts will hear and assess applications for the BMUS Research Grant. The full application and process can be found on page 9 of this document and on the BMUS Ultrasound 2026 webpage.</p>	<p>A broad range of topics could be considered, for example:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient experience, safety, and person-centred care • Evidence-based developments in ultrasound practice • Quality improvement, audit, and service evaluation • Case studies and reflective learning from practice • Learning, education, and transition to professional practice • Technology, innovation, and digital ultrasound practice • Professional practice, role development, and workforce issues
<p>Caring for Future Pregnancies: Complications from Previous C- Section</p> <p>The national caesarean section rate is at an all-time high and shows no sign of abating. In this session, we explore the complications associated with previous caesarean sections and how we can use the latest evidence to manage these complications.</p>	<p>Ultrasound in Practice: Adding Value Across Musculoskeletal Disciplines</p> <p>Musculoskeletal ultrasound is a cornerstone of modern clinical practice, offering real-time insights that enrich the physical examination and complement other diagnostic imaging. In this session, we will look at how musculoskeletal ultrasound adds value and changes patient management.</p>	<p>AI - Implementation, Trust and Workforce Readiness</p> <p>Artificial intelligence is rapidly advancing within medical imaging, but translating innovation into safe, effective clinical practice requires more than technological capability alone. This session will explore the key factors that support successful adoption of AI in ultrasound, including workforce education and professional development, public perceptions and trust in AI-enabled healthcare, real-world experiences of implementation within the NHS, and the importance of human-centred design to ensure AI tools integrate effectively into clinical workflows. Together, these perspectives will highlight the opportunities and challenges involved in moving AI from evidence and research into meaningful improvements in patient care.</p>	<p>Course leaders, supervisors, mentors, and managers are strongly encouraged to support and actively promote paper submissions from learners or recent graduates.</p> <p>For further information, please contact Dr. Catriona Hynes at c.hynes@shu.ac.uk.</p>

DONALD MACVICAR BROWN KEYNOTE LECTURE

PLENARY 1	PLENARY 2	PLENARY 3	PLENARY 4
Acute Pelvic Pain	Head and Neck	Young Investigators	Medical Physics
This session reviews the role of ultrasound in the diagnosis and management of acute pelvic pain, including the sequelae of pelvic inflammatory disease and a case-based approach to problem-solving.	The Head & Neck programme will showcase expert clinical practice, research and service innovation in head and neck ultrasound, aimed at ultrasound practitioners across sonography, radiology and related clinical specialties. We would welcome submissions in particular for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced ultrasound assessment of thyroid, salivary and cervical lymph node pathology • Non-thyroid neck masses and complex diagnostic scenarios • Ultrasound decision making, reporting and pathway integration • Technical developments, optimisation and innovation in head and neck ultrasound • Audit, service evaluation and research relevant to head and neck practice 	During this session, up to 6 shortlisted oral paper submissions from those under the age of 39 will battle it out to win the coveted title of BMUS Young Investigator 2026 and the prize of representing the UK at the EUROSON 2028 Congress in Bilbao, Spain. The full application and process can be found on page 11 of this document and on the BMUS Ultrasound 2026 webpage.	Exploring physics-driven innovations, including elastography and liver fat estimation.
Early Pregnancy Ultrasound		AXREM	
This session will examine how sonographers can improve communication and support in the early pregnancy unit, as well as explore challenging early pregnancy ultrasound cases with expert insight.		This session will be put together by our Industry experts. More details will be available at a later date.	
INTERNATIONAL SPEAKER			
Endometriosis – A Master Class	Paediatric Abdominal Imaging	Session 1 – The role of the Practice Educator	ThUNDDAR
In this session, experts will break down the IDEA approach and demonstrate how to systematically assess for endometriosis. In addition, a gynaecological surgeon will give their perspective on essential ultrasound findings.	Join us for a dynamic session focused on paediatric abdominal ultrasound, designed to enhance your confidence in tackling both routine and urgent cases. Explore key topics including renal imaging and bowel assessment, alongside the sonographic features of acute presentations commonly encountered in clinical practice. Through engaging case-based discussions and expert-led insights, you'll refine your ability to recognise critical findings and make timely, accurate diagnoses in young patients.	This session focuses on the role of the Practice Educator in Sonography, covering effective teaching strategies and the challenges arising from workforce shortages and increasing demand. It is intended not only for Practice Educators but for all sonographers with a teaching component in their role.	Information on this stream will be available at a later date.

