

## SVT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2014 12-4pm

Royal College of Surgeons, 35 -43 Lincoln's Inn Fields, London WC2A 3PE

Room – Reasearch Boardroom



**Present:** Ria Sharpe, Thomas Cranfield, Siobhan Meagher, Anne Delossantos, Tracey Gall

**Apologies:** Trevor Townsend, Kate Crawford, Michelle Bonfield, Alison Charig, Shakila Choudhury

### **Review of previous minutes:**

Amendment to add those present at the meeting agreed. All actions complete.

Minutes to be sent to secure area of the website.

### **STUDY DAYS**

- **Exam preparation days:**

Still need 2 physics tutors and one technology tutor for the revision days.

Global email to be sent to all SVT members asking for help.

Tracey to produce exam packs for delegates including feedback sheet for sessions, answer sheets, notepad, pen etc.

Siobhan will email all study day registrants with the information for the study day – directions etc.

There are 27 confirmed delegates for the physics day and 20 for the technology.

- **Advanced study day and fundamentals study days** will take place in September and October respectively.

Rooms have not yet been booked but they will take place in Manchester.

Tracey to contact Anna for information used in last year's fundamentals study days and use same template.

Matt and Michelle both emailed ideas for the advanced study days. Michelle suggested that the equivalence process would be a good topic. Discussion concluded that equivalence is a very relevant topic but we couldn't really charge for this as its not really clinical professional development. It was suggested that this might be beneficial as a seminar at the AGM running alongside the student session or on another day.

Matt suggested a study day based around contrast particularly for EVAR assessment. This would include all the practical considerations as well as clinical applications. Matt has sent a contact for Bracco who produce Sonovue and have good resources for study days.

Tracey to book rooms for the study days, write advert for the newsletter, contact Bracco.

## **THEORY EXAMS**

There is a total of 36 registrants for the physics and 26 for the Technology. Of those 2 are sitting the physics and 3 are sitting the technology in Ireland.

Tom and Matt are to produce the exam papers and have them printed. An exam pack will be issued to Ibtsam Ali to take to Ireland including all necessary exam papers, score sheets, calculators and stationary. Ibtsam will bring all this back with him including the filled in score sheets for marking.

Tanya Byrne and Ibtsam Ali are invigilating the exam in Ireland and Tom Cranfield and Shakila Choudhury are invigilating in London. Due to a lack of volunteers in Ireland we are sending Ibtsam out from the UK to help this May but any resits this year and all future SVT exams will be sat in London.

All the rooms are booked for the exams. The proposed date for the resit is Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September and Siobhan will book the Faraday room at Kings for this.

Resit online registration will open at the end of July until the end of Aug 2014.

To allow time for marking the resit papers the education committee meeting that is due to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> September will be held later in the month – date tbc.

## **PRACTICAL EXAM – Report from Michelle Bonfield**

I have finished off some of the practical exams that I started organising before Anne took over.

- Klaus Bond re-took the practical exam on 11<sup>th</sup> Feb and failed for a second time. He has been given comprehensive feedback and I don't think he plans to appeal the result (he has until today, 25<sup>th</sup> Feb to do so and I haven't heard from him except to confirm he received the feedback).
- Gurdeep Jandu re-took the practical exam on 14<sup>th</sup> Feb and passed.
- Christopher Curd took the practical exam for the first time on 20<sup>th</sup> Feb and passed.

I have now handed all new exams over to Anne to organise and will continue to support her in that role when she needs me to.

**Report from Anne** – There have been 6 further applications since taking over from Michelle.

Two have recently passed.

2 more are pending referees. Of these one applicant has no formal qualification or degree in any subject although she has several years' experience and manages a department. The present committee expressed concern over the lack of qualification and thought that in circumstances like this the committee should decide on a case by case basis if the applicant was eligible to sit the exam. Anne is now away for a month but will forward the cv of the applicant for perusal.

2 more are awaiting dates.

## **NEWSLETTER QUESTIONS**

No issues. Any members having trouble are directed to their local library with no further qualms raised.

