



THE SOCIETY FOR
VASCULAR TECHNOLOGY OF
GREAT BRITAIN AND IRELAND

SVT EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Friday 29th September 2017 13.00-16:00

Peggy Turner Room, The Great Hall

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

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

	<p>ourselves so would be best not to. CPD document will need to be amended to reflect this. ACTION</p> <p>SoR asked for list of accredited members to compare to their list of annual renewals to the join SoR/SVT database however this could be a breach of confidentiality. Need to check with President ASAP.</p> <p>*Feedback from President – SoR can send a list to CPD officers for them to confirm but we cannot release membership data as will breach confidentiality – CPD officers informed.</p> <p>*Feedback from Exec</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - People should not be audited more than once in a 3 year period. - In future, only audit 5% of members as implementation of reflective practice has reduced need. - Amend CPD document to reflect this. ACTION 	<p>HG/HL</p> <p>HG/HL</p>
6.	<p>Training</p> <p>LH has received some complaints about exams i.e. when would they receive their results (though this information was included in request for feedback email). Despite results being released earlier than when we did the paper-based system (as this was normally after Ed Comm Meeting).</p> <p>Vote held to determine Trainee Rep: 2 biographies submitted. NN abstained from voting as know one candidate. 4 committee members in favour of candidate 2 1 committee member also abstained, as felt both were suitable and candidate 1 may have extenuating circumstances. Amy Bolsworth (AB) chosen as new Trainee Rep. LH to inform AB. ACTION</p> <p>Ideas for trainee breakout session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Handover/intro for new trainee rep (necessary) - Interesting cases - Debate on varicose vein numbers - Comparing duplex with alternative imaging modalities - STP competencies (but declined as does not apply to all trainees) - Difficult competencies such as microcirculation (however limited by time) - Repetitive Strain Injury and ergonomics by physiotherapist/chiropractor - Exam update (necessary) - Theresa Fail update from NSHCS - Update on practical exam for new trainees (but had been done quite recently) <p>To finalise trainee breakout session. ACTION</p> <p>All vascular STPs to now be trained at Newcastle rather than split between Newcastle and Manchester.</p> <p>*Feedback from Exec - Trainee rep to reach out to trainees who may have previously presented in ASM trainee presentations session or trainees that have done any research to ask for them to submit a short piece/abstract of their research for the Newsletter. Hope this will encourage ideas and feedback from interested members. ACTION</p>	<p>LH</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH/AB</p> <p>LH</p>

7.	<p>Fundamentals Days</p> <p>Now moved to 17th and 18th 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. ACTION</p>	<p>ADi</p> <p>ADi</p>
8.	<p>Tutorial Days</p> <p>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. ACTION Re-send DV trainee dates to check for no clashes. ACTION</p>	<p>DV</p> <p>DV NN</p>
9.	<p>Practical</p> <p>CF has been busy however almost obtained all quotes for new certificates and new embosser and summary/comparison. ACTION</p>	<p>NN for CF</p> <p>CF</p>
10.	<p>Theory Exam</p> <p>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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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\$.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>NN/CD</p> <p>CD/HD</p>

	<p>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.</p> <p>NN and President hoping to have a teleconference with Inteleos and Pearson.</p> <p>Find out how long our contract with Inteleos is (if at all). ACTION</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>ADi suggested using medical physicists however does need to be vascular orientated.</p> <p>CD to contact Carl Tivas, Matt Bartlett, Andrew Richardson and other members about item writing and plan an item writing session for February/March. ACTION</p> <p>CD hoping to. ACTION</p> <p>Next theory exams: Registration closes 3rd October 2017 Pearson registration 11th October - 6th December 2017 Exam window 25th October - 6th December 2017</p>	<p>NN</p> <p>CD</p> <p>CD/HD</p>
11.	<p>A.O.B</p> <p>Trainee competition and crossword for Winter newsletter: LH & MY ACTION</p> <p>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. ACTION</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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 ACTION</p> <p>Current deadline is 6th October to be released 3rd November</p>	<p>LH/ MY</p> <p>NN</p> <p>NN</p>

	Next Meetings Dates: Friday: 19 th January 2018	
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