

Minute of the first meeting of SAM(UK) Committee held at Heriot Watt University on 5th October 2000.

Present

Dr Derek Bell - President
Dr Mike Jones – Secretary
Dr Chris Roseveare – Treasurer
Dr R Dowdle
Ms Mhairi Pollock

Members in Attendance

Dr Peter Featherstone
Dr Paul Schmidt
Dr Liz Myers

Apologies

Dr Paul Jenkins - Vice President
Dr Simon Fletcher

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| <p>1. The meeting discussed the Inaugural Meeting of the Society for Acute Medicine (UK). Approximately 40 people attended the meeting during which there had been a presentation from John Heyworth, the President Elect of the British Association of Accident and Emergency Medicine. A thank you note was to be sent by the Secretary. Dr. Heyworth has expressed an interest in maintaining links with the Society but also felt that the Society should have representation on the NPAT Committee and Dr Derek Bell would contact him about this.</p> | <p>MJ</p> <p>DB</p> |
| <p>2. It was felt that membership of the Society should be associated with a reduced subscription to relevant journals. Contact is being made by the Secretary with the Editor of the Journal for Emergency Medicine and the Vice President, Paul Jenkins, was making contact with the Editor of a continuing professional development journal. There is however a website that has been created for the Society and, as part of this, Dr Featherstone volunteered to become the Editor of a virtual journal on this site which would include precis of the talks given by speakers at the most recent meeting.</p> | <p>MJ</p> <p>PJ</p> <p>PF</p> |
| <p>3. Membership Cards</p> <p>Membership cards are still being designed and it was felt that the design should be shared round the committee members before the membership cards are being sent out.</p> | <p>CR</p> |
| <p>4. After this meeting the Society's balance is of the order of £1500 but being a new Society there is still the need to identify where the further funding is coming from. It is believed that sponsorship has been sought for the forthcoming meeting in Norfolk and Norwich in April 2001 but the possibility of lifetime membership or 10 year membership for a specified fee was discussed and is to be explored further.</p> | |

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5. The timing of the meetings is also to be reviewed after the forthcoming meetings and it has been suggested that perhaps a Friday and Saturday morning meeting would be most appropriate.
6. The proposed cost for the forthcoming meetings would be £20 if membership is obtained at the same time and £10 for non-members.

7. Forthcoming Meetings

The present format of the meeting was thought to be relatively successful and the same format was to be kept for the next meeting. Overall the choice of speakers would be left to the host for the next meeting, i.e. Paul Jenkins of Norfolk and Norwich. Possibilities for inclusion are:

Talk from Saxon Ridley from Intensive Care.

Presentation about the Portsmouth training course.

Talk from a Nurse Consultant who had been appointed in Bournemouth.

Scientific paper presentations with the abstracts having to be submitted for consideration by January 31st 2001.

Workshops including "Improving the Interface between A & E and Acute Medicine" and "The role of Occupational Therapist and physiotherapists in Acute Medicine".

PJ, MJ

8. Liaison Individuals

It was suggested that Steve Potts who gave a talk and lead a seminar on liaison psychiatry should become the link person for liaison psychiatry.

DB

9. CPD points will be sought from the Royal Colleges.

10. From the audit database it was decided that Dr Derek Bell, Dr Chris Roseveare and Dr Paul Schmidt would develop protocols for individual items that should be included in the audit database and this will be brought back to the committee.

DB
CR
PS

11. Date of Next Meeting

Norfolk and Norwich – Friday 20th April, 2001

Cardiff – Friday 5th October, 2001

12. Notes taken from the workshops held at this meeting of SAM(UK) are Attached to this minute

Workshop 1

Objective: assessment of illness severity in Acute Medical Emergencies

Session led by Dr P Featherstone and Dr P Schmidt

A number of scoring systems were discussed, including

- (get from Peter)

It was felt the following were desirable aspects of a scoring system for medical admissions:

- Simple
- Easily used in clinical scenario
- Reliable
- Allows initial triage and on-going monitoring
- Stimulates action if patient results outwith parameters
- Multiprofessional

Action: scoring systems to be circulated to all attendees

Workshop 2

Objective: to explore issues around self harm patients presenting as medical emergencies

Session led by Dr S Potts

- Alcohol was raised as an area of major concerns as well as a significant contributing factor
- Recognition that alcohol liaison and community services were markedly different in terms of staffing and funding throughout the UK
- Treating patients against their will. New legislation to take effect both in England and Wales as well and Scotland.

(Ask Steve if he can produce a small note)

Workshop 3

Objective: to consider areas for audit in the management of Acute Medical Emergencies

Session led by Dr D Bell and Dr C Roseveare

- Recognition that many audits were undertaken on a local basis and were usually needs based
- Agreement that some forms of National Audit data bases was essential and that the Royal College of Physicians (London) were keen for us to develop this

- Other stake holders in addition to the Society for Acute Medicine included
 - Royal College of Physicians
 - Department of Health/Scottish Executive
 - CHKS
 - Trusts
- Defined approach was to undertake a prospective audit of all units early next year for 1 month
- To include a generic data base
- To consider a specific condition or process

Action: DB, CR and P Schmidt to draft and circulate