

Applications are invited for a new British Society for Haematology (BSH) initiative aiming to form international partnerships between the BSH and haematology societies in low and middle income countries, to share knowledge and expertise.

The BSH has funds available to pay for a BSH member (post-trainee) to attend the Haematology and Oncology Society of Africa (HOSA) conference entitled 'Haematology in Africa: Beyond Benign; More than Malignant, in Nairobi, Kenya, from 31st July to 2nd August 2017. They have requested a specialist in lymphoma to speak on diagnosis and management of lymphomas, as the BSH-sponsored Plenary Speaker.

HOSA ask the speaker to be an expert in lymphoma and preferably have experience in a resource-limited setting such as Africa. They hope that the talk can stimulate thought and discussions on practical and feasible ways for African health professionals to engage in tackling lymphoma in the region.

We hope that this will be the first step towards a successful and rewarding exchange of expertise, and we therefore encourage applicants to use this opportunity to collaborate on, for example, co-authored evidence-based treatment guidelines adapted for haematology in low and middle income settings. We also encourage applicants to collaborate on research or publication of studies to improve evidence and treatment in the low and middle income country setting.

The BSH will cover economy return international flights, accommodation, required visas and subsistence for the speaker. BSH is not able to cover the costs of vaccinations and advises that the volunteer seeks professional advice about required vaccinations.

The closing date for applications is **1<sup>st</sup> June 2017**.

Applications will be reviewed by a panel and applicants will be notified of the outcome within two months of the closing date.

This is a new initiative from the Society's Global Haematology Committee and we do not have an existing precedent for partnerships of this nature. We therefore hope to work closely with our international partner societies and the BSH Plenary Speakers during both planning and evaluation stages. To assess the success of this initiative we will also request written feedback from you after the event. Details of this will be sent nearer the time.

We look forward to hearing from you. If you have any queries please contact Liz Taylor at [liz@b-s-h.org.uk](mailto:liz@b-s-h.org.uk).