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SAS Newsletter

The role of the Specialty Doctor, Staff Grade and Associate Specialists' subcommittee of the British Association of Dermatologists is to develop job descriptions and monitor posts in order to support Staff and Associate Specialist doctors working predominantly in secondary care dermatology, to offer career advice particularly in relation to flexible careers and to liaise with the RCP, BMA and other organisations working to improve service conditions and training opportunities for this grade of doctors.

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Please email Monica (monica@bad.org.uk) 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.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Dr Sandeep Kamath has now finished his tenure and we thank him for his valuable contributions over the past 3 years.

We would like to welcome Dr Rajesh Goel SAS Member.

Congratulations to Dr Cathy Christie who has been appointed as SAS member of the BAD Education Committee.

CLINICAL DERMATOLOGY UPDATE (CDU) OCTOBER 2013

Dr Glenda Hill successfully organised another CDU meeting. There were excellent speakers on varied topics and the meeting kick-started on the 10th of October with an interesting talk by Dr Glees on the use of radiotherapy in some benign conditions like early Dupuytren's, viral warts, keloid scars, etc as well as malignant conditions.

This was followed by Prof Malcolm Rustin's very useful talk on biologic therapy and its practical usage. We also learnt about Lymes disease and management of Pyoderma Gangrenosum.

There was also an excellent talk by Dr Matt Harris on Scarring Alopecia, followed by a practical demonstration of wigs for patients with alopecia.

As usual, the Evening social event was an opportunity for everyone to let their hair down, get their glad rags on and catch up. We were thoroughly entertained by a magician with card tricks. There was also an informal surgery by the BAD President Prof Bunker.

The following day was devoted to various skin cancers and started with Prof Bunker's excellent practical talk on the pitfalls of Malignant Melanoma. The meeting drew to a close with an enlightening talk by Dr Meng AW-Yong on What SAS Doctors can achieve which led to a lot of discussion.

We would like to thank Glenda and the BAD Conference Team for once again organising a fantastic meeting and also look forward to the next one which will be our **10th anniversary**, to be held at the_Coombe Abbey Hotel in Coventry from the 1st -3rd of October 2014.

To book a place and to receive further information please contact the BAD conference manager at Christopherg@bad.org.uk

CAREER DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

SAS Development Funding – A Reminder!

Career Development Funding has been available since 2008 in England to help SAS doctors in progress in their career, with a similar provision in Wales and since 2012 in Scotland. Northern Ireland has yet to agree funding.

Many of us have attended generic SAS meetings organised by our deaneries using this funds or have applied to the fund to enable top-up training or secondment to a training post.

Originally this sum was ring-fenced by the Department of Health but, with various organisational changes, it is no longer protected in this way in England.

There have been reports of reductions in the fund allocation in a number of regions as a message does emerge about the under-utilisation of the fund since its inception.

We need to use it or we will lose it!

So if you have plans for more training (for CESR or for Service Development or revalidation) where the fund would be useful, apply sooner rather than later.

Make sure your Trust's SAS clinical tutor/lead has your email address so that you get to hear of courses in your area and encourage other SAS colleagues to do the same. There is strength in numbers and we make up one quarter of all senior doctors!.

TRAVEL FELLOWSHIP

BAD/Dowling Club SAS Travel Fellowships

Two travel fellowships of £500 each are available each spring 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** 2014. For an Application form please email Lucy@bad.org.uk.

BAD SAS WEBSITE

The website is currently being updated and as the forum was not utilized much we have changed it to an **Ask a Question** tab. The new content will be uploaded soon, so please use it to engage with the committee and ask us your queries. I would once again urge every one to go on the website as it has useful links to different resources which can give valuable information.

CESR AND SCE EXAMS

I would like to congratulate Dr Sangeeta Punjabi who has recently been successful in gaining CESR. She would be happy to share her experience and advice. She can be contacted at Sangeeta.Punjabi@imperial.nhs.uk.

Congratulations to Dr Arun Gowda who passed the SCE and is happy to discuss tips about the exams. He is contactable at Arunkumar.Gowda@dbh.nhs.uk. The next SCE exam is to be held on 9th of October 2014.

BAD 94TH ANNUAL MEETING

The BAD Annual Meeting is being held in Glasgow this year from the 1st -3rd of July.

