

## **SVT EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES** 

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017 13.00-16:00

Peggy Turner Room, The Great Hall

St Bartholomew's Hospital, West Smithfield, London EC1A 7BE

	Chair: Naavalah Ngwa-Ndifor (NN)
Attended	Caroline Dainty (CD), Asif Dilshad (ADi), Laura Haworth (LH), Ming Yeung (MY), Davinder
	Virdee (DV)

Actions  Data analysis of online CPD questions	
Data analysis of online CPD questions	AD
Update to CPD points document	HG/HL
Ideas for how best to address pre-AVS CPD points	HG/HL
Inform new trainee rep of appointment	LH
Finalise trainee breakout session	LH/AB
Ask trainees for research summaries for newsletter entries	LH
Get a PPG hand-out put together for the Fundamentals Day	ADi
Contact Tanya Bryne at IICMS one last time	DV
Re-send trainee dates to DV	NN
Finalise quotes and summary new embosser and certificates	CF
Data analysis of those who sat the theory exams	CD/HD
Find out length of contract with Inteleos	NN
Contact members about item writing and set up an item writing session	CD/HD
Trainee Competition and Crossword	LH/MY
Ask for President HD to update members on insurance and physiologists register	NN
Ask Newsletter editor to put submission deadlines on the newsletter	NN

linutes 1.	Apologies	
	Helen Dawson (HD), Alison Dumphy (AD), Coleen Franco (CF), Heather Griffiths (HG), Sophie Harrison (SH) – mat leave, Hannah Lines (HL)	
2.	Review of previous minutes	
	No changes to previous minutes.	
3.	Update from the Executive Committee	NN
	Website: Submitted changes for CPD, AVS removed from certificate list, changes to theory exam application form, lapsed member can log in with limited access, search tool to look for member and non-member accreditation status.	
	Venous forum: poor turn out, low levels of awareness but good feedback from attendees. Previously had a venous forum rep and hoping to reinstate one.	
	Vascular Society Open Council Meeting: President attended to discuss training for vascular surgery trainees. Want to progress, review and revise previous program. Questions over who will do it, what will be covered, where it will be run, what will it cost	
	Circulation Foundation: President HD agreed to assist in production of CF newsletter Dan Harding to produce vascular ultrasound information leaflet and for also to create a patient information area on our website.	
	AHCS One Voice Meeting: President HD attended and member organisations asked the chair to provide a summary what had been achieved by One Voice membership. Terms of reference needed to e agreed on and workforce survey required to provide more accurate info to demonstrate workforce issues – standardised survey for all.	
	President HD has successful in included vascular scientists in the clinical physiologists register. This is useful for AVS members who have not yet gained HCPC equivalence. Some confusion as to how this differs from HCPC register therefore will feedback to President HD to clarify to members. <b>ACTION</b>	NN
4.	Website	NN for
	Admin section: Website training to be arranged by website sec (Lee) and President HD following changes.	,,,,
	CPD questions:  Pass mark corrected for question to 80% and only one attempt permitted.  Data can be gained regarding those who have taken the CPD questions and AD will work with Lee on this once questions have closed. <b>ACTION</b>	AD

5.

**CPD** 

NN for HG/HL

Update document sent from HG reviewed.

- Members **must** to submit evidence alongside a CPD entry.
- Multiple evidence uploads can now be attached.
- Evidence cannot be added to an already existing CPD entry CPD team to enquire if this is possible.
- Members are unable to retrospectively add CPD into previous membership with using the calendar function - Some have not been able to enter retrospective activities but now should be able to manually enter the date.
- Members profile pages have now been re-formatted to include AVS option.
- Theory and practical examinations offices are also uploading exam certificates into the members profile using the admin side.
- 10 AVS with CPD outstanding

## Update on audit:

2 outstanding as both on maternity leave, both have provided evidence for their >30 points and clinical activity form. Marked as passed until they submit their reflective practice – currently set as 1 month post return to work

Committee was divided between 2/3-6 months on maternity grace period: to be raised with the Executive Committee.

\*Raised at Exec Committee and agreed that 3 months would be sufficient.

Change maternity audit period – can submit if they want to, otherwise can be deferred to next audit year.

Can member use pre-AVS points?

\*Discussed with President before meeting and decided should be raised at Exec Committee meeting.

We initially encouraged trainees to get into the habit of uploading CPD, however with new system their point should not count as only becomes meaningful once you've passed your AVS and creates more work for CPD officer to regulate. Continuous Professional development should apply to qualified members.

Can STP qualification be used as pre-AVS CPD?

Those in the STP should leave the course with an MSc so can use one or the other. The real issue is that if we are not using pre-AVS points awarding points would be difficult if this has occurred before their have gained AVS.

\*Feedback from Exec Committee

Difficulties of membership years varying from one person to the next as previously would only start collecting points from September but this is no longer the case. Difficult to decide and has been debated/changed many times! May have to run from membership year of their accreditation. CPD officers to reach an agreement on what is easy and fair for them to implement and suggest options for the Exec Committee to consider in January meeting. **ACTION** 

HG/HL

Accreditation document states that conferences and meetings can be claimed for during a member's training period. If we are to uphold this, are we to widen this to include qualifications achieved within the three years (equivalent) leading up to AVS?

