

**British Pain Society  
Annual Scientific Meeting Manchester**

**Pain Education Special Interest Group (SIG) Meeting**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 0745 - 0845**

**Notes**

**1. In attendance:** Chris Mair; Nick Allcock; Sharon Wood; Christine Waters; Janet McGowan; John Hughes; Sarah Henderson; Anna Weiss; Alison Twycross; Emma Briggs

**2. Celebrating 2013/14 Achievements**

Chair's report (Emma Briggs)

*Committee membership* –several changes in committee membership over the past year. Thanks and our deepest gratitude were expressed to Willy Notcutt who served for 3 years on the committee and stood down in January 2014. We will always be grateful for his insight, ideas, wise counsel and sense of humour.

Sue Jenkins and Pat Roche were elected onto the committee, Sharon Wood joined as a co-opted member supporting the undergraduate stream and Geraldine Granath as Patient Liaison Committee representative. A warm welcome was extended to them all.

*Strategy 2013-2015* - A strategy day was held in June 2013 to identify the 2013-2015 priorities for the SIG. The agreed priorities were:

- Launching the undergraduate interprofessional document
- Developing educational practice and resources
- Expanding the educational research activities
- Developing the patient education skills for professionals work stream
- Networking and communication

*2014 ASM Workshops* – The SIG has been involved in the successful multi-SIG workshops held during the ASM.

*Research projects* - The SIG is involved in several research projects:

- Pain Federation EFIC taskforce – investigated medical education across Europe – being drafted for publication
- GP education / opioid knowledge – in development
- Knowledge and attitudes about paediatric pain – in development

*International activities*

- We continue to develop and maintain our links with the IASP Pain Education SIG, European Pain Federation EFIC
- Buenos Aires – 15<sup>th</sup> World Congress IASP workshops. Alison Twycross and Emma Briggs are both presenting workshops at the meeting in October 2014.

Treasurer and secretary's report

Alison reported that the SIG currently has 125 members. This is a slight increase on last year. The SIG's funds stood at £5168 at the end of March.

### **3. Feedback and discussion with members**

#### Undergraduate interprofessional curriculum

Nick updated members on the progress with this project. The document has been reviewed and updated during the past year. Ann Taylor is currently doing a final review of the document. Some amendments will be needed following this. Paper copies of the document will be printed. Resources will be made available online.

#### Communication strategy

Sarah provided an update on the progress in implementing the SIG's communication strategy. Key to this strategy is sending out a newsletter to our members twice a year. The first newsletter was sent out via email in March and appeared to be well received.

Ethel wrote an article published in Pain News that highlighted the work of the SIG.

#### Research

As a first step to looking at what research the SIG members are currently involved in and could be doing in the future. Michelle Briggs has collated a list of the research the committee members are involved in along with their publications. The next step would be to survey the membership to what information they would value in regard to research activity

#### SIG workshop

The SIG will be running a workshop on 24<sup>th</sup> November 2014 as part of the BPS study day Series. This will explore the principles and practice of clinical, patient and university education.

### **4. AOB**

Christine Waters asked whether the SIG or BPS were involved in competency development. The physiotherapy competencies being developed were discussed and there had been some discussion about nursing competencies amongst committee members. Emma agreed to discuss with council members at the SIG Chairs meeting.

Post meeting note: Discussed with John Goddard (Vice- president) and Felicia Cox (co-opted council member and Chair, RCN Pain & Palliative Care Forum. Felicia is putting together a proposal for the RCN around competencies.

**5. Date of next meeting:** During the 2015 ASM (21<sup>st</sup> - 23rd April 2015, Glasgow)