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<p>Gynae-oncology Ultrasound</p>	<p>Neonatal Imaging</p>	<p>Session 2 – Translating Theory into Practice.</p>	<p>ThUNDDAR</p>
<p>Adnexal masses: Who gets it right? O-RADS, IOTA ADNEX or expert opinion. Plus, the role of intraoperative ultrasound in gynaecological surgery.</p>	<p>Delve into the specialised world of neonatal ultrasound in this essential session covering cranial imaging and neonatal emergencies. Gain a deeper understanding of normal and pathological findings in the neonatal brain, while also developing a systematic approach to identifying urgent and life-threatening conditions. With a focus on practical application, this session will equip you with the knowledge and confidence to navigate the unique challenges of imaging the youngest and most vulnerable patients.</p>	<p>This is a top tip “train the trainer” session that will help participants perfect their skills in the practical aspects of teaching ultrasound skills by translating theory into practice. It is directed at any sonographer who has a teaching element within their job role.</p>	<p>Information on this stream will be available at a later date.</p>
<p>WINTER BALL</p>			

PLENARY 1	PLENARY 2	PLENARY 3	PLENARY 4
<p>General Medical</p>	<p>Professional Issues</p>	<p>Breast Ultrasound</p>	<p>Supporting Health and Wellbeing: Building Resilience in Modern Healthcare</p>
<p>Due to the success of the previous years' programmes, we are delighted to offer another excellent day of general medical ultrasound topics for your education and enjoyment. Back by popular demand will be our "Men's Health", "Gastrointestinal" and "Further Abdominal" sessions.</p> <p>We are looking forward to providing an update on new guidance and treatment options, whilst also providing some additional support for sonographers and trainees in cross-sectional imaging correlation. Our fantastic speakers, including our surgical colleagues, will offer their expertise and guidance on the relevance of our ultrasound findings by challenging what we need to consider beyond our imaging roles in the patient's journey.</p> <p>We are keen to invite proffered paper abstracts to present verbally for these three session topics, to add to our expert speaker panels throughout the day. Also, why not consider submitting your research or interesting cases as an academic poster to support the education at the annual scientific meeting.</p>	<p>The BMUS Professional Issues Stream at this year's conference will focus on three key areas: regulation in ultrasound, innovation in ultrasound within cancer care, and managing wellbeing, advice for managers working under pressure.</p> <p>We are inviting submissions for papers and abstracts that align with these themes. We particularly welcome contributions that explore current regulatory challenges and professional standards, innovative approaches to the use of ultrasound in oncology pathways, and strategies or evidence-based approaches supporting leadership and wellbeing in demanding healthcare environments.</p>	<p>Welcome to the exciting world of breast ultrasound, once again at this year's ASM.</p> <p>The session is intended to provide an insight into the different pathologies seen daily within young patient clinics, a comparison of pathologies with other imaging modalities and the use of new technologies to enhance our diagnostic abilities.</p> <p>The topics will be aimed at anyone currently practising or has an interest in breast ultrasound, working in either a dedicated breast unit or general imaging department, and delivered by clinical experts within the breast imaging world.</p>	<p>As workforce shortages persist, safeguarding the health and wellbeing of ultrasound staff is increasingly vital. The session explores the impact of moral injury and the "second victim" experience when adverse events occur, approaches to managing conflict, and the types of support managers require. It will examine how teams can work together to foster a healthier, more supportive environment.</p>
	<p>BMUS Debate</p>	<p>Vascular</p>	<p>Advanced Communication</p>
	<p>This house believes that incidental findings do more harm than good for the patient and healthcare in the NHS.</p>		
	<p>The Great Debate tackles one of the most contentious issues in modern imaging practice. With expert panellists and audience participation, this session will explore whether incidental findings truly benefit patients or whether they inadvertently cause harm to individuals and the NHS. Expect lively discussion, sharp insights and no easy answers.</p>	<p>The theme of the vascular session at this year's conference is how vascular services work alongside other services to improve patient care. Vascular scientists interact with multiple services, including renal medicine, stroke medicine, rheumatology, diabetic services, orthopaedics and paediatrics. The role of vascular ultrasound within these modalities is essential in the diagnosis and treatment of various disease processes.</p> <p>The session will look at the role of vascular ultrasound in assessing the peripheral venous system of the upper and lower limb, carotid duplex tips and tricks. The session will also discuss how vascular services can build better links within a community-based setting in order to improve access for all patients.</p>	<p>This session is new for BMUS ASM 2026. The aim being to embrace the everyday communication challenges that sonographers currently face in today's healthcare climate. The session will focus on building sonographer confidence in developing improved communication at an advanced level, whether that is complex decision making, verbal and written communication, understanding varying communication strategies and when to employ them. This session hopes to be interactive and allow a transformative improvement of communication in ultrasound practice.</p>
	<p>Professional Issues</p>		
	<p>See details from earlier session.</p>		

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Call for Expressions of Interest – Host Your Research at BMUS ASM 2026!

