

# SAS Newsletter

Autumn 2014

Welcome to the sixth edition of the SAS newsletter which aims to bring you up to date on forthcoming events, current vacancies and issues relevant to SAS doctors

## **Forthcoming Meetings**

### **Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting (CDU) Coombe Abbey Hotel, Coventry 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> October**

The annual Clinical Dermatology Meetings, organized by Glenda Hill and the BAD Conference Department, are a regular fixture in the calendar and always extremely valuable educationally as well as being very enjoyable. This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary meeting and it has been decided to make this event something special!

Firstly it will be hosted in the wonderful picturesque setting of Coombe Abbey. <http://www.coombeabbey.com/> Secondly, the meeting has been extended to cover two nights. Delegates are invited to arrive on the Wednesday afternoon and if time allows enjoy the facilities of this four star country house hotel nestling within the UK's historical heartland of Warwickshire. There will then be an informal evening meal with delegate presentations of cases that have influenced their practice, followed by a non-threatening quiz. This will allow an earlier start on the Thursday morning where the meeting will take the usual format. The Thursday evening will be a more formal gala dinner and promises to be a real celebration of our collaboration and collegiality.

After registering, delegates are invited to submit an abstract by **September 8<sup>th</sup>** on '[A Case that has influenced my practice](#)' to [conference@bad.org.uk](mailto:conference@bad.org.uk). Those selected will be asked to give a 10 minute presentation on the evening of Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October.

The Delegate fee will only rise by a very modest amount and offers superb value for money. I really hope the majority of people will take advantage of the extended two night stay. I would urge you to register early for this meeting as room numbers are limited. The programme is varied, with the return of some of our favorite lecturers and a warm welcome to many new ones.

Should you require any further information in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the British Association of Dermatologists for any assistance: To book a place and to receive further information please contact the BAD conference manager at [ChristopherG@bad.org.uk](mailto:ChristopherG@bad.org.uk)

## **CESR Workshop**

### **Wed 12<sup>th</sup> Nov**

A CESR workshop has been organized by members of the SAS committee for the 12<sup>th</sup> November. This is the first of its kind and has proved very popular with places filling rapidly. There is now a waiting list and it is anticipated that further workshops will be organized for next year. In the meantime if you have a place on the course, please do not forget to submit the pre-CESR workshop questionnaire and your CV to [clinical@bad.org.uk](mailto:clinical@bad.org.uk) marking it for the attention of Anna. If for any reason you are unable to attend please let Monica Parrondo know as soon as possible so that your place can be reallocated.

## **Vacancies**

### **BAD Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Specialist Sub-Committee Vacancies**

Two vacancies are available on the BAD Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Specialist Sub-committee. Applications are invited from SAS doctors who are BAD members. The committee meets three times a year under the chairmanship of Dr Inma Mauri-Sole.

Matters of current interest include postgraduate career development funding, work based assessment and appraisal/revalidation and entry requirements for CESR. If you would like to be involved, please send a brief personal resume to Monica Parrondo ([Monica@bad.org.uk](mailto:Monica@bad.org.uk)), outlining your background, details of your current post and the skills you can bring to the committee. The closing date to receive applications is **Thursday 18th September**.

### **SAS Representative on BAD Clinical Services Committee**

As part of our longer term plans for the Clinical Services Advisory Unit we are seeking to recruit a new committee member for our Clinical Services Committee who has a real desire and interest in helping the unit to support its members in meeting the service challenges faced by dermatology.

Our committee members also help guide our members on a raft of service issues, including commissioning, demand management and service design and delivery.

The successful candidate will take an active role as a member of the Clinical Services Advisory Unit and is required to attend designated bi-monthly committee meetings at BAD House. It is important that candidates have up to date knowledge of current service pathways for dermatology and considerable experience working as a staff grade or Associate Specialist (specialty doctor) level in the NHS. Please send a covering letter outlining your interest and experience along with an up to date CV to [clinicalservices@bad.org.uk](mailto:clinicalservices@bad.org.uk). The closing date for applications is **12<sup>th</sup> September** and the successful candidate will be notified by the end of September.

### **SAS Accreditation**

Many thanks to those of you who have already completed the recent survey Inma sent out regarding SAS accreditation. The closing date is **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September** and I would encourage those who have not yet completed the survey to do so – your views are important. Please click on the link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SASaccreditation>

### **Fellowships and Awards**

#### **BAD/ DC SAS Travel Fellowships**

Two travel fellowships of £500 each, sponsored by Celgene, are available each year specifically for BAD and/or Dowling Club members who hold SAS posts and who wish to visit a dermatology centre or attend a dermatology meeting overseas. The closing date for applications is **20th May each year**. For an application please email [Kasia@bad.org.uk](mailto:Kasia@bad.org.uk)

## **UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network SAS Award**

Up to two Awards of up to £1,500 each will be awarded to UK Dermatology SAS grade staff to work with the UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network (UK DCTN). The UK DCTN co-ordinating centre is based within the Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology at The University of Nottingham, led by Prof Hywel Williams. The aim of the award is to develop skills in clinical trials and critical appraisal in years one and two and then apply these skills in year three as the successful applicants become increasingly involved in the Network. It is estimated that the time commitment for this award will be 6 days per annum, for a period of three years.

Awards will be made on the basis of:

1. A case for support (two A4 pages maximum) from the applicant. (CVs may also be sent in addition)
2. Two references from local colleagues.

All applications and informal enquiries should be made to:

Dr Carron Layfield, UK DCTN Network Manager, Centre of Evidence Based Dermatology, University of Nottingham, Kings Meadow Campus (Room A103), Lenton Lane, Nottingham NG7 2NR phone; 0115 8468625 e-mail [carron.layfield@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:carron.layfield@nottingham.ac.uk)

**The closing date for application is Fri 31st October 2014, with the fellowships to commence December 2014.**

## **BAD SAS Committee**

I would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our 2 outgoing committee members (Dr Tapati Sinha and Dr Simon Tilston) for their hard work and contributions during their time as Committee member (Dr Mauri-Sole).

The BAD SAS committee meets three times a year under the chairmanship of Inma Mauri-Sole. The role of the committee is to further and support the education and career progression of SAS doctors in dermatology and to raise the profile of this committed group of the dermatology medical workforce. We aim to share information and advice regarding contracts and signpost doctors to useful resources. To encourage career progression via educational opportunities, including clinical meeting suitable for these grades. We actively encourage application for SAS educational grants and funding and involvement in research. We offer resources on how to navigate the CESR application route, as well as audit, appraisal and revalidation. We encourage open communication between our members and sharing of good practice and achievements from SAS doctors on the wider NHS.

### **Committee Members**

Dr Inma Mauri-Sole – Chairman [inma.mauri-sole@nhs.net](mailto:inma.mauri-sole@nhs.net)

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Ms Monica Parrondo – BAD SAS sub-committee administrator [monica@bad.org.uk](mailto:monica@bad.org.uk)

Please email Monica if you have any SAS queries and she will forward your email to the BAD SAS sub-committee member who is most likely to help you. Also let Monica know if you have any news that you think will be of interest to other SASs and the sub-committee.

## **Dermatology SCE Exam**

Please click on the link below in order to access information for the next Dermatology SCE Exam:

<http://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/specialty-certificate-examinations/specialties/dermatology>

