

Spring 2015

Welcome to the seventh edition of the SAS newsletter, bringing you a round up of forthcoming events, current vacancies and issues relevant to SAS doctors

Meetings

Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting 2 – 4th Sept 2015

The annual Clinical Dermatology Update Meeting, which was held at Coombe Abbey Hotel last October, was a great success and our thanks go to Glenda Hill for organizing another superb meeting. The feedback indicated that the majority enjoyed the altered two night format and the plan is to repeat that this year. The meeting will be held a little earlier than usual, from 2nd- 4th **September**, at Chesford Grange in Warwickshire. The earlier date is due to a number of reasons including venue availability and it is hoped that this date will still suit the majority of delegates. For further details please email conference@bad.org.uk or click on the following link: <http://www.bad.org.uk/events/eventcalendar>

CESR Workshop

The first CESR workshop organized by members of the SAS committee on the 12th November was a great success and delegates found the information provided extremely useful. A second workshop has already been arranged for Monday 1st June. Topics to be covered include a presentation by the GMC Specialist Application Team, a group practical exercise looking at the CESR process and evidence bundles, tips from successful candidates, advice from the Assessors and question and answer sessions. Numbers are limited and early application is strongly encouraged. The workshop is free for BAD members and £50 for non-members.

Please note that there are only 4 spaces available!!

To book a space please email Monica@bad.org.uk

We would like to collate a database of successful CESR applicants who would be happy to advise and possibly mentor current applicants. If you would like to be included on this or know of anyone who would be happy to be approached please contact Dr Nicola Hart (doc.niki.hart@gmail.com) our new committee member who is taking on the portfolio of CESR Guidance.

Annual meeting of the BAD

The 95th Annual Meeting of the BAD takes place this year from 7th - 9th July in Manchester. The preconference SAS session will take place on Monday 6th July from 13:00 -17:35. As ever Glenda Hill has organized a varied and interesting programme. The afternoon is always one of the highlights of the annual meeting and well worth arriving a day early for. For further information and to register, please click on the following link: <http://www.bad.org.uk/events/annualmeeting>

SAS Surgical Refresher Course

With the recent success of the consultant surgical refresher course in Leeds, the BSD is organising a similar course specifically to meet the needs and requirements for SAS doctors. The course will be held in Leeds and will be very hands-on with lengthy practical sessions for delegates. As the BSDS is fully aware of the vast experience SAS doctors have and they will ensure that the course is targeted at the right (high) level.

This workshop would consist of hands-on practical sessions with the opportunity for one on one tuition in skin surgery skills, alongside lectures in the different aspects of skin surgery. Teaching would be provided by an experienced faculty comprising of nationally recognised experts in skin surgery.

To register, please contact info@bsds.org.uk.

To view the draft programme, please click on the link below:

http://www.bsds.org.uk/imagelib/downloads/Meetings_Courses/SAS_Surgical_Refresher_Draft_Programme_-_May_2014.pdf

Specialty Doctor, Staff and Associate Specialist BAD Committee Vacancy

A vacancy is available 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 Inma Mauri-Sole. Matters of current interest include postgraduate career development funding, work based assessment, potential accreditation, appraisal/revalidation and entry requirements for CESR, and workforce crisis issues.

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 **Monday 22nd June 2015**.

Fellowships and Awards

BAD/ DC SAS Travel Fellowships

Two travel fellowships of £500 each, sponsored by Celgene, are available each year 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 each year**. For an application please email Kasia@bad.org.uk

UKDCTN

Up to two awards of £1,500 are awarded to Dermatology SAS grade staff based in the UK. The closing date for the 2015 award has passed. If you are interested in the 2016 award please contact Carron Layfield at carron.layfield@nottingham.ac.uk. Although the closing date for 2016 hasn't been set yet, it tends to be the last Friday of October, so is *likely* to be Friday 30th October 2015.

Previous recipients of awards:

Name	Year	Location
Dr Alison Devine		2010 Rhyl
Dr Penny Thomson	2011	London
Dr Areti Makrygerorgou		2012 Glasgow
Dr Sangeeta Punjabi	2013	London
Dr Sussanne Hatfield	2014	Bradford

Dermatology SCE Exam

Please click on the link below in order to access information for the next Dermatology SCE Exam:

<http://www.mrcpuk.org/mrcpuk-examinations/specialty-certificate-examinations/specialties/dermatology>

We are hoping to collate a database of successful SCE candidates who can offer advice and support to future applicants. If you would be happy to be included on this please contact one of the committee members

SAS Funding

As you may be aware, specific funding for education and career development for SAS doctors has been available for some years but tends to be underutilised. It is worth bearing this in mind if funding is required for training or to attend a particular course. Over time the amount allocated has been gradually reduced and as the saying goes “use it or lose it”. The following gives the current situation in England and Wales. If anyone has information on Scotland and Northern Ireland we would be pleased to pass this on.

England

Although initially a total of £12 million had been allocated to SAS doctors in England this has been significantly reduced.

Funding for SAS grade development and for all NHS clinicians is allocated nationally through the MPET budget, which is now strategically managed by Health Education England (HEE) and which is the responsibility of Local Education and Training Boards. This funding is additional to study leave allocations, which should continue to be utilised as appropriate. Separate (ring-fenced) funding for SAS development is no longer provided in England so SAS doctors must compete with colleagues to utilise funding.

Some enlightened areas have set aside funds for SAS development courses and for individual SAS allocation. However, there is increased pressure to demonstrate the benefit provided from developing SAS doctors.

Wales

A total of £80 k has been allocated for SAS doctors in Wales. This amount would be distributed in two separate lots (50K in Spring and 30 k in Autumn).

The communications officer at Welsh Deaneries circulates forms to SAS doctors twice a year. For further information, please contact the Communications Officer at Welsh Deaneries: evanscm5@cardiff.ac.uk.

BAD SAS Committee

The BAD SAS committee meets three times a year under the chairmanship of Inma Mauri-Sole. The role of the committee is to further and support the education and career progression of SAS doctors in dermatology and to raise the profile of this committed group of the dermatology medical workforce. We aim to share information and advice regarding contracts and signpost doctors to useful resources. To encourage career progression via educational opportunities, including clinical meeting suitable for these grades. We actively encourage application for SAS educational grants and funding and involvement in research. We offer resources on how to navigate the CESR application route, as well as audit, appraisal and revalidation. We encourage open communication between our members and sharing of good practice and achievements from SAS doctors on the wider NHS

Dr Cathy Christie and Dr Christina Reckling have recently come to the end of their tenure on the SAS committee. They have our sincere thanks for all their hard work and the valuable contributions they have made. Dr Christie will be continuing in her role as the SAS representative on the BAD Education sub-committee. Two new members have been appointed, Dr Nicola Hart and Dr Asha Rajeev. Dr Hart will take on the portfolio of issues relating to CESR applications and Dr Rajeev responsibility for the SAS section of the BAD website.

Committee Members

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Please email Monica 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 please let Monica know if you have any news that you think will be of interest to other SAS doctors and the sub-committee.