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ACPGBI Chapter Update

Date: **October 2017**

Chapter: **[South West]**

Chapter Representative: **[Nader Francis]**

Date of the last chapter meeting 7th November 2016

Date of the next meeting 7th December 2017

General update

The SW ACPGBI members are growing with more engagement of trainees. A new trainee rep has been appointed (Richard Bamford) to replace Ken Keogh who acted as our trainee rep for the past three years. I may take this opportunity to thank Ken for his valuable contribution in our chapter. Christina Berry, is still our nurse representative and she has completed a database with the contact details of colorectal nurses and theatre practitioners' representatives for each trust within the South west. Christina has also canvassed the opinion among SW nurses about their own learning needs and the development of a social media forum for the South West ACP to help and support the nurses and allied HCP. This was integrated in the manuscript of the learning needs of all ACPGBI members including colorectal nurses and allied HCP and has been submitted and accepted in Colorectal Dis.

Upcoming/ future plans

A colorectal cancer study day has already been planned, jointly with the clinical research networks in the South West. The meeting will be multi-disciplinary addressing the surgical, oncological, radiological and pathological management of colorectal cancer with national experts covering CEPX testing and prehabilitation programmes, advances in radiotherapy, update on best practice and ACPGBI pilot training initiative for TATME in addition to a "Dragons Den" style research competition for the best research idea across all disciplines in colorectal cancer.

The meeting will be in held in Taunton Castle on 7th December.