

Dear Colleague,

What a difference a couple of months make. After a rubbish spring, summer is truly upon us. Wimbledon's won and footie's finished. What's to look forward to? The summer hols in August, that's what. But to work...

BSPR AGM Leeds, 10th November

The BSPR Annual Scientific Meeting and AGM will be held at Weetwood Hall, Leeds on Friday, November the 10th, 2006. As well as the usual papers and posters there will be guest lectures on 'Abdominal Masses in Children', 'PET/CT in Paediatric Oncology', and 'Imaging of CNS Neoplasms in Children'. The programme and call for abstracts will be circulated shortly and all are welcome to submit their work for either oral or poster presentation.

The meeting will be followed by the annual dinner at a local restaurant and in addition the organisers would be pleased to meet any delegates arriving early for an informal drink on Thursday night at Weetwood's onsite pub.

Accommodation and ample free parking are available at Weetwood Hall. In addition a list detailing alternative accommodation will be sent out to all who register. The meeting venue is easy to reach (by taxi) from both Leeds City Railway Station and Leeds Bradford Airport.

Further information regarding the meeting may be obtained from Dr. W. H. Ramsden, Consultant Paediatric Radiologist, Chancellor Wing X-Ray Department, St. James's University Hospital, Beckett St., Leeds LS9 7TF. (e-mail: william.ramsden@leedsth.nhs.uk). BSPR members will receive meeting details automatically. – William Ramsden

Validating the Case Archive

If you remember Annie Patterson from Belfast is steering this on our behalf. She says: *'Not much to report about the validating process; seems to be progressing well, with plenty of paed's people signed up to help validate. I would like to say a big thank you to all those who have been helping. At the last VCA board meeting, paed's as a subspecialty compared well with others regarding the number of cases validated by two people and we had few cases waiting to be done. There are a few who are still having some problems with the software and they should battle with their own IT dept and then get onto the RITI people for further assistance. I think the main need is for people to harvest more paed's cases, so if we could all find a willing SpR and put our films into the VCA, then that would be great!'*

Web Site

Work continues to start a new web site. Andrew Watt is currently waiting for the design company to come back with the demo site structure and costs.

NAI

A joint document (RCR/RCPC) is due to be published in the autumn which we expect to be quite wide ranging. In the meantime it has been suggested that I collate names of all those who have an interest in NAI and who would be prepared to act as experts, either for second opinion, or for medico-legal work. So if you like, email me at i.kenney@bspr.org.uk we'd also welcome any views or ideas on training or mentoring of those involved in NAI work.

BSPR Subs

To those of you I've harassed to help straighten out our accounts, thank you for your patience. There are still some unidentified and anomalous payments, but it gets to a point of diminishing returns. So until we change the subscription rate (perish the thought), I'm happy as things are.

Clinical Excellence Awards

We are looking for a small number of people who will NOT be submitting for CEA's in this years coming round, to help screen CV's. Those names can replace members of the Exec who might be submitting and so in theory could be biased against members in the scoring. Email me i.kenney@bspr.org.uk if you'd be willing to help.

Meetings

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.

Constitution (again)

I have attached the proposed constitution. Given the discussion at the last AGM, we plan to just ask for a vote rather than wade through detail yet again. If there are any points you would specifically like us to reconsider, please get in touch.

Fancy Joining the Executive Committee?

Sue King (Weston General Hosp) has completed her three year term as a radiologist with minority commitment to Paediatric Radiology. She has expressed a wish to stand again. If anyone else is prepared to throw their hat in the ring, please contact me. You could be working in either a DGH or Teaching Hospital as long as no more than half

your sessions are specialist Paeds. I also need the nomination proposed and seconded in writing (email will do) **by 11th August please**. Address below.