For the **first time**, BMUS is offering Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and researchers the opportunity to **host their research studies** at the Annual Scientific Meeting in Cheltenham!

We are providing a **dedicated space** at the conference for individuals and groups to showcase ongoing research, engage with attendees and recruit to their studies, and foster discussion within the ultrasound community.

We are inviting expressions of interest that are no longer than 500 words, to include:

- **Information about your study** (aims, methods, significance)
- **Space requirements** (table display, poster, demonstration area, or group space)
- **Evidence of Ethics approval or appropriate governance prior to ASM**

Don't miss this chance to **showcase your research to the BMUS community** and connect with leading professionals in the field.

Submit your expression of interest to:
developmentofficer@bmus.org
& emma@bmus.org by 31st July 2026.

Hands on Practical Sessions at Ultrasound 2026

The Ultrasound 2025 programme includes a variety of hands-on sessions covering a number of Ultrasound subjects.

DAY 1 HANDS ON PRACTICAL SESSION

Endometriosis

In this session, we combine experts and simulation to arm ultrasound users with the skills and knowledge to make assessing for deep infiltrative endometriosis less daunting. Delegates will have the chance to develop practical skills for scanning in the posterior fornix and assessing for deep endometriosis nodules.

Liver

The ability to undertake ultrasound of the liver and Doppler techniques is an invaluable skill for the general ultrasound practitioner. This practical session is intended to provide hands-on guidance on segmental liver anatomy imaging, the use of liver Doppler techniques, and skills for proficiency in liver ultrasound. Updates related to HCC screening will be delivered by the faculty experts. It is hoped that delegates will feel more confident to try out these techniques in their own institutions after attendance at this workshop.

DAY 2 HANDS ON PRACTICAL SESSION

MSK Upper & Lower Limb

Practical workshops are aimed at beginner and intermediate MSK sonographers who require top tips and tricks to ensure optimal imaging. Each station will have an experienced Sonographer or Radiologist to help delegates practice and build on patient positions, ultrasound techniques and recognise complex anatomy.

DAY 2 HANDS ON PRACTICAL SESSION

Bowel

Bowel ultrasound is an essential tool in the acute imaging setting. This workshop is designed to enhance ultrasound practitioners' skills and confidence in evaluating the GI tract (small bowel, appendix, and colon) during acute imaging scenarios. Expert faculty will lead participants through the techniques of bowel ultrasound, providing hands-on experience in small groups, along with practical tips and guidance for effective scanning.

Interventional

Introduction to intervention covering the basic principles, FNA, Core biopsies, and drainage. The biopsies will include superficial and liver.

DAY 3 HANDS ON PRACTICAL SESSION

Tiny Tickers Fetal Heart

BMUS have teamed up with the charity Tiny Tickers to educate on all things fetal heart. This workshop will include a presentation to refresh sonographers on the anatomy of the fetal heart, followed by a practical hands-on session with a Tiny Tickers trainer. Views of the heart, the anatomy of the heart, Doppler in fetal heart scanning and practical tips and tricks for fetal heart scanning will be covered in this exciting practical.

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BMUS Grant Winners 2025



BMUS Champion of the Year 2025



BMUS Champion of the Year Award 2026

BMUS are delighted to be celebrating our members with the award of BMUS Champion of the Year 2026.

This award supersedes the Sonographer of the Year and is more encompassing to our members.

The aim of this award is to celebrate the outstanding contributions made by BMUS members to the field of medical ultrasound, and BMUS asks for nominations for those who go above and beyond, as well as being good at their job.

Submissions should be made via the BMUS website. The deadline for nominations is the 30th September 2026. Suitable candidates should:

- Ensure that patients are placed at the heart of service delivery.
- Go above and beyond to develop and maintain excellence in their field of ultrasound.
- Support and inspire others.
- Encourage the education and development of others.

The winner will be announced at the Ultrasound Annual Scientific Meeting 2026 Winter Ball which is being held on the 9th December in Cheltenham.

BMUS Research Grant

BMUS welcomes applicants to this years *Ultra-Sound Ideas: The Ultrasound Innovation Pitch*.

