

MINUTES ACPGBI EDUCATION AND TRAINING COMMITTEE
TELECONFERENCE MONDAY 17TH JANUARY 2011

Participants: John Hartley, Chairman (JH)

Ian Botterill (IB)
Dermot Burke (DB)
Justin Davies (JD)
Ruth McKee (RM)
Ann O'Mara (AOM)
Rupert Pullen (RP)
Peter Sagar (PS)
Humphrey Scott (HS)
Graham Williams (GW)

Agenda

- 1. Apologies**
Apologies were received from Austin Acheson and Harriet Owen.
- 2. Minutes of Last Meeting**
Minutes of teleconference dated 20th October 2010 had been circulated prior to the Meeting. These were accepted without amendment.
- 3. Matters Arising from Minutes not covered in body of agenda**

Agenda Item 7 – Ultrasound certification.

JH updated the committee having spoken with Andrew Williams (AW) the week prior to the meeting. AW was unable to attend the teleconference but had reported some progress since June and had been in touch with interested parties regarding syllabus and content of training modules. He also reported contact with Chris Macklin over proposed inclusion of training modules on the ACP web site. It was agreed that the committee ought to try and support AW in this venture which was regarded as a very worthy albeit ambitious project.

ACTION – JH to liase with Andrew Williams.

Agenda Item 8 – Education Network for Specialist Registrars.

GW reported the continued success of this programme within the West Midlands with a third session recently completed. This continues to be well received by trainees.

RM reported that Andrew Renwick had met with limited enthusiasm trying to role out this programme in Scotland which may have been due to a variety of factors including the excellence of already established local educational programmes. Mike Lamparelli from the Wessex region had been in contact with GW for details of the West Midlands programme with the intention of rolling out some version of this for trainees in Wessex.

Agenda Item 9 – Current Training Provision of Coloproctology training by Deaneries and ACPGBI Chapters.

HS updated the Committee. One of his trainees has been in touch with AOM and is in the process of writing to the Chapter representatives and Deaneries in order to survey current methods of delivery of the Coloproctology Curriculum around the UK.

ACTION – HS to update the Committee at next meeting with progress.

Agenda Item 10 – MDT Training

JH updated the Committee as to the possibility of incorporating some element of MDT training within the annual meeting, potentially starting in 2012. The only compulsory elements of MDT training at present are the Advanced Communication Skills training which runs over three days and would not therefore be suitable for being embedded within the National Meeting. A Good Clinical Practice (GCP) course was going to be part of the final day of the Annual Meeting in June 2011. It was felt, after discussion, that some element of the upcoming LOREC programme might be a suitable fit. JH, GW and JH were scheduled to attend one day LOREC sessions in Leeds in the spring and will be in a position to update the next meeting.

ACTION – JH, JD and GW to update the Committee at the next meeting regarding LOREC content.

Agenda Point 11 – MS in Coloproctology

JH had presented this project to Executive in November and there was no enthusiasm for ACP endorsement of this scheme at this time.

4. Fellowship Recognition Process

14 of 23 centres currently advertising their Fellowship on the ACP website had replied to invitation to submit information regarding their posts. The submission form that had been circulated prior to the meeting was felt to be entirely appropriate with the possible exception of specific information regarding access to colonoscopy. The returns had been seen by JH, RM and PS prior to the meeting, all of whom felt that the standard of these posts was broadly satisfactory. After discussion it was felt that the information provided by the individual centres ought to be posted in an abbreviated form directly on to the website for the benefit of trainees rather than have the committee make value judgements as to the validity or otherwise of posts. It was agreed that an abbreviated information sheet for each of the Fellowships would be produced by JH in consultation with RM and PS and posted on the ACP website under the Education and Training section. In addition further information would be sought from participating centres including the number of consultants on each unit and the number of consultants involved with the Fellowships, the log books from previous trainees, and contact details for previous trainees so that interested applicants could contact previous post holders prior to application.

ACTION – JH, RM and PS to liaise regarding the above and present to next meeting prior to website submission.

5. E Grand Rounds

A case from Hull had been circulated prior to the meeting and this format was felt by the committee to be useful. Committee members reported enthusiasm amongst their own trainees for submission. JH had liaised with Chris Macklin regarding format for submission. It was agreed that Powerpoint presentations would be sent to AOM in the first instance and then IB and DB would referee these prior to posting on the website. JH had forwarded a letter of invitation for submission to Dukes' Club members via their representative on Council. This letter would be posted on the Education and Training page of the website along with guidance for submission and a Powerpoint template.

ACTION – JH to ensure the guidelines for submission appear on the Education and Training page along with appropriate Powerpoint template. Committee members to encourage completion of submission of cases from their own Units.

6. Proposals for Content Education and Training Web page.

It was agreed that the re-vamping of the ACP website afforded opportunity to upgrade the Education and Training web page. Current content of this had been circulated to the committee prior to the meeting and was agreed to be broadly satisfactory. The curriculum section was felt to be satisfactory as were sections on assessment and on courses and meetings. It was agreed that the RCS courses run by DB should be included under the Courses and Meetings Section along with downloadable application forms. Proposals for changes to the Fellowships section, were as outlined above. There was some debate as to the merits of a new CME section, for which there was general approval. Whilst a major online CME programme was felt to be beyond the scope of the committee at present, it was agreed that some CME content should be posted. GW and PS suggested that the posting of video presentations from the national meeting and perhaps from the M62 course might be a good starting point. JH agreed to speak to video presenters at the M62 Course in March, and also to determine the format required for online presentation. It was agreed also that there ought to be a section on Unit Recognition with details of currently recognised Units in the UK, the procedure for Unit Recognition and downloadable application forms. DB proposed that the minutes from the Committee meetings ought to be posted, and it was agreed that this would commence with posting of the minutes of the current meeting.

ACTION – JH to liaise with Chris Macklin regarding the above the above changes.

7. **Colorectal Tutor**

DB updated the committee regarding Specialist Skills Coloproctology Parts I and II taking place in London in February. Delegates were coming to both courses in sufficient numbers and sufficient Faculty were available. JH stressed the importance of members of this committee supporting these courses, which are a joint venture between ACP and RCS, either personally or by encouraging immediate colleagues to make themselves available. It was acknowledged that obtaining the necessary leave from individual Trusts to teach was becoming increasingly difficult and therefore building up a larger faculty was likely to be beneficial. DB was meeting with the RCS at the Tutors Day on 24th January 2011 and will update at the next conference with his plans for expansion of the Coloproctology portfolio.

ACTION – DB to report at the next meeting regarding proposed Coloproctology portfolio.

8. **Any other business.**

RP updated the committee regarding ongoing developments in colonoscopy training. These include encouragement of trainees through their Deaneries to submit through the JETS programme and also the likely rolling out of polypectomy training initially through the Bowel Cancer Screening Programme, but subsequently for more general uptake. It was acknowledged that trainees were reaching CCT with experience of only a handful of polypectomies, and therefore there was perceived to be a need for formalised training in therapeutic colonoscopy.

GW raised the issue as to whether colorectal surgeons and trainees ought to be submitting their colonoscopy data through ACP for national audit, akin to NBOCAP. This was generally accepted to be an idea worth pursuing as it could be a useful support mechanism for both trainees and established consultants.

ACTION – Committee members to give thought to possible audit process prior to further discussion.

9. **Date and time of next meeting**

JH to circulate proposed dates for meeting in early April.

**John Hartley
Hull 20th Jan 2011**