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Education and Training Committee Meeting

Wednesday, 22 June 2011 at 1 pm

Executive Room 7, ICC

Agenda

Participants

John Hartley – Chair (JH)

Justin Davies (JD)

Austin Acheson (AA)

Jonathan Reynolds (JR)

Andrew Williams (AW)

Mike Lamparelli (ML)

Ruth McKee (RM)

Rupert Pullen (RP)

Sharad Karandikar (SK)

1. **Apologies**

Peter Sagar

Ian Botterill

Harriet Owen

Dermot Burke

Humphrey Scott

JH welcomed new members ML and SK to the committee and congratulated JD on election for a second term. There had been 17 applications of a very high standard for three vacancies therefore requiring a postal ballot by council members.

2. **Minutes of last meeting**

Attached

AA was referred to as AO throughout matters arising. The minutes were otherwise accepted.

3. **Matters arising**

MDT training – JD had recently attended the LOREC workshop in Leeds followed by the cadaveric workshop in Nottingham, on which AA was faculty, and gave very positive feedback. JH reported that the course had been very positively received by the Hull MDT. There was discussion as to whether, were the LOREC programme to be continued, the workshop element could be appropriately “bolted on” to the annual meeting. RM queried whether delegates from Scotland, Wales and Ireland could attend what is intended to be an English programme.

Action: JH to raise this question with the Nigel Scott and Brendan Moran.

E-grand rounds: JH reported a definite increase in submission of cases for posting on this section of the website. At present DB and IB assess and edit submitted cases. Following IB’s term on the committee ending JH asked for volunteers to take on this role with DB. JD agreed to take on the work. JR agreed that an annual award of £250 be made to the trainee submitting the best case. It was suggested that notice of this award be posted on the Education and Training webpage and circulated through the Dukes’ Club. A decision regarding the 2010-11 award would then be made on cases submitted prior to a closing date of 1st September. The award would be made after ballot by the committee.

Action: JH to inform Dukes’ Club and post notice of award on E and T webpage.

Updates to E and T webpage: JH reported that these were

underway pending an overall revision of the website for which 3 tenders were under consideration. An e-learning package, as undertaken by the RCS was deemed prohibitively expensive and as such had been put on hold for the moment by the RCS. It was acknowledged that e-learning capability should be considered when deciding between competing tenders for the upgrade of the ACPGBI website.

4. **Endoscopic ultrasound training**

(Andy Williams in attendance)

AW attended for this part of the meeting and reported developments in his programme over the last 12 months. He reported that a curriculum for endoanal ultrasound had been drawn up and that his group were in the process of developing powerpoint presentations to cover the curriculum. Training videos of USS images were to be produced, all of which it was agreed would be appropriately housed on the CME section of the E and T webpage where they would be open to members of ACPGBI who would first have to register an interest online. In addition a section publicising currently available ultrasound training courses would also be posted. His group are also developing a bank of images with the eventual aim that these will be available on line as a resource for members.

There was much discussion around these proposals which it was unanimously agreed should be supported by the committee. JH suggested AW should prepare an introduction to the programme which could be posted in the CME section as soon as practical along with an area for interested parties to register an interest pending further work and developments.

Action: JH and AW to ensure introduction, syllabus

and means of registration are posted on the CME section of E and T webpage.

5. **Recognition of overseas fellowships**

The form developed by Dermot Burke (DB) was reviewed and felt to be excellent. RM raised the issue of assessment and the likelihood that where an overseas fellowship was taken as an OOPE the relevant TPD would be likely to insist upon competency based assessments as per the ISCP programme along with an identical ARCP process. JD made the point that overseas fellowships may be post CCT rather than OOPE and the title of the form should be changed to reflect this.

Action: RM to clarify this point, and if needed the proforma to be amended accordingly. Otherwise this proforma to be posted on the website. JH will ensure trainees from the Yorkshire region recently returned from overseas complete this proforma. Other members encouraged to do the same.

6. **Survey of training in coloproctology – regions vs deaneries**

This was not discussed in Humphrey Scott's absence. JH agreed to chase this up prior to the next meeting.

7. **PBAs in Coloproctology**

JH reported that Bill Allum had been in contact following requests for additional PBA's in coloproctology. These were requested for APR and pilonidal surgery.

RM has experience in writing PBA's and agreed to assist in the process it was agreed that ML would write the APR PBA and JH the pilonidal and have these looked at by RM

before submitting to the group.

Action: JH and ML to draft PBA's and liaise with RM so that these could be circulated for discussion prior to next meeting.

8. **Work for 2011-12**

JH reported plans for unit recognition according to 2009 criteria to be commenced in September 2011.

Updating the E and T webpage and particularly the CME section, to be the other focus of activity in remainder of 2011.

9. **Any other business**

RP reported on competency based assessments for colonoscopic polypectomy.

RM stressed the importance of coloproctology representation on the SAC if subspecialty recognition were to progress and drew comparison with the success of vascular applications for recognition.

10. **Date and time of next meeting** (early September)

Early September TBC avoiding ESCP.