Best Wishes

Your Exec Committee

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

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THE BRITISH SOCIETY OF PAEDIATRIC RADIOLOGY

CONSTITUTION

1. The Group shall be called the British Society of Paediatric Radiology.
2. The objectives of the Group shall be:
 - a. To promote the highest standards of practice of paediatric radiology and imaging in the United Kingdom.
 - b. To promote the exchange of information and experience amongst paediatric radiologists.
 - c. To advise the RCPCH and RCR about paediatric radiology and imaging matters.
3. The Group shall be autonomous, but have close links with the Royal College of Radiologists and the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.
4. Membership
 - a. Full Membership shall be open to all Clinical Radiologists practising paediatric radiology, who have paid the annual subscription.
 - b. Associate Membership shall be open to all members of the Association of Paediatric Radiographers. No subscription or fees shall apply to associate membership. Associate Members

shall not have voting rights at the AGM.

5. The subscription shall be fixed by the Executive Committee from time to time and shall be payable on the 1st January annually to the Hon. Secretary. Any member who fails to pay his subscription by 1st July in the same year shall forfeit membership.

6. The management of the Group and its funds shall be entrusted to an Executive Committee of:

Chairman
RCPCH Convenor
Honorary Secretary
4-5 members to bring the total membership to 7

7. The Executive Committee shall have the power to transact the business of the Group, to make bye-laws for regulating the conduct of the Group and to use the funds of the Group to promote its aims. The Executive Committee shall have the power to co-opt one member on an ad hoc basis for one year, for special advice, or to correct geographical imbalance of the Executive Committee.

8. The Chairman shall be elected by the Executive Committee for a 3-year term; he/she shall be the primary point of contact with the Royal College of Radiologists. Any member of the Executive Committee may be elected Chairman. The Chairman may also hold office as the RCPCH Convenor.

9. The RCPCH Convenor shall be elected by the membership for a 3-year term. It is preferable, but not essential, for the Convenor to be a Member or Fellow of the RCPCH. He/she shall deal with all the RCPCH matters, act as a representative on the RCPCH Convenors

Group and arrange the Scientific Programme for the RCPCH Spring meeting and any other RCPCH meetings.

10. The Honorary Secretary shall be elected by the membership for a 3 year term. He/she shall keep a membership list, collect annual subscriptions and pay bills, acting as Treasurer; he/she shall arrange the AGM and business meetings, sending out agendas and keeping a record of the proceedings; he/she shall arrange Scientific Meetings other than RCPCH meetings; he/she shall arrange elections for the Executive Committee; he/she shall present an annual account of the funds.
11. Members of the Executive Committee, RCPCH Convenor and Honorary Secretary shall be elected by the membership (all members who have paid the current subscription) in a formal ballot to be arranged by the secretary, each candidate being proposed and seconded in writing, with a letter of acceptance by the candidate.
[for a 3 year term of office]
12. The Executive Committee shall comprise of 4 clinical radiologists with the majority or parity of sessions in paediatric radiology, 2 clinical radiologists with the minority of sessions in paediatric radiology, at least 1 of whom must be from a District General Hospital and the RCPCH Convenor. The RCPCH convenor and the chairman may be the same person. No more than 2 members from the same hospital may sit on the Executive Committee. This group shall include the Honorary Secretary.
13. The Term of Office of members of the Executive Committee shall be considered to run from the first Executive meeting after the Officer's election. Officers will serve a 3-year term. All Officers are eligible for re-election but no Officer shall hold office for more than 6 years continuously

14. The A.G.M. shall take place at one of the scientific meetings, usually the autumn meeting. A quorum shall be a $\frac{1}{4}$ of those members eligible to vote.
15. Guests: Members are entitled to bring guests, particularly junior staff, to a scientific meeting.
16. A change in the constitution may be made at an A.G.M. by a majority of 60% or more of the members present, provided that 21 days' notice of the proposed change has been posted by the Hon. Secretary with notice of the A.G.M.
17. Dissolution: The Group shall be dissolved at an annual or special general meeting by a resolution passed by 60% or more of total membership, provided that 21 days notice of the meeting has been given.
18. Use of Funds: The funds of the Society shall be solely applied towards promotion of the objectives of the Group as stated in the constitution; no part thereof may be paid as dividend or professional fee or otherwise to any member of the Group, except for the reimbursement of reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred by the member on behalf of the Group. On dissolution, the residual funds shall belong equally to the paid-up members.