



Dear Member,

Welcome to this month's BAPN eNews. Please read on for details on meetings, updates, vacancies and more.

We hope you enjoy this month's read.  
Best wishes,

**Mary McGraw**  
BAPN President

**Sally Feather**  
BAPN Secretary

## Announcement of BAPN Winter Meeting

### **Friday 9th December 2011, Birmingham Children's Hospital**

The annual winter meeting will take place on Friday 9th December at the education centre, Birmingham Children's Hospital. The meeting will include state of the art talk on international paediatric nephrology, trainee presentations and business meeting. Please put the date in your diaries now.

## RaDaR Update

Judging by the interest voiced at the rare disease session of the Renal Association meeting this is going to be a busy time for the newly established Rare Disease Committee. With significant financial support from the British Kidney Patient Association, it is able to offer pump-priming, infrastructural grants for new Rare Disease Working Groups (RDWGs). These grants are primarily for the groups to use RaDaR (Rare Disease Registry). The deadline for the first applications is the 30th June but there will be a second call in Spring 2012 (applications available on the KRUK website).

Already recruiting are the two preliminary studies. The SRNS study has now recruited 150 children, the DNA analysis is running using next generation sequencing and the group are very grateful for the ongoing support (and samples), especially any peri-transplant samples for FSGS patients. The MPGN group are awaiting final ethical approval following a change of Chief Investigator from Mark Taylor to Sally Johnson and change of lead site to Newcastle. When approval is granted Sally will contact local clinical leads to facilitate R&D approval in each site. For further information please contact Dr Hugh McCarthy at [h.mccarthy@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:h.mccarthy@bristol.ac.uk).

## Supervision of General Paediatric SPIN Trainees: Request from CSAC

The CSAC for paediatric nephrology would like to request from each of our tertiary centres a named consultant to take a lead in monitoring/supervising any general paediatric trainees at Level 3 in their training who take up the special study module with a special interest in nephrology (SPIN) within their deanery.

Please forward names to Maggie Fitzpatrick Chair of the CSAC ([maggie.fitzpatrick@leedsth.nhs.uk](mailto:maggie.fitzpatrick@leedsth.nhs.uk)) and Peter Houtman ([peter.houtman@uhl-tr.nhs.uk](mailto:peter.houtman@uhl-tr.nhs.uk)) general paediatrician with a special interest in nephrology on the CSAC and BAPN executive.

## Trainee Bursaries

Applications are invited from trainee members for BAPN travel bursaries for International meetings. The period covered for eligibility is March - Dec 2011, so retrospective applications are also welcome for conferences attended within that period.

Please send an abstract of your presentation, which session it is/was presented in, and any other relevant information (e.g. Prize winner) to Moin Saleem ([m.saleem@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:m.saleem@bristol.ac.uk)) by Friday 26th August. Three

bursaries of £500 each will be awarded.

If you have any ideas or would like to include an article or event in eNews, please contact the Renal Association/BAPN Secretariat on 0870 458 4155 or [BAPN@mci-group.com](mailto:BAPN@mci-group.com)