



The British Society of Medical Dermatology

DATES FOR THE DIARY

08.07.09 BAD AGM

The proposal for affiliation of the British Society of Medical Dermatology (BSMD) to the BAD has been approved by the executive for inclusion on the agenda of the BAD annual general meeting. It is important that as many members of the BSMD as possible attend the meeting, which will be held at 0830 on Wednesday the 8th of July.

04.02.10 ANNUAL MEDICAL DERMATOLOGY MEETING 2010

This will be held on Thursday the 4th of February 2010 at the Royal College of Physicians, London. It is anticipated that following the successful Trainee Case Presentations section of the meeting that a call for abstracts of cases with a medical dermatology "flavour" will be made later this year.

Application for affiliation to the BAD to be considered at AGM

At the 4th annual Medical Dermatology Meeting in 2008, the need for the creation of a specialty group with an interest in the integration of dermatology with general medicine, and the promotion of the role of the dermatologist in hospital medicine was debated. Finding a body of support for the idea, we set about the creation of such a group, and one year on we find ourselves with a membership exceeding 130, a constitution outlining the aims and objectives drafted and finalised, and a temporary committee of eight formed to run the Society until the first formal elections take place at the next Medical Dermatology meeting in 2010 (see left for details).

We have sought affiliation of the Society to the BAD, and the application for this was approved at a recent BAD executive meeting to go forward for consideration at the AGM, to be held on the Wednesday morning of this year's BAD week (see left for details).

The presence of as many members as possible of the British Society of Medical Dermatology at the BAD AGM would be greatly appreciated, so that there is a body of support to answer any questions that may arise from the rest of the BAD Membership.

Specialist interests Database of joint clinics

One of the aims stated in the proposed constitution of the BSMD is "to provide training opportunities in medical dermatology". As part of the application procedure, we asked dermatologist members of the BSMD to give details of

any joint clinics or collaborative work undertaken with other specialties on a regular basis. We have compiled a database of those involved in such work. We hope to create mentorship links between SpR/STRs in dermatology and those involved in such collaborative work. If anyone feels they would be able to provide a training opportunity in their medical dermatology work for a dermatology SpR/STR (such

Interim committee members

Sue Burge (Oxford) - Chair
Sarah Walsh (Scotland) - Secretary
Andrew Carmicheal (Middlesbrough) - Treasurer
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Mike Arden-Jones (Southampton) - Website
Paul Farrant (Brighton)
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as sitting in on a joint clinic, or spending a period of time with a rheumatologist/immunologist) please let us know via the society email account: meddermsoc@gmail.com.

Subscriptions

Although it is likely that a small subscription fee for membership of the British Society of Medical Dermatology will ultimately be payable (probably to be collected with the main BAD subscription), this will not be decided until the AGM of the Society, to be held at next year's Medical Dermatology meeting.