

APPM e bulletin

News from the study day and AGM

AGM

Chairman's Report

We are all delighted that Pat stood for re-election as our chairman this year.

No better person to take forward all the points he listed in his Chairman's report at the AGM

From Pat

"In addition to the aims of the APPM which are clearly visible on the APPM website, your executive group, along with co-opted members have been working to implement the additional objectives which were agreed at the last away day in June 2014 - these included:

- Promote the practice of paediatric palliative medicine and the development of standards of good practice -
- Raising the profile of APPM - *we are working closely with Together for Short Lives, in terms of liaising with other key stakeholders including UK*



6th APPM Study Day

"The 6th APPM Study Day on 27th November 2015 was a huge success! Thank you to all who attended and contributed to it. There were 140 delegates and 96 completed feedback forms. 79 of these responded that the day had been excellent and 14 good (3 omitted this section). The feedback about the quality of speakers and workshops was also hugely encouraging! It will be a challenging task to better this in 2016



- ***governments, but also to influence in the RCPCH and other Royal Colleges to be seen to have:***
- active engagement with the wider membership and other key stakeholders
- Increased and more effective use of funding to support APPM activities -
- ***More “value for money” for APPM members - not fully achieved, but we are working on this, and will need your help***
- Specified APPM activities - the above and now the aim to build on this, as some funding to allow:
 - Task and finish groups
 - Greater sustainability
 - Leadership from named APPM Executive members
 - Co-opt additional working group members - definite plans for this for 2016 on onwards Greater sustainability
- **Administrative support** from Together for Short Lives, funded through APPM at a reasonable rate - achieved and sustainable with the APPM members offering leadership in various roles. **More on this in the Spring Newsletter**

but we will try! The comments about changing venue will be taken into consideration at the pending executive committee



away day. A more detailed report will be included in the next newsletter and the presentations will be emailed directly



when we have them all collated."

"It was very encouraging to have the GP network at the Study Day. Thank you for your enthusiasm and contributions. I will be communicating directly in the near future about suggestions and plans following the meeting. **Tracy Blount**"

Good bye from the exec to Lynda Brook



Lynda has been invaluable to the Exec ever since the start of APPM working tirelessly for us all. She has now stepped down as secretary and from the exec however she is still around and I'm sure we will be calling on her expertise from time to time.

Many thanks Lynda for all your hard work



Meet Jonathan Downie our new Trainee Rep

My application to be considered as the APPM Rep came from my fundamental belief that high-quality education and training are critical to our progress as clinicians. Furthermore, I believe that investment in trainees will have a direct positive impact on the development of services, and ultimately, patient care.

I am currently in post as a Perinatal Palliative Care

Fellow in South East Scotland. Through this post I work closely with the Perinatal Palliative Care team, CHAS and NHS Lothian's Paediatric services. I am currently leading a pan-Scotland project mapping paediatric trainees experience of Palliative Care training, with a view to providing training and simulation opportunities to improve training experiences. In addition, I am about to embark on an MD looking at the communication experiences of parents and professionals following a neonatal death.

My aim is to undertake GRID training in PPM. Whilst I appreciate that I am not currently in such a post, I think my dedication to the speciality and my own personal experience, as a trainee, of pursuing a career in PPM makes me a credible candidate for this position.

During my training to date, it has become apparent to me that feedback and clear communication links between trainees and those providing and overseeing our training are crucial in Paediatric Palliative Medicine. As a result, I believe we have the unique opportunity, within our small sub-speciality, to be directly involved in developing and improving our training.

In addition to developments in clinical training, I recognise the importance of developing academic opportunities for trainees. We may have a small sub-speciality, however I believe this is conducive to multi-centre collaborative working. I would like to see the development of a trainees academic forum to raise awareness of work ongoing and to encourage the development of academic interests.

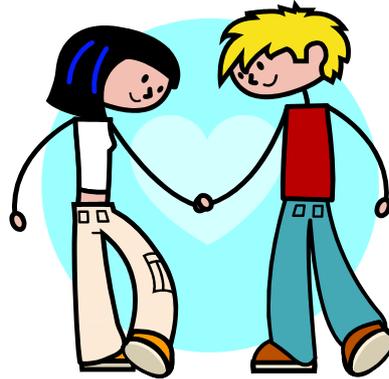
I know how much my training matters to me, and therefore I acutely understand the vital importance of strong trainee representation. My passion for high-quality training, coupled with my commitment to clear and open communication with colleagues, makes me a strong candidate for consideration of this role.

Paediatric Palliative Care

Zoe's Place Baby Hospice
Liverpool L12 9HH

Thursday 28th January 2016

*An intensive one day course
for paediatricians and GPs*



*Friday 29th January 2016
Prescribing in
paediatric palliative care*

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More news after the exec away day in the Spring 2016 Newsletter