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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.

SAS Representatives on other BAD Committees:

Historical : Dr Sid Orpin, s.orpin@nhs.net
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COMMITTEE CHAIR:

After 3 and a half years of doing an excellent job of chairing the committee and promoting the SAS cause, Dr Helen Horn decided it is time for her to move on. We thank her for all her hard work and wish her all the best.

We welcome Dr Inma Mauri-Sole who has been appointed as her successor and wish her good luck in her new post.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Dr Caroline Hewitt and Dr Sameh Zaghloul have now finished their tenure in the Committee and we thank them for their valuable contributions over the past 3 years.

We welcome Dr Trupti Desai as a new Consultant member and Dr Christine Reckling SAS member.

Congratulations to Dr Christine Reckling who has also been appointed as SAS representative on the BSCA Committee as Dr Helen Horne's replacement.

SAS DEVELOPMENT FUNDING

Career Development Funding has been available since 2008 in England to help SAS doctors 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 funding 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 the various organisational changes, in England it is no longer protected in this way. There have been reports of reduction in the fund allocation in a number of regions and I have contacted Deaneries across England for an update with only a few responses - perhaps this is a consequence of the funding now being channelled through Health Education England.

A message does emerge however, and that is 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) where the fund would be useful, think about it 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 after all and we make up one quarter of all senior doctors!

Dr Sue Welsh

UK DCTN SAS AWARD

Two Awards of up to £1,500 each will be made available to UK Dermatology SAS grades 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 closing date for application is Fri 25th October 2013, with the fellowships to commence in December 2013.

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

Dr. Alison Devine is one of the winners of this award. Here she tells us about her experience and would also be happy to advise any one who wish to contact her at Alison.Devine@wales.nhs.uk

I was given this award in 2010 after deciding to apply as a staff grade in a small district general hospital in rural North Wales – if research can be done here, it can be done anywhere!

It has been a fantastic opportunity to work alongside the team at Nottingham, learning about research in Dermatology and gaining new skills, in particular evidence based medicine and honing my critical appraisal skills, which were somewhat rusty. The award also gives the holder the opportunity to attend the very popular BEES course held in Nottingham and also attend the annual Evidence Based Update Meeting, which in

2012, was themed on Acne and Rosacea – both excellent in their content and presentation. It has given me many opportunities, including acting as a referee for the Cochrane Review “Interventions for treatment of herpes simplex labialis”, attending steering group committees in London and at the BAD annual meeting. One of the highlights of the award were the teleconferences chaired by Professor Hywel Williams, where as a group, we were able to learn from his wealth of experience in critical appraisal of clinical trials and papers. In addition, I have learnt a great deal about research at many levels and am proud

to say that our Department has grown its research profile, so that I am able to put these new skills into practice.

For my final project, I am currently working on validation of the GREAT database with one of the doctorate students from Nottingham, which I hope will confirm what a fantastic resource this provides to healthcare professionals and patients worldwide.

I would encourage any SAS doctor to consider applying for this award as the experience for me has been so worthwhile.

**Dr Alison Devine
Speciality Doctor
Dermatology**

CLINICAL DERMATOLOGY UPDATE (CDU)

Dr Glenda Hill and the BAD Conference Department have again kindly organised this year's Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting. **It is going to be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport on Thursday 10th and Friday 11th October 2013.**

To book a place and to receive further information please contact the BAD conference manager at

Christopherg@bad.org.uk

To view the provisional programme, please use this link: **<http://www.bad.org.uk/site/1258/default.aspx>**

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 dermatology centre or attend a dermatology meeting overseas. The closing date for applications is 20th May each year. Unfortunately no one applied for it this year. We would like to encourage you all to apply for this very valuable resource next year!

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>

CPD FOR SAS DOCTORS

Earn CPD credits with the Royal College of Physicians

The Royal College of Physicians offers a wide range of non-clinical professional development opportunities for doctors of all grades and specialties, including SAS doctors. From one- and two-day interactive workshops, through to RCP accreditations and postgraduate courses, our unique programmes are delivered by doctors working within the NHS as well as medical educationalists.

