

## **SAS Newsletter September 2011**

### **BAD SAS sub-committee**

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 doctor.

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Please email Monica ([monica@bad.org.uk](mailto:monica@bad.org.uk)) if you have any SAS queries and she will forward your email to the BAD SAS 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.

Congratulations to Dr Trupti Desai who has recently been appointed to a consultant post following her successful application for a CESR earlier this year. Trupti was the service representative on the SAS sub-committee but as a result of her success, she has had to resign from this sub-committee! All on the committee will miss Trupti's knowledge and expertise and would like to thank her for her hard work and commitment to SASs. We wish her all the very best in her new job. Well done Trupti!

## **SAS Representatives on other BAD Committees:**

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### **Conference and Events Committee**

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## **SAS Database**

There appear to be 138 SAS grade doctors working in dermatology. The latest analysis of database information (April 2011) may be seen via this link <http://www.bad.org.uk/site/624/default.aspx>

If you know of any SAS doctors working in dermatology who have not yet communicated with us please do ask them to contact Dr Sandeep Kamath, Database Representative, [drsandeepkamath@gmail.com](mailto:drsandeepkamath@gmail.com) so we can update our records and keep them informed of matters of interest to SASs.

## **Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting (CDU)**

Dr Glenda Hill and the BAD Conference Department have again kindly organised this year's Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting. It will be held at the Radisson SAS Hotel at Manchester Airport on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011. To book a place and to receive further information please contact the BAD conference manager at [Christopher@bad.org.uk](mailto:Christopher@bad.org.uk) . To view the provisional programme, please use this link <http://www.bad.org.uk/site/1258/default.aspx>

## **Career Development Funding**

A gentle reminder to remember to make use of the career development funding that is available for SAS doctors. Please contact your clinical tutor/lead for further information. Dr Susan Welsh, Postgraduate career development funding Representative, continues to compile a list of these tutors/leads and you may find the details you require via this link. If you have contact details for your area that are not on Dr Welsh's list please do email these to her so she can update the BAD records accordingly [welsh702@btinternet.com](mailto:welsh702@btinternet.com). To view the current list please access this link: <http://www.bad.org.uk/site/1444/default.aspx>

The BMA have recommended that Staff and Associate Specialist tutors should consider compiling a list of good locums to cover colleagues who need to take leave for training and development. [Top Tips for SAS tutors](#) says that identifying local SAS doctors should be a priority, for example through the electronic staff records. They suggest that an employer finance department could facilitate this and help with accessing and auditing the use of the Government career development funding. For more tips please follow the link above.

### **Changes in NHS Evidence - Skin disorders**

As you know NHS Evidence – skin disorders provides access to specialised information on behalf of NICE (NHS Evidence). From May 2011, NICE (NHS Evidence) has launched a new specialist evidence service to replace NHS Evidence – skin disorders (and the other 29 Specialist Collections) [www.evidence.nhs.uk](http://www.evidence.nhs.uk) This new service is easy to search and provides access to a much wider choice of quality specialist evidence content.

Users can browse new clinical and public health topic pages – developed by experts - which bring together the latest guidelines, patient information, ongoing trials and other selected information including access to NICE pathways. Whilst the newsletters have ceased NHS Evidence will continue to identify significant new evidence and will disseminate this quality assured, significant, new evidence via its monthly Eyes on Evidence bulletin. The bulletin provides a link to new, significant evidence for that month. Later in the year a personalised update function will be introduced which will allow you to specify exactly what you wish to be notified about. If you have already agreed to pass on your contact details to NICE you will receive the Eyes on Evidence bulletin.

**Specialist Collections web pages (on [www.library.nhs.uk](http://www.library.nhs.uk))** As a result of these changes the skin disorders specialist collection's web pages will no longer exist and the specialist resources for skin disorders will be accessible via the redesigned NHS Evidence site. If you have added these pages to your bookmarks and favourites you should be redirected to the main NHS Evidence site.

### **Who to contact**

If you have queries you can contact NHS Evidence directly by emailing [contactus@evidence.nhs.uk](mailto:contactus@evidence.nhs.uk) or calling 0845 003 77 44.

### **Travel Fellowships:**

#### **BAD/SAS**

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 **dermatology** centre or attend a dermatology meeting overseas. The **closing date** for applications for 2012 is 20<sup>th</sup> May. An application form and further information can be downloaded from the education site at the BAD member's website.

<http://www.bad.org.uk/site/181/default.aspx>

Congratulations to the winners of the two 2011 BAD SAS Travel Fellowships - Dr Liz Odgen and Morteza Moatademi. They are both travelling to San Diego to visit the 70<sup>th</sup> Annual meeting of American Academy of Dermatology.

