

BAPN e news November 2009

This second e news update contains very important information about the BAPN becoming a Division of the Renal Association and so I hope you will read this carefully. This will tell you what to do about your subscriptions about which we have had a number of enquiries.

Becoming a Division of the Renal Association

This will officially happen on 01/01/2010. We will be aligning many of activities with those of the Renal Association and reaping the benefits of a wider community of expertise to draw upon. Our Annual General Meeting will be aligned to that of the Renal Association Annual General meeting in the spring, next year to be held in Manchester 17th to 20th May. Please put these dates in your diary now.

All direct debits or standing orders to the BAPN should therefore be cancelled for 2010.

The new membership fee to remain a member of the BAPN will be £100 per annum (£50 for trainees). The benefits of membership will include regular updates from both the BAPN and the Renal Association on activities of importance both clinical and academic and a reduced fee for attendance at Renal Association and BAPN meetings. MCI, who administer all the Renal Association activities, will be contacting you about setting up a direct debit to ensure there is no lapse in your membership. For those of you who are already members of the Renal Association no changes in your direct debit arrangements will be needed.

Honorary members will be asked if they wish to remain members of the BAPN and if so will continue to have free membership

Benefits for paediatricians with an interest in paediatric nephrology

I am committed to strengthening our relationships with, and providing support for our valued colleagues those paediatricians with expertise in paediatric nephrologists who are part of our network of services and working in District General Hospitals our so called 'SPIN' doctors (paediatricians with a special interest in nephrology) It is in the interests of all tertiary nephrologists that the colleagues with whom they work providing care for children with renal disease are kept up to date. They will be able to do this through membership of the BAPN and I hope all current BAPN members will encourage their paediatric SPIN doctors to become members. In order to tempt them to do so we have negotiated a special associate membership rate of £30 per annum for which doctors

will receive all the regular updates and access to website materials but not reduced fees for attendance at meetings. SPIN doctors are eligible to become full members of the BAPN and we would encourage them to do so. However, only those doctors who do not work in a tertiary centre are eligible for associate membership.

H1N1 update

Draft guidance for treating H1N1 Flu will be sent shortly.

Annual General Meeting

This will be held in Birmingham on 4th December 2009. Information has been sent to you and is on the website

This meeting has been designed to be of special interest and relevance not only to tertiary nephrologists but also to those with a special interest and I hope you will all encourage special interest colleagues to attend. Those who are not currently members of the BAPN will be welcome to attend and will be given the information on how to become members on the day.

Participation needed

These are very exciting times for our Association which will only thrive if it has the support of its membership. It is essential that members self nominate for officer posts so that we can take the Association forward. We are looking for the following

- Ordinary member of Executive committee (a consultant within 5 years of Appointment) April 2010
- Chair of Clinical Services committee May 2010
- Secretary May 2010

Please nominate yourself or persuade a colleague to put themselves forward

Best wishes and see you in Birmingham on December 4th

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary McGraw". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line that serves as a separator.

Mary McGraw
President BAPN