

## **BAPN e news**

I hope you have all had a relaxing summer and are now looking forward to the ESPN and getting back to work

I hope that a BAPN e news will become a regular feature to keep you all up to date with the activities of the organisation. As we become a Division of the Renal Association there will be a number of changes and I hope enhanced communication with members will be a priority amongst those changes.

### **Members of the Executive.**

We are pleased to welcome  
Judith van der Voort: Treasurer  
Leah Krischock: Communications  
Maggie Fitzpatrick: CSAC Chair  
Hugh McCarthy: Trainee representative

We thank Dick Trompeter, Eric Finlay, Sally Hulton and Mordi Muorah for their hard work in these posts

A number of other posts will be coming vacant in forthcoming months and we would like to call for nominations

Chair of the Guidelines committee vacant from October. Nominations are being sought now-deadline end of September.

Ordinary member on executive vacant from April 2010. Nominations will be sought in November.

Chair of the Clinical Services committee vacant from May 2010. Nominations will be sought in November

Secretary vacant from May 2010. Nominations will be sought in November

The Association depends on the participation and hard work of its members and I ask you all to consider putting your names forward for these posts.

### **Becoming a Division of the Renal Association**

In future membership will be jointly to the BAPN and the Renal Association. For those of you who are already members of the Renal Association, you will be able to cancel your BAPN Direct debit, maintain your Renal Association membership, and save £50 per annum

For the minority of you who are not currently members of the Renal Association we will be writing to you to ask you to join. Membership of the Renal Association provides not only details of all the organisation's activities but also reduced enrolment fees for conferences. There are a variety of categories of membership and we will be writing to you with details of this

**Swine flu**

The BAPN has been working closely with the Department of Health to issue guidelines on the treatment and prophylaxis of children with swine flu. Unfortunately there have been a number of delays in finalising this information but as soon as it is available we will send it to you. Meanwhile there is some very useful information on the Renal Association website (document attached)

**Annual General meeting**

I hope you all have in your diaries the date of the AGM which will be held in Birmingham on 4th December. I was impressed how the Renal Association manages to deal with all its business at their AGM in one hour so that they can concentrate on more educational events. I am hoping we will emulate this and make the day a really educational one and I hope to see you all there

With best wishes



M. McGraw