

SAS report for April meeting of the BAD Executive committee/ April 2013.

- The SAS committee plans to encourage SASs to undertake voluntary workplace based assessments and will be forwarding the relevant paperwork to all dermatology SASs. We hope this initiative will have consultant support.
- Postgraduate career development funding for SASs is now in place in Scotland. Scottish SASs can apply for funding through the web site of NES [www.nes.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.nes.scot.nhs.uk) . Similar funding is already in place in England and Wales. The money is intended to pay for generic courses or for developmental needs identified by departments or individuals but which would not be available through normal study leave channels. It can also be used to pay for a locum while the SAS the post holder undertakes top-up training or a secondment in preparation for a CESR application.
- Following our communications with the BMA, the next BMA conference will debate the issue of appointment of GPswSI to Specialty Doctor posts without fulfilling the eligibility criteria. These state that to be appointed to a Specialty Doctor post the candidate must have completed 4 postgraduate years at least two of which must have been in a relevant specialty.
- Following removal of eligibility criteria for the SCE, we are waiting for the RCP to revise their application process.
- This will be my final attendance at an Executive Committee meeting as my term as Chair of the SAS subcommittee is drawing to a close. Elections are underway to appoint my successor

Helen Horn, April 2013