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Dear Colleagues

Annual Meeting 2015

UKCS 2015 in Aberdeen in March seems a long way away now. This year was a very successful meeting with 282 registered delegates. 105 abstracts were submitted and all were accepted. There was a mix of oral and poster presentations, 4 keynote speakers, 2 industry symposia, 2 workshops, and "Meet the Experts" luncheons.

At the 2015 annual general meeting 4 new committee members were elected to give a wider representation of the general membership. These were Angie Rantell-lead urogynaecology nurse at Kings College Hospital; Karen Guerrero-Consultant Urogynaecologist at NHS Glasgow and Clyde; Liz Dixon - Nurse Consultant for Urogynaecology, Newcastle Hospitals and Roland Morley-Consultant Urologist.

Phil Toozs-Hobson has stepped down from his role as treasurer of UKCS to explore pastures new, but is still willing to share his knowledge, expertise and involvement in the society. Thanks to Phil for his hard work over many years.

Accreditation and re-accreditation in urodynamics

Many urodynamicists who were in the first wave to become accredited are now due or even overdue for re-accreditation. This process is being reviewed, and will be announced by email and on the website when finalised.

Minimum Standards in Continence Care

This document was launched at the annual meeting in Aberdeen. We are hoping it will lead the way for better continence care across primary and secondary care, from initial presentation to final outcome. The final version of the document will be published on UKCS website in the next few weeks.

The good news is that due to the hard work of Angie Rantell in co-ordinating and promoting this document, NHS England have adopted it as highlighting best practice, and are to publish on their website, as are the Bladder and Bowel Foundation. The Minimum Standards document will also be available through the Cystitis and Overactive Bladder Foundation website.

Administrative Support

Following a vote of approval at the AGM 2015 Index Communications have put forward a bid to provide administrative support for the society. This will include management of the membership database, membership fees, and maintaining the database for urodynamic accreditation and re-accreditation.

Extended role of UKCS

UKCS members can be key players in promoting a multidisciplinary approach to the treatment of incontinence. The Bladder and Bowel Foundation are asking for continence providers to add to their voice in the campaign for equality and excellence across all continence services. We can all help promote this campaign by contacting our local MP using the "*It's Personal*" campaign toolkit, available through the Bladder and Bowel Foundation.

ICS 2019

Glasgow has been short listed to host the ICS 2019 annual meeting. This is a bid supported by BAUS, UKCS and other organisations involved in continence care in the UK. Keep your eyes open on the ICS website and support the bid when voting starts. ICS Glasgow 2011 was a fantastic meeting, and more accessible for most UKCS members.

UKCS 2016

Preparations are well underway for next year's UKCS meeting in Belfast in the Titanic Centre from April 13-15th 2016. Details can be found on the meeting website:

<http://www.ukcsconferences.com/>

Look forward to seeing you all in Belfast.

Kind regards

Stephanie Knight
Honorary Secretary