### **NIHR/BAD research taster & travel bursaries**

The first is a **travel bursary** to attend a key dermatology scientific meeting such as the BSID or ESDR. Up to £500 will be available for each award and up to six awards will be available for 2011. The second award is for a **research taster/visit bursary** to enable someone who is thinking about doing dermatology research or somebody at a relatively early stage of their research career to visit a research department to get a taste of research in that department or to initiate further research collaborations. The location of the research centre need not be limited to the UK, and the type of research can range from basic science to health services research. Up to £500 will be available for each award and up to six awards will be available for 2011. To apply for the NIHR/BAD research taster/visit bursary award, please send the following to the BAD Research Committee Administrator ([kasia@bad.org.uk](mailto:kasia@bad.org.uk))

Closing date for both sets of applications is **Friday 30th September 2011**.

### **UK Dermatology Clinical Trials Network (UK DCTN, [www.ukdctn.org](http://www.ukdctn.org))**

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-coordinating 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. The closing date is usually **February**. For **2012** please contact [ukdctn@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:ukdctn@nottingham.ac.uk) or via the following link [http://www.ukdctn.org/uk\\_dctn\\_awards/](http://www.ukdctn.org/uk_dctn_awards/)

### **Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Committee**

A vacancy has arisen on the Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Specialist Subcommittee. Applications are invited from SAS doctors who are BAD members. The committee meets three times a year under the chairmanship of Dr Helen Horn. To reduce the need for professional leave, one meeting is held during the BAD annual conference and a second at the autumn clinical update meeting. The third meeting takes place in London.

Matters of current interest include postgraduate career development funding and the specialty certificate examination. 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 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2011.

### **DERMATOLOGY COUNCIL FOR ENGLAND**

To obtain a copy of the Minutes, please email [Monica@bad.org.uk](mailto:Monica@bad.org.uk)

### **BRITISH SOCIETY FOR DERMATOPATHOLOGY**

To obtain a copy of the Minutes please email [Jaime.calonje@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:Jaime.calonje@kcl.ac.uk)

### **BAD Executive meetings**

For the past year, the chair of the SAS subcommittee has attended meetings of the BAD Executive as a co-opted member. As a result, the Executive is better informed about who SASs are and the SAS committee has been more closely involved in matters of general interest to the BAD. Our comments were included in the BAD's formal responses to "Liberating the NHS" and we contributed to the development of the document "Outcome measures for people with skin disease" which is currently under consideration by NICE. SASs have also had a voice in the development of the recently published document "Quality standards for dermatology", available on the BAD website as well as in paper format for BAD members.

Points discussed at the most recent meeting of the Executive included:

- Withdrawal of the dermatology on-call service in some areas, with implications for patient safety and the dermatology training curriculum
- The case for a topic to be the subject of a national audit
- Governance and ethical concerns relating to alternative providers of dermatology services
- "Peripatetic dermatologists"
- Competition between neighbouring dermatology services in England

The BMA has just released a new SAS handbook containing easily accessible information about contracts, pay, pensions, equality and diversity, professional development, job planning, revalidation, part time working and more. The BMA is seeking feedback. See:

<http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/employmentcontracts/staff/sashandbook.jsp>

## **EADV**

### **European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology Congresses (EADV)**

These are held every year and have a format very similar to the American Academy of Dermatology Meetings. The following place and dates have been arranged for the forthcoming congresses:

#### **20th EADV Congress at Lisbon Congress Centre 20-24 October 2011.**

Registration is now open.

#### **Contact:**

Email: [info@eadvlisbon2011.org](mailto:info@eadvlisbon2011.org)

Visit the website: [www.eadvlisbon2011.org](http://www.eadvlisbon2011.org)

### **European Academy of Dermatology and Venereology (EADV) Spring Meeting**

The 7th EADV Spring Symposium is in Verona, Italy from 6-10 June 2012.

#### **Contact:**

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Web: <http://www.eadvverona2012.org/>

## **BMA – What is being done for SAS doctors?**

The August BMA Newsletter has an article on “What is being done for SAS doctors”. Please access this via the following link <http://web2.bma.org.uk/nrezine.nsf/wd/RTHS-8KDLK5?OpenDocument&C=6+August+2011>

When discussing your job plan, you might find it helpful to know that the BMA’s annual representative meeting recently agreed that SAS doctors should have a minimum of two SPAs (supporting professional activities). Achieving two SPAs will be difficult – new consultant contracts often specify only one SPA, which is clearly insufficient so do keep a work diary as evidence to support your case and quote the BMA in your negotiations!

They also have a section titled “Strength to strength – Supporting and developing SAS doctors which may be accessed via this link [http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/employmentcontracts/staff/sashandbook.jsp?dm\\_i=JVX,HX85,34O6SU,1GH0C,1](http://www.bma.org.uk/employmentandcontracts/employmentcontracts/staff/sashandbook.jsp?dm_i=JVX,HX85,34O6SU,1GH0C,1)

I hope that the above information is accurate and up to date. If you see any inaccuracies, or if you would like other items included, please let me know.

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