## **VENOUS FORUM**

This year's annual spring meeting will take place on 23rd -24th April 2014 at the Royal Society of Medicine, London. The SVT are not involved in the program this year as we decided that we would participate on a two yearly basis and would try and alternate with our own advanced study day. The Venous Forum were also not able to provide flyers/registration forms for inclusion in the Winter newsletter this year despite me offering to arrange this for them as we have done in previous years. Communication with the Venous Forum council remains difficult and they do not respond to e-mails. I did make an advert for the event and placed this on the website despite them not replying to my e-mail suggesting that I do this. Registration for the event is now open online and the early bird registration fee for Vascular Scientists is £50/1 day, £90/2 days if you register before 26th March 2014.

## **BMUS**

Tracey has been unable to attend the last few meeting due to maternity leave but is involved with organising the ASM. The science and education committee has combined with the organising committee and there are two further meetings this year.

There are three vascular themes. These will be 'vascular ultrasound training' which looks at who is practising and what training they have. Hopefully we will have speakers from the STP graduates, AHCS, surgeons training, etc. The second is 'unusual vascular disorders', less common vascular disorders, surgical perspective and novel ultrasound assessments. The third is abdominal vascular which will probably be more EVAR and contrast but I'm hoping to get speakers on renal artery and portal vein etc.

If you have any suggestions on speakers for these themes please let Tracey Know.

## **MSC**

We have been asked to give input to the development of the Bands 2-4 healthcare assistant/apprenticeship pathway. Tracey emailed the lead a while ago and had a response from her but no further communication.

Tracey and Trevor attended a meeting in Birmingham about genetics and genomics and incorporating this into the STP curriculum in some form. We both felt that whilst this was an interesting subject it adding further topics further weakens the clinical skills of the STP graduate.

Shortlisting of the new STP cohort is now finished. Training is taking place for the OFSA assessors A

### **CPD – Email report from Alison**

CPD is relatively quiet at the moment and Shakila is now fully operational on the database etc.

Ian has created a system for us to prioritise our website requests so he can address urgent issues as a priority. i haven't had time to use it yet, but hopefully that will help with frustrating issues which weren't being dealt with previously. Since the last meeting 1 more person has paid £250 to be reinstated, making a total of 3 so far.

I will ask Shakila about the competency form for the new CPD document - not sure if this should be for all members to get signed - or if we just do it for the audit?? Are Exec happy for us to implement from sept 2014? or should we wait for 2015?

It has been discussed previously how we will assess AVS competency now that we no longer ask for submission of scan numbers. The committee has discussed using a form that will require a signature from a referring consultant stating that they are happy with the scans being performed by their AVS.

Those present at the meeting agreed that as a pilot we should implement the form for those who are selected for audit and combine the form with evidence of reflective practice to align with HCPC CPD.

This will begin from the next CPD period 2014/2015 so that those who are selected for audit in Sept 2015 will have to submit. Shakila has written a newsletter article which will go in the May newsletter and we will have more newsletter articles and the AGM to inform members of this.

The form to be used for the audit is being developed.

Sadly, Alison will be stepping down from the committee at the end of the year but Kate will be taking over from her and jointly managing CPD with Shakila.

### **TRAINEE NETWORK/ EDUCATION PAGES**

No issues raised. Ria reported she gets a few email queries from trainees.

Good feedback from the committee about the features in the newsletter. It was highlighted that there was no closing date for the trainee competition. If any answers are submitted we will announce the winner in the autumn newsletter. The trainee competition will run again in the May issue with a closing date.

Items for the next newsletter include:

- Technology crossword
- Trainee competition
- Adverts for study days
- STP graduates – what next, review of course
- Delegate feedback from revision days
- Comparison of STP vs traditional trainee anonymous questionnaire

- CPD developments article

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

One vascular surgical trainee has completed the surgeons training and needs a certificate issuing.

As always we still need more help on the committee to take over study day and BMUS rep roles. If you know anyone who is interested please tell them to get in touch.