



# British Society of Medical Dermatology

## DATE FOR THE DIARY

### 04.02.10 ANNUAL MEDICAL DERMATOLOGY MEETING 2010

Registration is now open for the 5<sup>th</sup> Medical Dermatology Meeting which will be held on Thursday the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 2010 at the Royal College of Physicians, London. Abstracts are invited from juniors of cases with a medical dermatology "flavour", for presentation at the meeting. Abstracts should be less than 200 words, and may be submitted to the Society electronically: [meddermsoc@gmail.com](mailto:meddermsoc@gmail.com). Applicants should include their name, email address, place of work and their grade/position with the submission. Successful applicants will be invited to present their case at the afternoon session of the Meeting. The meeting registration fee will be waived for those selected to present. Closing date for applications is midday on **Friday the 8<sup>th</sup> of January**. Submissions are particularly welcome from medical students and foundation year/ST1 and 2 doctors aspiring to pursue a career in dermatology. Please also note the availability to trainees in dermatology of a **Rowell Travelling Bursary** to attend the meeting. Details on the RCP website.

## Programme for 2010 Medical Dermatology meeting finalised

The programme for next year's Medical Dermatology Meeting has been finalised. As in previous years, the meeting aims to educate on aspects of medicine of interest to both the dermatologist and the general physician. Themes addressed in this year's programme include gastroenterology and nutrition, including topics such as cutaneous Crohn's disease, malnutrition and the skin, and stomas. Infection and immunosuppression will also be discussed, including a presentation on TB risk assessment and screening, a topic with implications for all specialists employing biological agents in disease management. We are delighted that Professor Peter Mortimer has agreed to deliver the John Thornton Ingram lecture, speaking on an area in which he is a widely respected authority, that of lymphovascular disease. We hope that you will not miss what promises to be a stimulating and clinically relevant meeting.

### Specialist interests Mentorship in medical dermatology

We have now compiled a database of those involved in specialist or collaborative work in Medical Dermatology, and have details of 70 specialist clinics taking place across the membership.

We would like to exploit the educational potential of these specialist clinics by creating "mini-fellowship" programmes, aimed at providing training in Medical Dermatology to dermatology trainees. In order to create these mentorships, we will shortly be contacting you regarding your willingness to partake in such a programme. We will

be looking for your suggestions as to how best these might be run, and what you might be able to offer in your centre.

The SAC Chair, Malcolm Rustin, is supportive of this initiative, and once a fellowship has been established, educational approval will be sought from the SAC.

### Medical Dermatology for Junior Doctors

#### One-day course

We are considering developing a one-day course for junior doctors working in other medical specialities to help them care for skin problems encountered on the wards. This might address topics such as drug rashes, leg ulcers and skin infections, as well as serious skin disease and cutaneous manifestations of systemic disease. If you would be interested in contributing to this course, please contact Dr Burge.

### Election of Officers

#### Nominations please!

At the AGM of the Society this year (to be held on the day of the annual meeting), we will be holding formal elections for the Officers of the Society. A nomination form is enclosed for this purpose, and voting will take place on the day of the meeting.

### Interim committee members

Sue Burge (*Oxford*) - Chair  
 Sarah Walsh (*Scotland*) - Secretary  
 Andrew Carmichael (*Middlesbrough*) - Treasurer  
 Aoife Lally (*Oxford*) - SpR representative  
 Mike Arden-Jones (*Southampton*) - Website  
 Paul Farrant (*Brighton*)  
 Nick Levell (*Norwich*)  
 Cate Orteu (*Royal Free*)