

British Pain Society Annual Scientific Meeting Manchester 2010
Pain Education Special Interest Group (SIG) Annual General Meeting
14 April 2010 – Notes from Meeting

Welcome from Eloise Carr, Chair

1. Celebrating 2009/2010 Achievements

1.1 Survey

Completion of the first known national survey of undergraduate pain education (Survey of undergraduate pain curricula for healthcare professionals in the United Kingdom) and publication and launch of its report by the Pain Education SIG of the British Pain Society in October 2009.

1.2 E-learning resources

Now being made available on BPS website.

1.3 E-Learning project

Joint BPS and Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) proposal submitted to DoH. Result awaited.

1.4 Links with Canadian Pain Society

The undergraduate pain education survey was a replication of a similar study conducted in Canada. First pain education satellite conference to the IASP will be held in Toronto in August 2010, linking Australian, Canadian and British Pain Societies.

1.5 Pain Education SIG Workshop

Opportunity for sharing work carried out in Scotland on Communications Skills and for identifying ways of implementing the recommendations from the pain education survey.

1.6 Seminar Day (December 2009)

Included Critical Thinking workshop led by Jenny Moon of Bournemouth University and IT and Web resources workshop led by Karl Luke IT specialist at Cardiff University.

2. Committee Members

2.1 Dr Nick Allcock elected to committee upon resignation (health reasons) of Zena Desbottes.

2.2 Succession of committee members – Change in Constitution

Motion to change the constitution of the SIG to allow extension of tenure of the current original members for up to 2 years who are all due to resign this year. Eight were in favour of the motion, no objections. Motion carried.

4. Pain Education Survey Update (Emma Briggs/Nick Allcock)

Survey reported in the CMO's Annual Report for 2009.

Way forward – Nick Allcock to lead working party on identifying an implementable Core Curriculum Content for pain across the under-graduate professions for the healthcare regulators and universities.

5. E-Learning Project (Marcia Schofield on behalf of Ann Taylor)

5.1 Suggested content for Pain Curriculum spreadsheet created by Ann Taylor.

5.2 Library of pain resources to be housed at Cardiff University. Free access to healthcare professionals and public from October 2010.

6. Moving the SIG Forward

6.1. Suggested possible topics for next Seminar Day (23 November 2010)

- Student Assessment
OSCEs and case studies
- Teaching and support for practice educators and supervisors
Roles, pain management and practical skills,
handling difficult patients
- Teaching and support for educators
Using media, clinical needs versus validation needs
implementing pain education.

6.2. Action for SIG

- Message Board – Desponia Karargyri to look into setting up
- Joint education workshop with other SIGs
- Stronger and overt links with FPM.

7. SIG Working Groups

The following working groups will continue:

Undergraduate pain education Pain in Primary Care Patient/Public Education
Website Educational Methods Funding for Education Training in
Communication.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 Report of on-going work at UEA in defining curriculum for medical students –
Dr Anand Mehta.

8.2 Date of next Pain Education SIG Seminar Day – Tuesday 23 November 2010 at
Churchill House in London.

**Date of next Pain Education SIG AGM: ASM 2011 (June 21-24th) Joint meeting with
Canadian Pain Society, Edinburgh.**