

E News

Annual general meeting

33 members attended the Annual General Meeting. We tried a change of format this year with a short business meeting followed by a variety of presentations and discussions to contribute towards Continuing Professional Development. This was extremely well received. Of the 24 people who provided evaluation only two felt we had made the business too short. We had sessions on the NCEPOD report on acute kidney injury, three trainee presentations, a report of a study on the current service provision via nephrology networks and the report of a trial on nephrotic syndrome. Again those who provided evaluation on these felt they were excellent and requested we did something similar again in the future. So thank you to all those who presented and those that participated for making it such an enjoyable and educational day. The minutes of the business meeting will be on the website shortly (also attached).

Merger with RA

This is progressing and we will merge on January 1st 2010. All members of the BAPN should receive an Email regarding subscriptions by the end of January. If you have not please contact : BAPN@mci-group.com

New member for the Executive Committee

Sally Feather will take up post of Secretary in May 2010
Milos Ognjanovic will take up post of Chair of the Clinical Services Committee on May 2010
Ordinary member within 5 yrs of appointment-two nominees-Rachel Lennon and Simon Waller. The final date for voting is January 10th

New member of Standards and guidelines group

Lyda Jadresic elected
A further post will be available from March 2010 when Jan Dudley completes her term of office.

NTN Grid appointments

We decided to restrict the number of appointments to the NTN Grid this year on the basis of predicted future consultant need. However 2 excellent appointments were made and will be starting in September 2010. 4 posts were unfilled. These would provide excellent opportunities to train a paediatrician with an expertise in paediatric nephrology following the new curriculum which can be found on www.bapn.org . The work of Peter Houtman suggests there is a need to train more doctors to lead nephrology services in the non tertiary centres and provide the crucial link to those tertiary centres. Can you all link with your local training Programme Directors to engage their support for this?

Swine flu

The updated Swine flu guidance is on the RCPCH web site and will be available on the BAPN website.

Green nephrology

An update on the green nephrology project is available on the website.

MCRN CSG

Minutes of the most recent meeting are on the website.

I hope you all manage to take sometime for yourselves and your families over the festive season

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "M. McGraw". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

President British Association for Paediatric Nephrology