



BSPR Summer 2005 Newsletter



New Look Exec

It's been all change in the BSPR Executive. As you will be aware Kieran McHugh retired after serving a term on the committee and then taking over as chairman for a final stint. Louise Sweeney also retired after 2 terms as Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. Karen Duncan also finished her term, but has agreed to continue with multiple choice submissions for the RCR. I have the honour to be elected as the new Honorary Secretary and Treasurer. Also elected were Andrew Watt from Glasgow, and Sarah Horton from Torbay. Furthermore, Carol Luck has resigned from the NHS (and the Exec) and so another place for a member with minority of sessions in Paeds became available to which Valmai Cook was elected unopposed. Carol's resignation became effective after the April 11th Exec meeting, so Val will take up her post at the November 2005 meeting. I'm sure you'd join me in thanking all those retiring members for their hard work on our behalf.

During the meeting Karl Johnson was elected as Chairman. He is currently RCPCH Convener and proposes to continue with this role for a bit but may be looking to pass it on in a year or so.

So the Current BSPR Exec Committee is as follows;

Karl Johnson – Chairman and RCPCH Convener

Ian Kenney – Hon Sec and Treasurer

Laurence Abernethy

Susan King

Andrew Watt

Sarah Horton (minority sessions Paeds)

Valmai Cook (minority sessions Paeds)

Closer ties with the RCR?

There has been an approach by the college suggesting that Special Interest Groups (SIGs) could have closer links with the College. At first sight you might think it would be the last thing we'd want, but there could be significant benefits. Currently the RCR does not have to use the BSPR to get its paediatric radiology advice. It can approach individuals known to it or involved in the college in other ways. The college also has resources, committee structures, and political clout which could be of use to us. Three grades of affiliation are being suggested varying from an independent group with a link to the college, to a College affiliated group with a formalised statement of relationship. We will explore this on your behalf before reporting back to the membership.

Time for a revamp of the Web Site.

As I'm sure many of you will agree, the BSPR Web Site probably needs updated. This was discussed and it was felt that we should approach the membership to ask for a few Computer/Web literate radiologists who would be prepared to help us. We would like to form a BSPR Web Subcommittee. Dr Andrew Watt has agreed to chair this. This group would be charged with thinking about what to do with the web site and making recommendations to the Exec through Andrew. Anyone interested please contact either me or Andrew (andrew.watt@yorkhill.scot.nhs.uk).

Notice of Changes to the Constitution

The latest Constitution is dated June 2002, and there are some amendments we'd like you to consider. This needs to be circulated at least 21 days prior to the AGM. I have attached a copy

of the constitution with the proposed changes in italic. Please take the time to refresh your memory of this and if you have any comments or there are any other changes you think would be useful, please contact me.

Communication with members

A change of secretary is always a good time to refresh the database of member's details. These tend to get out of date. I would also like to communicate with you by email if at all possible. I have attached a proforma which lists the fields I intend to use in the BSPR Database. Please complete as far as possible. If some of it seems silly and repetitive, remember computers are stupid and can't infer things. If you could please post this back to me ASAP it would be a great help. Data will only be used for BSPR business.

Spending your money

We considered how best to use some of the accumulated BSPR funds. It was anticipated that a chunk would be required for the Web site review. The previous decision to allocate a poster prize of £250 to be used to attend a paediatric meeting was supported, commencing in November 2005. We also felt a scheme sponsoring SpRs to give Paediatric verbal or poster presentation would meet with your approval. Any trainee giving a presentation/poster could apply for up to £100 subject to an annual maximum budget of £1000. The Trainee would write to the Secretary stating that other sources of funding had been tried and had proven inadequate, and providing an outline of the work. Approval would then be given subject to submission of receipts and a short report of the presentation.

Chairman's Comments

As the new Chair of the BSPR I would like to thank the Executive Committee, and in particular Ian Kenney for their support.

As Chair of BSPR I am involved with the RCR on a number of issues relating to paediatric imaging. Namely,

1. Benchmarking (the College are trying to set levels on the amount of work we should be doing)
2. Child Protection (there is a RCR and RCPCH joint working group)
3. MBUR (The College are intending to re-write this document)

If anybody has particular points or issues about this or any other topic, please do not hesitate to contact me (karl.johnson@bch.nhs.uk). I feel I can speak on behalf of the Exec that we are open to suggestions and ideas about where to take the BSPR from any of the members.

Next Meeting

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the Cardiff Team for a very interesting and incident filled meeting. Even the dinner didn't pass without interest.

Anyway, the next meeting will be the 2005 AGM at the **BSPR meeting in Edinburgh on Friday the 4th of November.**

See you there, and let's hope the weather improves in the meantime.

Regards from all on the Exec Committee.