This will be a session on Day 1 of the conference where successful applicants will have the opportunity to pitch for a grant to undertake research.

3 Grants will be available – 2 for up to £2500, 1 for up to £5000.

The application process will consist of two rounds;

Round 1

Submit a 300-word project proposal, complete the application form, and include financial costings and timelines.

To be submitted by **31st July**.

Round 2

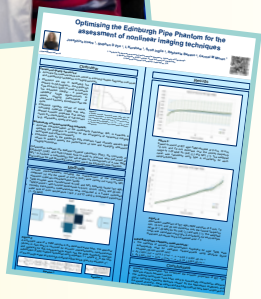
Successful proposals will be invited to present their application. This will be an 8-minute presentation with 2 minutes for panel questions.

The presentation should focus on how the project will meet one of the BMUS grant objectives.

This session is scheduled for **8th December** from 11.05.

BMUS Grant Objectives

While BMUS is keen to receive research proposals that meet the theme of ***Evidence in Action: Transforming Practice, Improving Experience***, we will also consider applications not meeting this theme. All applications will be judged on merit.



Guidelines to Writing an Abstract

- The abstract should be structured with Objective/Aim, Method, Results and Conclusion.
- The text of the abstract should be no more than 300 words.
- The abstract text should be submitted through the online form and not uploaded as a written document.
- Only supporting documents should be uploaded with the abstract, i.e. images, graphs, tables, reference list.
- The abstract process is anonymous; please ensure that any supporting documents attached do NOT identify the authors.
- Ask a colleague to check over your abstract for typos and spelling errors. What you write for your abstract is what will be published in the journal, *Ultrasound*.
- Ensure all authors are accurately entered, including their institution in full.

Note: Abstracts not following these guidelines will be declined

Reasons for Presenting Your Research at Ultrasound 2026

- Successful paper/poster abstracts will be published in the *Ultrasound* journal during 2027 and will be listed in PubMed Central.
- The successful paper/poster abstracts will be published in the final printed programme.
- The opportunity to win one of the BMUS prestigious awards for the best poster or oral presentation.
- Highly discounted delegate fees to attend Ultrasound 2026 are offered to successful presenters.
- Presenters will have the opportunity to have their research published in full in the BMUS journal, *Ultrasound*.
- Oral presentations from presenters under 39 years of age will be automatically considered for the prestigious BMUS Young Investigator Session.
- Each presenter will receive a certificate from BMUS stating that their research, poster or case study was presented at the meeting.

BMUS Awards 2026

We are delighted to call for abstract submissions to be presented as a Poster, Oral or Case Study at Ultrasound 2026. Successful submissions will be automatically entered for our prestigious awards.

Best Oral Presentation

Accepted paper presentations are judged in terms of both scientific content and quality of presentation. The aim of the award is to support activities in the field of medical ultrasound that advance the work or personal development of the winner.

The winning presenters will be encouraged to submit their work for publication in the BMUS journal, *Ultrasound*, and to provide a short report showing how the award was used. The awards are decided once the conference has been concluded.

Winners will be advised in January 2027 and will be announced in the BMUS Newsletter 2027.

1st prize: £200 plus complimentary BMUS 2027 membership

Runner-up: £50 plus complimentary BMUS 2027 membership

Poster Awards

The Poster Awards are presented to the best poster in the categories of:

- Scientific Poster
- Case Report Poster
- Clinical Poster

Posters are judged by the 2026 Scientific Organising Committee on both content and presentation style. The winning Poster Presentations will be announced at the Winter Ball on Wednesday 9th December.

1st prize in each category: £100 plus complimentary BMUS 2027 Membership

BMUS Young Investigator Award

Chosen oral submissions from presenters under 39 years of age will be invited to take part in this session.

The winning presentation, selected by an esteemed panel of judges, will be awarded the prestigious title of 'BMUS Young Investigator 2026'. The winner of this award will be announced at the Winter Ball on Wednesday 9th December.

The winner will represent the UK at the EUROSON 2028 Congress, along with the 2027 winner. The Congress will take place in Bilbao, Spain, on 4th – 7th October 2028. At Euroson 2028 the British Young Investigator has the opportunity to win the 'European Young Investigator' title and one of two possible cash prizes totalling €3000.

2025 Award Winners



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WEDNESDAY, 9th DECEMBER 2026

TICKETS ARE PRICED AT £55

THE WINTER BALL WILL INCLUDE A LUXURY 3 COURSE-MEAL, THE AWARDS CEREMONY, DANCING AND ENTERTAINMENT.