

Annual Report from the Chair of the SAS Subcommittee June 2021

The SAS subcommittee has met twice since the last annual meeting. It has been a difficult year with the ongoing pandemic. We have several vacancies which have arisen because of members finishing their term of office. We also failed to generate interest for the position of the chair. As per the change in constitution, I have agreed to continue for now as the chair of the subcommittee and will actively keep looking for a new chair and motivate SAS doctors to fill the existing subcommittee vacancies.

Despite the difficulties of the pandemic, the existing membership has enthusiastically been active and we had effective Zoom meetings with working together to support the SAS doctors in dermatology as best as we can.

We managed to carry out a job planning survey among the SAS and Locally employed doctors which was received well and had a good response rate. This survey indicated that formulating a specialty specific job planning guidance would be a cause, worthy of pursuing and that is the intention of the Subcommittee to take up as the next project. It will be a challenging task because of the diversity of the group but may help a significant number of doctors who are currently struggling.

We also managed to successfully launch the first SAS development day on 24th of March 2021. It was a very successful virtual event with great feedback. This was envisioned as a face to face event which will not just help, educate and support SAS doctors for generic competencies but also give them an opportunity to meet likeminded doctors for personal interaction and to learn from such in person interactions from Dermatology and also other specialties as these competencies are generic and not specialty specific. We hope to hold in person meetings in the future.

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