

Pain Education SIG e-Newsletter August 2009

Dear Colleagues,

As discussed at the AGM at Sandown we agreed to convey some news and updates to you quarterly and here it is! There has been substantial activity and below is a selection of key developments which we hope you will find useful. This year has been excellent in terms of the rising profile of pain education. Please do feel free to send me information which you feel would be useful to share with other SIG members and we will put it in the next newsletter.

Eloise Carr

- **Pain Education SIG Seminar Day 17th December, Churchill House, London**

The key note workshop will be given by Dr Jenny Moon on 'Developing critical thinking and progression in learners'. Jenny has worked in education, health, and professional development in Higher Education and was awarded a National Teaching Fellowship in 2006. She has published several textbooks and presents her work internationally. Other sessions include: Dr Ollie Hart presenting an innovative educational back pain website, Carl Luke (Cardiff University) a learning technologist helping us to create simple web-based learning resources and Dr Paul Wilkinson exploring learning & teaching strategies. The provisional programme will be published shortly.

- **Pain Education SIG Research Update**

The data has now been collected from eleven university regions in the United Kingdom taking part in the survey of undergraduate/ prequalification pain management curricula for healthcare professionals. Preliminary results show that there is great variation between the professions in the content, delivery methods and time devoted to pain education. The findings and recommendations will be made known in October 2009 when there will be a public launch.

Dr Emma Briggs/Dr Eloise Carr/Maggie Whittaker

Lead Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigators

29 June 2009

- **Chief Medical Officer's Report and Pain Education**

On behalf of the Education SIG, Emma Briggs met with the CMO on the 1st July as part of the BPS Action team. The team is working with the CMOs office to take forward the recommendations from his annual report published in March 2009. Results of our undergraduate survey were presented discussing the implications for undergraduate and postgraduate pain education. Sir Liam Donaldson will be lending his support to a campaign to improve pain education including writing a forward for the launch of our research report on **October 21st** London (venue tbc).

Pain Education Satellite Conference 26-27th August 2010, Toronto, Canada

This is a date for the diary and a must before IASP's 13th World Congress on Pain next year in Montreal.

The 1st International Pain Education Satellite conference '*Moving the pain education agenda forward: innovative models*'. Programme and details to follow shortly.

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