

Pain in Developing Countries SIG

BPS ASM Glasgow 2015

Tuesday 21st April 2015
at 17:45

Business Meeting – Agenda and Notes

Chair: Clare Roques
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Structure of the Group

- The SIG now has 102 members.
- Currently we have 10 committee members (Clare Roques (Chair), Vijayan Senthil (Hon Sec), Sam Eldabe (Treas), Barbara Duncan, Karen Frame, Andrew Baranowski, Kaly Snell, Lou Millington, Karen Gilmore and Vicky Tidman). This has been recently expanded and can be revised again if more volunteers step forward or if committee members wish to step down. Tim Johnson is our council liaison member.

Having been the chair of the group almost since its inception, I think it is wise, and indeed good for the development of the group, for me to be looking to step down over the next 12-18 months.

Advocacy/Pain News

- The SIG has continued to support the writing of articles for Pain News related to pain management overseas.

We are very grateful for all the support given to this work by members of the group and welcome any further offers or suggestions for this area.

Website

- You will all be aware of the new BPS website. Barbara Duncan is the website liaison member of the SIG committee so will be planning how best to use this facility for our members.

Again, please do give any thoughts about this to Barbara (bbaduncan@icloud.com), or to any of our committee members.

Database

- The SIG has created a database populated from survey data, of members of the BPS who have experience of working abroad, links to overseas projects and who are interested in keeping involved in the work of the group.
- We are keen to decide how best to use this information and how to keep it updated.
- We are planning to advertise the project in Pain News and to liaise with other similar projects such as the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain and Ireland (AAGBI) mapping project.

Please let us know any thoughts you have on this work.

Liaison with other groups

- The EPM UK Working Group is now being run as a separate group, with administrative support provided by the Faculty of Pain Medicine of the Royal College of Anaesthetists (RCoA). It has received funding from the AAGBI and RCoA to organise EPM workshops across Africa.
- Clare Roques is a co-opted member of the AAGBI's International Relations Committee.
- We continue to liaise with other groups through our committee, such as palliative care organisations, and Specialists in Pain International Network (SPIN).

Should we be connecting more actively with IASP? Perhaps we should publicise our work in the IASP newsletter?

Are there any other groups we should be contacting?

ASM Workshop

- Unfortunately the SIG's workshop proposal for the 2015 ASM was not successful. The feedback received suggested that there was not enough research evidence included.
- We are very keen to have a workshop at the 2016 meeting and so we decided to try to have a constructive discussion today to build a proposal based on the topic below:

'Share your EXPERIENCE, Build the EVIDENCE' a discussion focused on strategies for improving sustainability of overseas educational projects.

Discussion points:

Website/database

To use the website to facilitate discussion between those who have worked overseas or are planning to. This will tie in with the use of the database.

VT to attend the training and to lead on use of the website.

Workshop

The following proposal outline was drafted. The final plan will be coordinated by CR, BD, KF and VT.

Treating Neuropathic Pain on a Budget

Review of the evidence of low cost treatment eg those on the WHO Ess Meds List

BD to present LANSS pain scale in Uganda

Ludo to present a 'local' view (via Skype)

VT to collate some overseas case examples to lead into a group discussion.