

***Dear Colleague,***

Here's our spring BSPR newsletter and let's start with;

**BSPR AGM** Leeds, 10<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks are due to the Leeds team and especially Drs Ramsden & Woodley for running a slick and interesting meeting. Nice venue too. There was also a poster section for the first time in quite a while. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the mix of papers which gave us quite a headache when it came to the prizes, but here is what was decided:

### **Annual Prizes**

The Claire Dicks-Mireaux prize was split between

Dr E Hoey – Pre-operative assessment for suitability for Rex Shunt – An initial experience

And, Dr C Miller – Posterior Reversible Encephalopathy Syndrome: A Clinico-radiological Review

The poster prize went to Dr Mankad – "[CT Brain scans in Suspected Cases of NAI- A National Survey](#)"

We also liked the presentation by Edinburgh medical student Sarah Waller on bone ages. Since she was not eligible for the CDM prize, we agreed to pay her meeting expenses and award a commendation so she has something for her CV folder.

### **Validating the Case Archive**

It seems that while the RITI initiative has gone well and the resource is now available on the web (<http://www.riti.org.uk/>), the case archive is in danger of being shut down due to lack of validated material. Having checked the web, it is still breathing as of now.

**MCQ's** The format of the RCR MCQ's is changing to 'best fit' which may be easier to construct. Anyway the college are keen that BSPR submit more questions as the number/quality dropped off last year when we didn't! Karen Duncan is leading this on our behalf and may wish to approach the membership for help.

### **Web Site**

Andrew Watt has signed the contract for development of the new web site, so shouldn't be long now.

### **Paediatric Oncology meeting**

Kieran McHugh has asked that I publicise a Paediatric Oncology Update meeting at the Royal Soc. of Medicine, Wimpole Street, London on Monday March 19<sup>th</sup>. Further details can be had from [MCHUGK@gosh.nhs.uk](mailto:MCHUGK@gosh.nhs.uk) or the RSM in London.

### **Clinical Excellence Awards**

Your Exec put together a committee of 10 including Exec members not submitting, new BSPR members, senior members and a lay person to score CVs for this year's CEA round. The chairman collated the scores and arranged citations. Of course the results are not available until next Nov/Dec. Those thinking about CEA's need to start constructing CVs early because the college will be asking for CVs in September 2007, before the results of this year's round are known.

### **Meetings 2007**

- UK Radiological Congress, Monday 11 - Wednesday 13 June 2007, Manchester, – your chairman is working on the program for a full and varied study day for this meeting. Details in due course.
- The ESPR 2007 will be held in Barcelona, Spain, from June 4th to 7th.
- 2007 BSPR AGM will be held on Friday the 9th November at Leigh Court, Bristol, North Somerset. Contact Dr Sue King for details – [Susan.King2@waht.swest.nhs.uk](mailto:Susan.King2@waht.swest.nhs.uk)

### **Constitution**

Those not present at the AGM may be relieved to hear that the amended constitution was finally approved.

### **Exec Elections**

Dr Sue King was elected unopposed to the Exec and Dr Bradshaw attended her first Exec meeting at Leeds. After the November 2007 AGM there 2 exec vacancies – Drs Johnson and Abernethy. Dr Abernethy is eligible for re-election whereas Dr Johnson continues as an ordinary member, relinquishing the roles of RCPCH Convener and BSPR Chairman. The Convener is elected directly by the membership, while the Chairman is elected by the Executive committee from amongst their number. I would therefore like to seek nominations in writing (email), seconded by a BSPR member, for the following posts:

1. The RCPCH Convener (who need not be an RCPCH member)
2. An ordinary Executive member, with the majority of their sessions in Paediatric Radiology.

I will arrange a ballot in the late summer if necessary. Applications by the end of March to me please. Successful applicants would expect to begin their duties after the 2007 AGM.

### **Non-BSPR Circulars**

The issue of circulars has caused difficulty over the year as there have been several requests to circulate material and questionnaires. Resources and time are scarce and I am bound not to pass on your contact data to others. We therefore brought this back to the AGM. It is clear that views differ however, pragmatic agreement was reached that the Exec would screen potential circulars and usually only mail official material. Furthermore, this would only be done by email. So those who have not given me permission to use email for BSPR business will miss out. If you're getting this newsletter in paper form you are one of those.

Best Wishes

Your Exec Committee

(Karl Johnson, Laurence Abernethy, Ian Kenney, Sue King, Andrew Watt, Val Cook and Karen Bradshaw)

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