

British Paediatric Respiratory Society

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Dear Colleagues,

To those who has been away, welcome back and I hope you all enjoyed a good break. The September newsletter aims to update you on a number of important events in the next 6 months and I would encourage you all to read through and take note of those items that may be of importance to you. There are some important deadlines to note.

1. Scientific meetings

BTS/BPRS Winter meeting : Wed Dec 1st – Fri Dec 3rd.

We are in the final stages of putting together the paediatric programme for the winter meeting. There are a good number of abstracts and we have been able to put together two symposia and two spoken poster sessions. The final programme should be available toward the middle of this month. If you only plan to attend one day – choose Wednesday – packed with paediatric respiratory action:

WEDNESDAY DEC 1st

- BPRS executive committee meeting: 8.15-9.15 Byron Room 4th floor
- CSAC meeting: 9.15-10.15 Byron room 4th floor
- Paediatric spoken session: Paediatric Infectious Diseases: 10.30-12.15 St James Suite 4th Floor
- Joint BTS/BPRS Symposium – Cystic Fibrosis – how paediatricians can help adult physicians: 1.30-3.15, Mountbatten Room 6th Floor
- Paediatric poster session: Paediatric Lung Diseases 3.30-5.00, Mountbatten Room 6th Floor
- BPRS Business Meeting: 5.00-6.15pm, Mountbatten Room 6th floor.
- BPRS dinner at Royal Society of Medicine, drinks 7pm, dinner 8pm.

THURSDAY DEC 2nd

- Joint BTS/BPRS Symposium – Oxygen – plenty of guidelines, not much evidence: 8.30 – 10.15. St James Suite 4th floor

Upcoming 2010/11 UK meetings/courses

- Royal Society Medicine 24th cystic fibrosis symposium - Tuesday 2nd November 2010
- Great Ormond St Hospital respiratory update course - Wed 10th November 2010
- BPRS Spring meeting at University of Warwick - Tuesday 20th April 2010

I am in the process of arranging some changes to the RCPCH spring meeting. Attendance and interest has waned over the last few years. Please remember to encourage trainees to submit abstracts to the Spring meeting. BPRS pays the day's registration for anyone (except consultants) with an abstract that has been accepted. We are considering increasing the CME component of the afternoon, introducing a poster session, and are looking at combining our session with gastroenterology to focus on conditions and areas of interest to both disciplines.

2. Annual December dinner WED 1st DECEMBER 2010

This is the highlight of the BPRS annual calendar.

After a busy day at the BTS, we will all take the short journey to the Royal Society of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street W1) on Wed Dec 2nd.

Drinks in the Atrium at 7 pm, followed by dinner in the main dining room at 8pm.

BPRS subsidises this meal and the wine – thus making it bibulous, delicious and cheap:
£30 for consultants, £15 for all other members.

Dr Sheila McKenzie and Prof Mike Silverman will be presented with their lifetime achievement awards at the dinner.

It is important that we have the numbers confirmed for the dinner as this affects the overall cost. Please email Neil Gibson (Neil.Gibson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) to book your place and send him a cheque payable to 'BPRS' to:

Dr Neil Gibson
Secretary/Treasurer BPRS
Respiratory Medicine
RHSC, Yorkhill,
Glasgow G3 8SJ

Until the cheque arrives, you do not have a place booked.

We need the final numbers to arrange the meal and the deadline for receipt of cheques is **Monday 15th November at 9am.**

If you would like to come please reach for your cheque book now. There is also a maximum limit and I would hate for you to miss out. Unfortunately it is not possible to decide to come to the dinner on the day itself.

3. Clinical excellence Awards for 2010/11

We are very keen to support members who wish to apply for ACCEA national awards. As you will have seen from last months announcements the numbers receiving awards has been significantly reduced.

However we are still able to nominate 4 Bronze, 3 silver and 2 Gold. (We don't do platinum!)

Deadlines are tight and we have given the longest time possible for the forms to be completed. Anyone keen to gain the support of the BPRS for their national ACCEA award application must note the following deadlines which are set in stone!

11.10.2010	Fully completed application forms to arrive in word format by email [wallic@gosh.nhs.uk] by 9am .
11.10.2011	Applications are sent out to review committee to be scored
25.10.2010	Final scores are ranked
29.10.2010	Ranking and citations are sent to RCPCH

Most important to note:

1. I must receive the ACCEA form in word format by email [wallic@gosh.nhs.uk] by Monday 11th October 9am.
2. Applicants are required to register and submit their application on the ACCEA website as well. If you have not submitted your application then neither the college nor the BPRS are able to upload our statement of support and scores.
3. Forms should be available on their website: <http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACCEA/index.htm>. and can also be downloaded from the RCPCH website. Your own hospital should have forms.

There is to be a new system in Scotland (SCCLEA) but the details will not be available until October. Any member who wishes BPRS support should contact me when these details are released.

4 Other business:

Tobacco Representative:

This is an interesting post that the BPRS is very keen to support. Huw Thomas has ably represented us on the BTS committee but his time comes to an end in January 2011. If any member would like to succeed him as the BPRS tobacco rep on the BTS specialist advisory group, please let me know by Dec 1st. I am sure Huw would be happy to provide you with further information if required. [huw.thomas@ubht.nhs.uk]

Travel awards:

Congratulations to Jasneek Chawla and Matthew Thomas who were both awarded BPRS travel awards.

With best wishes

Colin Wallis