As with pre-AVS points committee decided that this was creating more work for

	ct this. <b>ACTION</b>	HG/HL
rene conf *Fee conf	asked for list of accredited members to compare to their list of annual wals to the join SoR/SVT database however this could be a breach of identiality. Need to check with President ASAP. Industry to the president — SoR can send a list to CPD officers for them to it we cannot release membership data as will breach confidentiality — officers informed.	
*Fee	dback from Exec	
-	People should not be audited more than once in a 3 year period.	
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	practice has reduced need.	
-	Amend CPD document to reflect this. <b>ACTION</b>	HG/HL
6. Trair	ning	LH
resul Desp	as received some complaints about exams i.e. when would they receive their lts (though this information was included in request for feedback email). bite results being released earlier than when we did the paper-based system his was normally after Ed Comm Meeting).	
Vote	held to determine Trainee Rep:	
	ographies submitted.	
NN a	bstained from voting as know one candidate.	
	mmittee members in favour of candidate 2	
	mmittee member also abstained, as felt both were suitable and candidate 1	
	have extenuating circumstances.  Bolsworth (AB) chosen as new Trainee Rep. LH to inform AB. <b>ACTION</b>	LH
Idea:	s for trainee breakout session:	
	ndover/intro for new trainee rep (necessary)	
	eresting cases	
	pate on varicose vein numbers	
	nparing duplex with alternative imaging modalities  competencies (but declined as does not apply to all trainees)	
	ficult competencies such as microcirculation (however limited by time)	
	petitive Strain Injury and ergonomics by physiotherapist/chiropractor	
	m update (necessary)	
	eresa Fail update from NSHCS	
	date on practical exam for new trainees (but had been done quite recently) nalise trainee breakout session. ACTION	LH/AB
	manse trainee breakout session. ACTION	LII/AD
	ascular STPs to now be trained at Newcastle rather than split between castle and Manchester.	
prev done resea	edback from Exec - Trainee rep to reach out to trainees who may have iously presented in ASM trainee presentations session or trainees that have any research to ask for them to submit a short piece/abstract of their arch for the Newsletter. Hope this will encourage ideas and feedback from rested members. <b>ACTION</b>	LH

7.	Fundamentals Days	ADi
	Now moved to 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> January as clashed with Manchester Speakers all arranged.  PPG section removed but suggested a hand-out to be provided to students. Can speak to Andrew Beech at Nottingham or Dominic Foy. <b>ACTION</b>	ADi
8.	Tutorial Days	DV
	Have asked DV to contact Tanya Bryne at Irish Institute of Clinical Measurement Science (IICMS) one more time about possible study day as had not heard back from them since last contact. <b>ACTION</b> Re-send DV trainee dates to check for no clashes. <b>ACTION</b>	DV NN
9.	Practical	NN for
	CF has been busy however almost obtained all quotes for new certificates and new embosser and summary/comparison. <b>ACTION</b>	CF
10.	Theory Exam	NN/CD
	22/26 passed vasc tech exam – 85% (77% in Spring 2016) 31/47 passed the physics exam - 66% (56% in Spring 2016) Need to do a deeper analysis of which type of trainees passed and whether/not they had attended a study day or not. ACTION  Update on President and NN meeting with Inteleos and ARDMS: A lot of feedback received during the exam period. When feedback was officially requested less was received from candidates. Feedback included varying experiences at each testing site. Issues processing payment. Lack of exam dates (corrected by moving exam date registration period forward) In the future we will hope to run the exams through the Inteleos completely rather than having candidates registering with the SVT first as creates more work and too much potential for error.  Inteleos did ask if out fees could be increased and if they could charge in US\$. NN accepted fee increases when the system is running smoothly but rejected charging candidates in US\$.	CD/HD
	NN put to the committee that the SVT Theory Exams Certificates would be issued by Inteleos rather than the SVT in the future if we use their system – though could state on our website that the exam is done in conjunction with SVT/Inteleos. Candidates would also receive their results faster. Committee members present did not see a problem with this, as AVS Certificate will still be issued by SVT.	

'	SVT should also be able to access the American question bank for RVT and SPI. We could therefore vet and amend their questions as over 70% come with images.	NN
ı	NN and President hoping to have a teleconference with Inteleos and Pearson.	
ı	Find out how long our contract with Inteleos is (if at all). <b>ACTION</b>	
(	CD raised concerns about whether Inteleos would gain more autonomy and could potentially increase prices without our say so however this would remain a discussion to be had with the SVT.	
(	Need to have an item writing session to generate exam questions for the theory exams as gap analysis showed some question shortages in domains.  CD suggested using those people tutoring at the revision days to do a 2-day workshop.	
,	ADi suggested using medical physicists however does need to be vascular orientated.	CD
(	CD to contact Carl Tivas, Matt Bartlett, Andrew Richardson and other members about item writing and plan an item writing session for February/March. <b>ACTION</b>	CD/HD
	CD hoping to. <b>ACTION</b>	
	Next theory exams: Registration closes 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2017 Pearson registration 11 <sup>th</sup> October - 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017 Exam window 25 <sup>th</sup> October - 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2017	
11.	A.O.B	
-	Trainee competition and crossword for Winter newsletter: LH & MY <b>ACTION</b>	LH/ MY
1	Some confusion among members about SoR insurance and where they stand regarding locum and "loose" contracts as some NHS trusts will cover locums. Raises the question of why we need SoR registration.  Will feedback to the Exec and ask for updated/clearer guidance to be issued by	
	President. <b>ACTION</b>	NN
l	MY had a question from a student asking whether PPG /toe pressures should still be included in syllabus. Answer is yes and syllabus has been reworked quite recently (October 2016).	
ı	Some people were unsure about newsletter submission deadlines, as there was no date on the last newsletter. Ask Gurdeep Jandu (newsletter organiser) to put it on newsletter <b>ACTION</b> Current deadline is 6 <sup>th</sup> October to be released 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	NN

Next Meetings Dates:	
Friday:	
19 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	