

THE BRITISH PAIN SOCIETY ASM

Thursday 2 April 2009

Notes from the AGM – Pain Education SIG

AGENDA

1. Welcome from the Chair: Eloise Carr
 - EC brief update of the activities undertaken by the committee leading to Inaugural AGM
 - Current membership of Education SIG and attracting new membership. Application forms distributed. Evidently very good interest being expressed.
2. Nomination for new committee member.
 - From 3 nominations, EC welcomed ZD to the Education SIG committee.
3. Chair's report
 - EC provided an overview of activities and emphasised need to build financial backing to support activities.
 - Bank - £1100, security for future planning
4. Snapshots of current projects:
 - i) **EB: Survey of undergraduate pain curricula for healthcare professionals in the UK**
 - Study based on research by Canadian Pain Society
 - Detailed survey of 11 university regions
 - Preliminary results in and data collection complete by May/June 2009
 - Extensive dissemination planned
 - Results used to identify priorities for the SIG in terms of undergraduate education

Emma presented some of the preliminary findings and linked these, amongst other pertinent national & international publications, with the [Chronic Pain Policy Coalition](#) identifying in their pain manifesto a primary need for “Education: so that pain is an integral part of all professional training”. In addition the more recent publication of the [Chief Medical Officer's Annual Report](#) lists as the first recommendation: “Training in chronic pain should be included in the curricula of all healthcare professionals”. The survey has been a timely exercise and a given

opportunity for the Pain SIG to provide support for all professionals wanting to improve pain management through education.

ii) PW & AT **Primary Care**

Sorry - I didn't capture notes from the slide for this Report – could Paul & Ann provide this pls.

Identified strategies to take forward for the further development of GP education / pain management.

iii) MS **Web development / resources**

Again – might be useful to include Marcia's slide here – I haven't got it

MS referred briefly to the Inaugural Seminar (Dec, 2008) and ~~her~~ the session on blended learning and identifying useful websites as educational resource tools with a proposal to build our own area as a repository. MS alerted the audience to the dangers of poor quality and a need to establish criteria for good/poor viewing, maintaining user-friendliness, as well as meeting protocols for safe internet use by members and ?general public, under the auspices of the BPS. MS concluded with the pending need to have a SIG webpage within the BPS website. Agreed: Explore with Dave Counsell.

iv) MW **SIG Education Seminar Dec, 2008**

MW briefly provided an overview of the one day seminar which included: Problem based learning (Prof Maggie Savin-Baden), Interprofessional education (Dr Paul Wilkinson), Blended learning (Dr Marcia Schofield), Maximising the use of internet resources (Dr Eloise Carr), IASP core curriculum (Mrs Ann Taylor), finally a plenary session identifying next steps towards building the Education SIG. Thanking John Hughes for his support. The evaluations from the first seminar of the Pain Education SIG provided positive and valuable feedback for the development of future SIG strategies.

5) EC **Revisit working groups from ASM 2007**

The committee needed to review the working groups identified at the first feasibility meeting for the formation of an education SIG (ASM 2007). At this meeting a number of members expressed interest in the education SIG and personally contributing towards working groups relating to current issues and individual's specific pain education interests.

The list of the original working groups was displayed, EC checked for additional group headings, and, with audience participation, all present were allowed to vote (hands raised) for up to 3 working groups to which they would be willing to contribute support. In order of strength of interest, the following working groups were identified:

I haven't got the final list – pls insert the outcomes.

EC concluded that the outcomes provide only a rough estimation and the committee needs to include members unable to attend the AGM and gather their responses (? by email) as well as areas / issues possibly overlooked in today's discussion.

6) EC Preferred communication with members?

- Tendency to work within own networks. Could this be incorporated? Sharing of networks within BPS – Pain Education SIG webpages?
- MS suggested social networking sites as becoming popular within educational approaches to teaching & learning and making use of these
- Needs to be user friendly
- SIG Newsletter. Each SIG has a website. Agreed action with BPS Webmaster.
- Limited time to discuss this. Committee to discuss further & present ideas.

7) Meeting members needs – ideas for 2009/10 which merged with

8) Topics for SIG seminar 17 / 12 / 2009

MW announced that the next seminar day would be taking place again in December 2009. From the floor suggested topics for this day were:

- Critical thinking (Jenny Moon – 2 hr workshop)
- Media marketing ideas (speaker??)
- Pain and primary care – GP approaches 1hr talk (Chris Barker?) Also Olly Hart raised local initiatives (funded) in Sheffield developed (ing) website related to Low Back Pain Guidelines rejigged and needs to be disseminated.
- How to create simple teaching resources via Web (Ann's colleague – Learning Technologist)
- Learning from simulators (Mary Ray / Dave Counsell)
- Evidence for educational strategies (suggested by EB)
- PW raised the use of hospital webbased resources, e.g. microbiology, acute pain – patient education for those receiving acute care (acute inpatient pain service – link with Chair of acute pain SIG to pursue training needs – perhaps something online as educational support needed. Pain training in hospitals generic vs specific.
- IASP curriculum not widely used in the UK. What should/could we replace this with?
- Assessment of competencies in pain management (consider the many facets of this? Professional requirements? different levels of competency? Assessment in practice? Who are the assessors?)
- Assessment of non traditional methods of teaching
- Consultation and communication skills in UG training (DVD/Video Peter McKenzie – potential to develop further) Virtual pain environment – Grunenthal. *There's a URL for this – I can't find mine, has anyone got this?*

- Physios & GPs. Education & patient interaction training programmes. OA guidelines and application of knowledge as well as harnessing expertise. (Chris Main, Keele).
- SEEPIG or CPIG? Core group in south east. *Unclear what this was about – pls insert more info.* (Janet McGowan, Eastbourne)

9) Any other business

- With limited time to complete proceedings, EC thanked everyone for attending the inaugural AGM and for their useful contribution to the proceedings and support identified for future exciting developments..... *Whatever you want to add!!!*