Forthcoming workshops which will be of interest to SAS doctors include: Forthcoming workshops which will be of interest to SAS doctors include:

Appraisal for revalidation

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Workplace-based assessment

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Effective teaching skills

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We also provide tailored workshops to meet the specific needs of SAS doctors through our in-house service

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Delivered at a place and time to suit you, our in-house programme includes our standard range of workshops, as well as training specific to the particular needs of SAS doctors, including:

Navigating the CESR route for SAS doctors<[http://news.royalcollegeofphysicians.co.uk/NLI/LE35.ashx?](http://news.royalcollegeofphysicians.co.uk/NLI/LE35.ashx?a=954CF2EDC40B1925CEDB05B7FF23248CA6C91A020B85A117112250EAACD742D0&b=64BB89ADA49E3A9AC7A52C1659A4EB91)

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Mentoring skills for SAS doctors<[http://news.royalcollegeofphysicians.co.uk/NLI/LE35.ashx?](http://news.royalcollegeofphysicians.co.uk/NLI/LE35.ashx?a=954CF2EDC40B1925CEDB05B7FF23248C65E657D7A8E26FB857D1F4A178134315&b=64BB89ADA49E3A9AC7A52C1659A4EB91)

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For information about our full range of programmes visit the RCP website<[http://news.royalcollegeofphysicians.co.uk/NLI/LE35.ashx?](http://news.royalcollegeofphysicians.co.uk/NLI/LE35.ashx?a=954CF2EDC40B1925CEDB05B7FF23248C1D2557A0FD608B47D45AD8C629ED647F&b=64BB89ADA49E3A9AC7A52C1659A4EB91)

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or contact Oliver Cullen<<mailto:oliver.cullen@rcplondon.ac.uk>> to discuss your training needs further.

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SASs who successfully gain the Specialty Certificate in Dermatology and who also possess MRCP will be entitled to apply for the post nominal "MRCP (UK) (Dermatology)" if they are also in possession of a Certificate of Eligibility for Specialist Registration (CESR)."

A Message from our Chair

Just wanted to let you know that registration is now open for the above exam to take place on 10th October 2013. There is no need to have MRCP.

You should be able to do this following this link:

<http://www.mrcpuk.org/News/Pages/Specialty%20Certificate%20Examination%20in%20Dermatology%20-%20Application%20period%20now%20open.aspx>

I hope that some of you will be able to take advantage of this opportunity. I would also like to thank our previous Chair, Dr Helen Horn, for achieving this for the group.

This exam is not compulsory for SAS doctors working in dermatology, and by itself it doesn't warrant entry to the Specialist Register. However, it may be supportive on a CESR application and it is a good test of general dermatology knowledge to validate our grade, or maybe as a personal achievement.

I would be interested to know how many of you apply and how you get on!

With best wishes

Dr Inma Mauri-Sole

Associate Specialist in Dermatology

Chair of the BAD SAS Committee

Congratulations to Dr Caroline Hewitt who has passed the SCE exam last year and she is happy to be contacted by anyone interested in applying so she can provide advice. Her email address is: Caroline.hewitt@imperial.nhs.uk
Further SCE practice sessions are on the e-learning web site: <https://e-learningforhealthcare.org.uk/>

Congratulations to Dr Sandeep Kamath who has been appointed SAS TUTOR for the ABMU NHS TRUST from 1st of December 2012 for a tenure of 2 years. Wishing him all the best in his new role.

DERMATOLOGY FORUM BAD WEBSITE

Just to remind you of the dermatology forum on the BAD website open for comments and discussions.

<http://www.bad.org.uk//site/1377/default.aspx>

DERMATOLOGY CURRICULUM

The following links will take you to the current dermatology curriculum on the websites of the joint Royal Colleges and GMC:

<http://www.jrcptb.org.uk/specialties/ST3-SpR/Pages/Dermatology.aspx>

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/education/dermatology.asp>

BMA SAS HANDBOOK

The SAS e-handbook is now available on the BMA website. The BMA have included a BMJ portfolio tool to the e-handbook where you can track CPD points for appraisal and revalidation, store evidence of learning actions, and record past, current and future planned activities. There is also access to video footage for appraisal, CESR guidance etc. Please let the BMA know what you think by sending your comments or suggestions to info.sasc@bma.org.uk.

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> . 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 so we can update our records and keep everyone informed of matters of interest to SASs.

BAD SAS SUBCOMMITTEE

Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Specialist Sub-Committee Vacancy

A vacancy is available from July 2013 on the 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 and the specialty certificate examination, work based assessment and appraisal/revalidation. If you would like to be involved, please send a brief personal resume to Monica Parrondo (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 27th September.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NATIONAL SAS CONFERENCE

Integration of SAS Doctors into the workforce, 24th October 2013 Birmingham.

Attendees: LETB SAS LEADS
SAS TUTORS

Further information to follow including online registration information.

CONQUER MOUNT KILIMANJARO

If you love the great outdoors, have a sense of adventure and you are looking for the challenge of a lifetime then why not sign up to climb the highest mountain in Africa, Mount Kilimanjaro in October 2013. The BSF's, Kelly Taylor undertook this challenge last year so she will be able to give you first hand advice and lots of support. For more information please contact Kelly on 02073916088 or email kelly@britishskinfoundation.org.uk

I hope that the above information is useful and informative. 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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