Dr Glenda Hill is coordinating and organising the SAS Pre-Conference session on the afternoon of the 30th of June. The Programme is excellent once more, with top class speakers followed by the SAS evening event. Please book your place online or use the Annual Meeting Registration Forms.

SPECIALTY DOCTOR & ASSOCIATE SPECIALIST NETWORK AT THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS, LONDON

The body representing SAS doctors at the Royal College of Physicians (RCP/London) is the **Specialty Doctor and Associate Specialist Steering Group (SAS SG)**. This group is supported by the **SAS Doctors' Network**, which is made up of subscribing SAS members who have indicated that they are interested in hearing more about the RCP and its activities and in contributing to its work. The SAS SG meets at the RCP twice a year, but communication with the Network is done by email.

The SAS SG is keen to share issues with SAS subscribers (members or associate members) via the Network, to offer them support and the opportunity of feeding their views into important areas of work for the RCP, such as the [Future Hospital Programme](#). The SAS doctors' network is also the first port of call when new SAS SG members are being sought, is used to source feedback on consultations and to find SAS representatives.

It is important to keep the Network current and growing, so I would like to invite you to join it. Your views are important: if you have any issues you would like the SAS SG to address, please let us know.

Yours sincerely

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REVALIDATION

Details for the workplace based assessment can be found on the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) website, and that SAS doctors will be able to use these. You will be able to link to the tools through this website:<http://www.jrcptb.org.uk/assessment/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

With regards to meeting the revalidation requirements, the RCP provides specialty guidance for physicians, and a number of physician specialty revalidation resource guides (including for dermatology) available at the bottom of this page:<http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/cpd/revalidation/physician-specialty-resources>. Templates are also provided for collecting the different aspects of supporting information. Please see <http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/cpd/revalidation/guidance-physicians-supporting-information-revalidation>.

Details of all of the resources provided by the RCP can be found via www.rcplondon.ac.uk/revalidation

UK DTCN UPDATE

WANTED – New UK DTCN Steering Group members

Two vacancies have arisen on our steering group. If you are interested in joining a diverse group of people and get involved in the development of clinical trials on skin disease then contact us. To find out more about the role and functions of the steering group contact Carron Layfield email:carron.layfield@nottingham.ac.uk

Update on Rosacea 14-15 March 2014, Dublin

We have been informed about this event on rosacea to take place at UCD Charles Institute of Dermatology, University College Dublin.

International Symposium on Atopic Dermatitis 21st to 23rd May 2014

To register or to find out more, visit <http://www.nottingham.ac.uk/conference/ISAD>

SAS DATABASE

There are approximately 145 SAS grade doctors working in predominantly or exclusively in secondary care dermatology. The June 2013 analysis of database information may be seen via this link <http://www.bad.org.uk/site/624/default.aspx>. The latest work force survey results are also available now. The BAD website is currently being updated and will soon be uploaded.

If you know of any SAS doctors working in dermatology who have not yet communicated with us please do ask them to contact one of the committee members.

DEDICATED SAS COURSE AT KEELE UNIVERSITY

This two-day residential programme is intended for SAS Doctors who wish to extend their understanding of clinical management and leadership as part of their professional development. The overall aim of the course is to provide understanding of clinical management and leadership in today's healthcare system, and to equip participants with knowledge, skills and attributes to enable them to be more effective in their roles.

The course design includes a mixture of interactive talks from policy experts, personal development consultants and senior clinicians, and small group activities. The sessions are themed and linked to the NHS Leadership Framework, published in 2011. These include understanding current DH policy and how the NHS operates, developing yourself as a leader and introduction to some useful management tools for developing and leading services.

Courses are £505 with accommodation available for an extra fee.

Award:

Certificate

12 CPD Credits

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Future Role Of SAS Doctors Conference at Aintree race course on 12th of March 2014

Annual Medical Leadership Conference 20/03/2014 at Reebok Stadium, Bolton

Non- melanoma—Skin Cancer Update Meeting 2014, RCPL– 27th February 2014

4th International Ethnic Skin and Hair Conference June 6th & 7th 2014

Norwich Dowling Club Weekend: Norfolk in Spring– 9th & 10th May 2014

The above information should be accurate and up to date. If you see any inaccuracies, or if you would like other items included in future newsletters, please contact me at sinhatapati@hotmail.com

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