BAPN BUSINESS MEETING

Friday 5 December 2003

Institute of Child Health, GOS

Present:  , William van’t Hoff, Stephen Marks, Graham Smith, David Hughes, Jane Tizard, Carol Inward, , Heather Maxwell, Alan Watson, Jane Deal, Maurice Savage, Dick Trompeter, Rodney Gilbert, Nick Plant, Mark Taylor, Adrian Woolf, , Nick Webb, Lesley Rees, Moin Saleem, Paul Winyard, Sally Feather.


1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

These were signed and agreed to be a true and accurate record.

2. Matters Arising

Angiography service:  This service has not yet been fully determined. Membership will be circulated when there is more information.
3. **Report on the Renal Registry**

The report of the Renal Registry has been circulated. Any feedback must be back by 10 December 2003. Members are invited to submit suggestions for the content of subsequent documents.

**Action:** Dr van’t Hoff

**Membership**

This year’s information is required by 2004. As yet there have been no returns from Belfast, Cardiff, Newcastle and Southampton, and part returns from GOS and Liverpool.

Funding: Centres are now being invoiced from the Renal Registry. Six centres have not yet paid.

Dr Maxwell brought up that Glasgow currently has to pay for both the UK Registry and the Scottish Registry. There has been considerable progress in the units being able to download directly to the adult registry.

4. **Unit Audit**

**Membership:** Dr Jane Tizard will have completed three years as Chair of the Audit Sub-committee this year. Chris Reid was elected from within the Committee and this was ratified by the Executive. Dr van’t Hoff is also due to retire. Two new members were elected to replace them – Dr Jonathan Evans and Dr Kate Verrier Jones. Dr Jane Tizard and Dr van’t Hoff were thanked for their hard work for this registry.

**Audit:** Dr Tizard still has several audit booklets left if any member wishes for a further one. Dr Tizard suggested that the membership should suggest small projects for audit, e.g. renal biopsy by e-mail/questionnaire; urodynamic audit by nurses. Membership is asked to let Dr Tizard know of any ideas by mid-June so that the Executive can decide the final project. If no ideas come forward it was suggested that a biopsy review should be the first project to produce standards and guidelines for.

**Action:** Membership and Dr Tizard

5. **Information from the EDTA**

EDTA ERA registry: This met for the first time this week. UK, Germany and France have still not entered any data. This will be easier for us when our registry has merged with the adult one.
6. **Feedback from CSAC - training**

One key issue is how shift working has taken trainees away from Nephrology to general cover.

*National grid issues:* centres and regional advisors have indicated spaces for September. The College needs this confirmed by Christmas with adverts in January and appointments in April.

**Action:** *Membership*

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**Assessment of training:** Currently the only assessment is through RITAS. The College is looking to assess performance using tools that allow formal assessment of communication and logical thought, e.g. by discharge letters. There are some areas of knowledge which are different for paediatric nephrology than for general paediatrics which may be assessed by MCQs. One idea might be to link such a study into the day release programme. The idea ultimately is to replace time based training with competency based training.

**Action:** *Membership*

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7. **Workforce Planning**

Trainees are becoming increasingly anxious as there has been no consultant expansion despite the increased number of trainees. Mark Taylor stressed the future difficulty that our specialty is likely to run into, i.e. that NTN’s are almost certain to be reduced and consultants will be working without juniors; we need to start making plans now for the workforce. It was suggested that a working party should be set up to review this. This working group would be determined by the Executive.

**Action:** *Executive.*

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8. **Trainee issues**

Concerns of trainees regarding job prospects was stressed.

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9. **Renal NSF**

Modules 1 and 2 are due for publication soon.

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10. **UK Transplant update**

UK Transplant is due to undertake an audit of paediatric donors to see whether centres are adhering to the recommended allocation criteria. UKT
are also to analyse whether potential recipients of living donors are also going on the waiting list. UKT is keen for uniformity of practice. There will also be centre performance monitoring. Changes in performance of centres will be compared with previous years. The next renal transplant services meeting will be on 19 March 2004.

11. **BRS/BPRS**

Paediatrics is no longer part of the BRS symposium owing to lack of support. We still have links with the BRS for other aspects of its role. If the nursing group want to take the meeting forward on a multi-disciplinary basis then the BAPN would be happy to cooperate with them. Nick Webb has written to Eileen Brennan, the nursing representative, to say this. It was felt that further representation by nursing, dietetic and patient groups (e.g. as members or on the executive) was not appropriate for the BAPN at present.

12. **Treasurer’s Report**

Opening balance for the year = £18,302.01.

Balance as of 1 October 2003 = £5,945.09.

Total income = £2,451.01

Total cost of audit project from start of 2001/02 = £17,740.83

Because of the commitment to the audit project we have very little funds left. However, our income this year has been low as many members have not paid and many have not increased their subs to £50 annually as determined at the last AGM. Dr Gilbert has agreed to write to non-paying members and to those not paying adequately.

*Action: Dr Gilbert*

13. **New Member**

Dr Judith Scanlon was welcomed as a new member. Dr Godfrey Clarke has resigned. It was discussed whether it was correct to be a practicing paediatric nephrologist and not a member of their professional body. The membership present felt that this was not appropriate.

14. **New Secretary and Ordinary Member for April 2004**

Dr Heather Maxwell will replace Dr Lesley Rees as Honorary Secretary in April 2004. Dr Sally Hulton will replace Dr Mark Taylor as Chair of CSAC at the end of 2004. These two members were the only candidates for these two
posts. Dr Sally Feather and Dr Ian Ramage were put forward for Ordinary Member from April 2004. Dr Sally Feather was voted into the post and will start in April 2004 when Dr Maxwell retires.

15. **Clinical Excellence Awards**

Members are invited to send their clinical excellence awards applications to Dr Maurice Savage and Dr Lesley Rees. These will then be forwarded to the College for the citation. Any members sending in their applications should send also the reasons why they believe the BAPN should be putting them forward.

16. **Any Other Business**

None.

17. **Date of Next Meeting**

To be decided.