

British Paediatric Respiratory Society

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NEWSLETTER

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Dear Colleagues,

1. Scientific meetings

BPRS Spring meeting – Tuesday 20th April 2010

The BPRS Spring meeting is at the University of Warwick - (NOTE change of venue from York), nearest train station is Coventry. All our sessions in Butterworth Hall.

Program-

- BPRS business meeting 12.30 – 13.30, lunch included if you have registered.
- Scientific session – 13.45 – 17.15
 - 8 research abstracts
 - 2 guest lectures –
 - Dr Sheila McKenzie: 30 years at the helm
 - Dr Rob Primhak: Dormice and whales - sleep physiology in children.

In addition, Colin Wallis is presenting data from the latest long term ventilation UK survey, in the plenary session at 10.15 on the same day.

12th BPRS Summer Symposium – Thursday 8th to Friday 9th July

This is in Nottingham this year and is entitled; ‘Myths and maxims in respiratory paediatrics.’ Applications to Louisa Fear – Louisa.fear@nuh.nhs.uk.

8th Royal Brompton Hospital Paediatric Bronchoscopy course Thurs 4th to Friday 5th November

The biennial course does not offer live animal scoping as that is illegal in the UK, but gives an excellent introduction to the topic with plenty of video clips.

BTS Winter meeting – Wed 1st to Fri 3rd December

There are two joint BPRS/BTS symposia –

- Oxygen – plenty of guidelines, not much evidence

- Cystic fibrosis – how paediatricians can help adult physicians

Please encourage trainees to submit paediatric abstracts. Also remember that any trainee with an oral presentation has their day's registration fee paid by the BPRS. The same applies to the Spring meeting.

2. Lifetime achievement awards

The executive committee will be voting on April 20th to decide the recipient of the 2010 award. Would members please nominate candidates by emailing me by April 16th.



Bob Dinwiddie & George Russell with their medals at the 2009 annual dinner

3. Annual December dinner

After the great success of both our dinners at the RSM, we will hold the dinner at the same venue on Wed Dec 1st. Details will follow this autumn.

Dr Bob Dinwiddie and Dr George Russell were presented with their lifetime achievement awards at the dinner and made great speeches.

4. Clinical excellence Awards for 2010

Do not leave things to the last minute, deadlines are likely to be in October for receipt of applications if anyone wants BPRS support. Remember that if anyone also wants BTS support, they usually require the forms by July.

Rules and details for E&W are on the ACCEA website - www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACCEA/index.htm. For the Scots, SACDA information is on - <https://awards.sacda.scot.nhs.uk/index.php>.

5. Executive Committee

There have been some recent changes to the executive membership, so from the April 20th BPRS meeting, the members will be as follows -

President	Colin Wallis	c.wallis@ich.ucl.ac.uk
Secretary	Neil Gibson	Neil.Gibson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk
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Other officer (not on committee)

Tobacco rep	Huw Thomas	Huw.Thomas@ubht.nhs.uk
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Huge thanks to Warren Lenney for his hard work over the past 6 years, and congratulations to him for his success in raising the profile of paediatric respiratory research. Good luck to Jonathan Grigg who has now taken on this task.

Thanks also to Richard Iles for his work with the BTS, organising the BPRS joint sessions at the winter meeting and a paediatric presence in the BTS summer meeting. His role is being taken over by the research/scientific chair so we will not have that as a separate post anymore.

Thanks also to Isobel Dundas who has represented the allied health professionals. That post is now merged with that of the NPRNG representative, currently Sadie Clayton. That made sense as our AHP members tend to be nurses, and no-one put their name forward when we advertised the post.

Thanks also to Catherine McDougall for her 2-year role as trainee rep. Her post has been taken over by Malcolm Brodlie, a national grid trainee in Newcastle.

Colin takes over as President and I will be the vice president for 18 months. This means that in a year's time we will be looking for a successor to Colin to become vice president in October 2011 and President in April 2013.

6. Farewell from me

In April I will have completed my 3 years as President which I have enjoyed greatly. It has been a privilege to represent our thriving society but it is definitely time to hand over to Colin Wallis who I am sure will do us all proud. Thanks particularly to the secretaries – Iolo Doull and more lately Neil Gibson, for sharing the burden so ably.

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