

British Paediatric Respiratory Society

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NEWSLETTER Spring 2011

Dear members,

A few updates and reminders to members in the form of the traditional spring newsletter

The BPRS life time achievement award

We are delighted to announce that Prof John Price has accepted his nomination for the BPRS life-time achievement award. He will be presented with the traditional medal at the glittering occasion of the BPRS dinner – details below

The BPRS dinner

The aforementioned glittering occasion was well supported last year and received good reviews. We plan to continue with this tradition and will be providing a dinner and reception at the RSM to follow the Weds presentations at the BTS winter meeting. Pencil in the date in your diary – Wednesday 7th December. Final details will appear in the Autumn newsletter and despite these inflationary times, the price remains unchanged.

Travel awards:

Following a meeting of the executive committee and the business meeting of the BPRS in Warwick last month the society has agree to continue sponsoring travel awards.

The BPRS will provide travel awards of up to £750.00 to any non consultant member of the BPRS who has been a paid up member for more than 6 months, who has had an abstract accepted for an international conference (even if held in the UK) on a respiratory topic. It was decided only to give this to an individual once and not to restrict the theme of the conference as long as the abstract was respiratory based.

An application letter with full details should be sent to Prof Jonathan Grigg for vetting j.grigg@qmul.ac.uk and then to Neil Gibson for the release of funds.

Disputes will go to the president for arbitration.

The executive committee:

- I draw your attention to the following changes in the Executive committee as of April 2011:
 - a. Amanda Equi is welcomed as the new DGH rep.
 - b. Paediatric Respiratory Nurses Group Representative is Chris Doyle.
 - c. Rob Ross Russell is welcomed onto the committee as the ERS rep

- d. Jimmy Paton will remain on the committee as lead for audit and outcomes
- And here are some future changes which require your attention
 - a. Rob Primhak will resign in July 2011. A new lead for CSAC is being sought by the college.
 - b. Ian Balfour Lynn will end his term as vice president at the end of the year. A new chair will be sought from the membership. Look out for this in your emails from Neil and don't miss out on your chance to be the next president. The call will go out in Sept 2011. Gird your loins.
 - c. Ian will continue on the executive as the BPRS rep for the ATS pediatric (sic) assembly.

To support these changes, the BPRS constitution (yes we have one) may need fine-tuning to accommodate these new posts and I will explore this and report back in due course. I would suggest a paragraph stating: **"The executive committee can suggest further co-opted members onto the executive committee to meet the additional needs of the society that may arise from time to time. Such co-opted posts will be reviewed at 2-3 yearly intervals depending on the needs of the society."**

Please let me know if you have any concerns regarding these changes.

And now for our final word from our CSAC chair - Rob Primhak- before he leaves for sunnier climes:

There are currently 20 UK clinical grid trainees, with 4 more in research, and one in Toronto. The most recent grid process appointed 5 candidates, but one or possibly two will be deferring entry for research, and a further appointee will be less than full time, meaning perhaps 2.6 WTE trainees starting clinical grid training this year.

Trainee reviews are all on target. The committee decided that trainees taking (and passing) the ERS HERMES exam in PRM will only need to undertake two topic presentations at regional meetings instead of the current four.

BPRS Peer Review visits continue, and London and Liverpool have been visited at the end of 2010. A visit was undertaken to Manchester under the aegis of the Deanery annual review visit, and may be a useful model for future small specialty visits.

The College are seeking a volunteer from PRM to lead in station setting for the ST7a exam in our specialty. Please contact Rob Primhak if you are interested in this crucial role.

We thank Rob for his enormous contribution as CSAC chair and wish him well in his new ventures.

Regards to you all

Colin Wallis
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