

Minutes of UKCS Educational Committee Meeting

Held 1pm Wednesday 14th April 2010 Torquay

Present: Lucy Swithinbank (Chair), Julie Ellis Jones, Doreen McClurg, Roland Morley, Matthew Parsons
Apologies, Linda Cardozo, Hashim Hashim, Denise Abbott, Gurpreet Singh

1 Minutes of teleconference accepted as accurate. No matters arising, other than those already outlined on agenda.

2 Update of subcommittee work:

a) **Identification of courses:** Certificate courses, Basic course (Bristol) and RCOG and BAUS course (Tamsin Greenwell) have all been identified. Hash is waiting to hear back from ICS to check that they are happy for us to use their accreditation process. All courses, apart from the Basic course and BAUS course have ICS accreditation already, so no further action needed. RCOG course is accredited for women only.

ACTION: sub-committee to check on final courses, named above, and to publish those that have been accredited via UKCS.

ACTION: Hash Hashim to check with ICS, see above

b) **Assessment tool and elearning:** There was some discussion, following on from discussion at AGM, about whether this was part of UKCS remit. There are cost implications and RCOG and BAUS are already providing, or planning to provide, elearning. Clearly this provision would still leave other professional groups, eg physios and nurses, without access unless they were able to access one of these websites. There may be cost implications and the colleges may not agree to this. Consider survey of members to ask what training/assessment tools are needed/wanted. There also needs to be involvement of Doug Small, who maintains UKCS website.

ACTION: Matthew Parsons to liaise with RCOG, Lucy Swithinbank to ask Marcus Drake re BAUS website and Roland Morley to liaise with Baus to ask about the possibility of non-members using their website. MP, RM to liaise with Doug Small. Phil Tooze-Hobson to confirm about remit of UKCS in this field

c) **Education and Courses:** Julie Ellis Jones was thanked for her dissemination of the survey of members. She has had 50 responses so far. The plan is to hold a course immediately preceding the UKCS Bristol meeting 2011 in line with questionnaire responses.

Discussion about establishing centres for mentoring where individuals could attend for a few days/week to have individual tuition. Ideal might be to have list mentors who could visit. Cost implications discussed. List of mentors and mentoring centres could be accredited by and disseminated via UKCS.

ACTION: Plan course for Bristol 2011 in response to questionnaire. LS, JEJ and DM to look into logistics of mentoring and to produce draft document for next committee meeting

Next meeting: There was agreement that a “face to face” meeting was beneficial. The next one to take place in October 2010, probably in Bristol. LS to check with Phil Tooze-Hobson about travel expenses. Possible dates to be circulated soon.