

Dear Friends,

Once again the season of Goodwill has arrived and as the year draws to a close it is good to look back on an exciting year for UKCS and look forward to what promises to be an even more exciting one next year.

It does not seem nearly 8 months since we met in Swansea at what I think must be the best “lecture theatre” I have ever sat in. At this time we presented the minimum standards document, which was the culmination of 4 years work. I am delighted to say that this has now been accepted for publication in Neurourology and Urodynamics.

I was delighted to hear from those of you who attended the ICS in San Francisco that it was heavily referenced in the state of the art lecture. Work has continued behind the scenes and we hope to present the next phase of the work in QA, training and Grandfathering at the meeting in Torquay. No doubt as this machine starts to role we will need to look at the need for a permanent home fixed secretariat.

This year has also seen the first joint meeting with IPEM held in York in December. This is certainly an association that UKCS have welcomed and I would hope that we can continue to work with IPEM in the future. There were around 40 delegates and the meeting was a huge success and our collective thanks should go to Jason Britton who organised it.

Moving forwards to Torquay next year. We have organised 2 round table meetings looking at training and practice needs in video and ambulatory UDA. This offers you the opportunity to join discussions about the debate about training need and the ongoing roles of these investigations for LUTS. I would encourage those of you who wish to be involved to register your interest early as places may be limited.

We have also introduced 3 one hour workshops on generic skills which we hope may help those of you who feel caught in an administrative rut! (details on the meeting website)

Finally I would invite you all to participate in the society, particularly as the role is evolving and changing. There have been discussions this year about whether the society has been open and transparent; your views (good or bad) are welcome. To date we haven't needed to hold elections for positions as we have accommodated all those who have wanted to be involved. However this at some point will need to change and it is something I have promised to discuss at the AGM.

I wish you all a merry Christmas and happy new year and look forward to seeing you in Torquay.

Kind regards

Phil