

BAD SAS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT FOR LIVERPOOL AGM TUESDAY 4TH JULY 2017

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This has been a very active year for the SAS committee, as we have been very involved with the Education unit from the BAD, set up to help us achieve College status in due course.

The ongoing workforce crisis in Dermatology also means we have often been at the forefront of discussions regarding how to best utilise, recognise and develop this substantive part of the workforce. This has made for very interesting and stimulating debate, and opened more opportunities for our grade within the BAD and in our departments.

Since the last AGM the SAS subcommittee has been busy with the following activities:

- The CDU course continues to be a success and is now a 3 day/ 2 night event in October each year. I would like to thank Dr Glenda Hill for her continued dedication to organising this very successful educational event (so much so that even consultants want to attend).
- Dr Jui Vyas has taken over the organisation of the academic program for the SAS BAD Pre-conference session. This year will be her second offering and the quality of the education is ever increasing and well targeted for our grade.
- We have continued to run successful CESR workshops at Willan House (3 in 2016 and 2 planned for 2017). These events are increasingly popular and always have a waiting list (places limited to 30). It is very encouraging that we are now being approached by consultants who want to know how to support their SAS doctors working through CESR. We are in talks with the Education unit to see if we can set up a half day course aimed specifically at consultants, but in the meantime Dr Cathy Christie has written some guidelines (currently on the website) and an article for the Newsletter.
- We are working closely with BAD Education Unit and the SAC to try to delineate and streamline CMT CESR requirements, as these can still be a difficult issue for some doctors without MRCP. It will be interesting to see if the current working group looking at CMT and dermatology entry requirements for trainees make any difference for SAS doctors CMT requirements.
- There have been the following changes in the Committee:
 - Dr Karen Gibbon replaced Dr Mark Griffiths and the Executive representative.
 - Dr Nicki Hart replaced Dr Trupti Desai as our Consultant representative after gaining her CESR.

- Dr Lisa Kirby joined the committee. Recently she has been offered a NTN number so she will be resigning and we will be looking for a replacement soon.
- Dr Geetanjali Ratnalikar and Dr Jackie Hawkins both finished their terms of office.
- We have advertised for 2 vacancies and hope to appoint at our next committee meeting in July.

I will be finishing my tenure as SAS Chair in July after having been at the helm of the committee for 4 years. It has been interesting and rewarding to see the changes that have happened during that time. I believe we have worked on increasing the profile of our grade by making ourselves more visible and invaluable in departments, seizing opportunities for development and engagement with the consultant and trainee body, and offering our expertise as advisers to the BAD on different subcommittees (education, therapeutics and guidelines, allergy, skin cancer, etc.). I am sure that my successor Dr Raj Goel will build on this foundation and work on increasing the SAS contribution to the BAD in the future.

As I finish, I will leave you with some unfinished business. There is still great dissatisfaction amongst SAS doctors regarding the Associate Specialist grade having closed in 2008, making the current Specialty doctor scale a bit of a dead end job. Whilst the final answer is wider than dermatology, we should try to support existing colleagues progress in their careers, either applying for CESR, or having opportunities for development in their roles. As you all know is not just about the money, it's about job satisfaction and being part of a team and the wider BAD dermatology family. Keep counting on us!