



Dear Member,

Welcome to November's BAPN eNews. Please read on for details on courses, opportunities, bursaries and more.

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

**Mary McGraw**  
BAPN President

**Sally Feather**  
BAPN Secretary

## BAPN Winter Meeting Friday 9 December Birmingham Children's Hospital (Education Centre)

The 2011 BAPN Winter meeting will take place from 10.00-16.00 and will include BAPN AGM, state of the art presentations (HUS including use of Eculizumab: Dr Sally Johnson, Newcastle and International aspects of Paediatric Nephrology: Dr Mignon McCulloch, Evelina Children's Hospital) and trainee presentations.

Final programme and agenda for AGM will be circulated in a separate email before the meeting.

Please send any items for the BAPN AGM agenda to [sally.feather@leedsth.nhs.uk](mailto:sally.feather@leedsth.nhs.uk) by Wednesday 30th November.

To register your interest (in order to plan refreshments) please email [sally.feather@leedsth.nhs.uk](mailto:sally.feather@leedsth.nhs.uk)

## Notice of Vacancies on BAPN Executive Committee in 2012

The following offices will become vacant in early 2012: BAPN President, BAPN Research Secretary, Chair of Registry and Audit and Paediatrician with a special interest in nephrology. The formal call for nominations will appear early 2012.

## Urgent Message from BAPN International Representative

An opportunity has become available for a paediatric nephrologist to speak at an education meeting in Uganda (January 11-12 2012).

If you are interested please contact [Mignon.McCulloch@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:Mignon.McCulloch@gstt.nhs.uk)

## Update on aHUS

We have learnt that the application from the Newcastle team will be considered alongside a parallel process that considers drugs. This latter process is led by the pharmaceutical company. AGNSS decided that it was not possible to process the Newcastle full application separately from the drug application so the two are going to be considered together in June 2012. In the meantime, AGNSS have asked the national specialist commissioning team to undertake a review of the use of eculizumab in aHUS. Professor Goodship and a patient representative have been asked to join the group undertaking this.

Meanwhile Eculizumab has just been given FDA approval for its use in aHUS and simultaneously has been given a positive approval by the Committee for Medicinal Products Human Use (CHMP) of the European Medicines Agency. The latter means that full EMEA approval will be given by the end of the year.

A patient family support group has been established following the meeting earlier this year and will hold its AGM in January 2012.

Professor Goodship and others have also established an aHUS action group to lobby politicians.

## Continuing Education Programme in Paediatric Nephrology and Clinico-Pathological Meeting (supported by the BAPN)

Monday 19 March to Friday 23 March 2012  
Institute of Child Health London

From basic science and clinical review to state-of-the-art lectures: your opportunity to hear world experts explore common topics in paediatric nephrology and urology. The course runs from Tuesday to Friday. In addition to the lectures, on Tuesday and Thursday there will be smaller group workshops. Whole course or daily rates are available, with special discounts for trainees, and an early bird discount for registrations received before 14 February.

On Monday 19 March there will be a satellite event supported by the BAPN: Paediatric nephrology clinico-pathological meeting

The day will include lectures and prepared clinic-pathology cases for discussion. Numbers are limited - see the website for further details [www.gosh.nhs.uk](http://www.gosh.nhs.uk)

## IPNA Growth Symposium April 13-19 2012 San Diego 9th Symposium on Growth in Children with Kidney Disease

The symposium includes state of the art information on cutting-edge, basic, clinical and translation information. For further details please see website <http://ipnagrowthsymposium.org>

## International Ciliopathy Conference May 2012

The first international conference will be held at Institute of Child Health, London. For more information see website [www.CILIA2012.org](http://www.CILIA2012.org)

## Growth Monitoring Guidelines in Children with Chronic Kidney Disease

A new guideline on growth monitoring has been developed by the British Society for Paediatric Endocrinology and Diabetes, Paediatric Renal Interest in Nutrition Group, and BAPN. The guideline is available on the Clinical Standards page of the website ([www.bapn.org](http://www.bapn.org)) and is open to consultation until 21 December 2011. Please send comments to David Milford: [David.Milford@bch.nhs.uk](mailto:David.Milford@bch.nhs.uk)

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