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Firstly, before continuing with any news, many congratulations to Lucy and her team for a fantastic meeting in Bristol. There were a number of workshops prior to the main meeting which were attended by small groups. These were sufficiently important that I have included a short report of each of these. I would hope that these will grow in stature at the meetings in subsequent years.

What's new in Urodynamics

This was an entertaining session with about 20 participants and there was lively debate about urodynamics and some difficult cases. It was felt that this was a helpful session to have and allowed people to have discussions about various aspects of urodynamics.

Ambulatory Urodynamics

This was a round table session with participants discussing various issues arising with ambulatory urodynamics. It was useful for people to be able to discuss the various issues to do with protocols and equipment and it was decided that next year there should be a slightly more formal structure to the session where a formal presentation from two units about their protocol to base discussion around how ambulatory services should be shaped. The team from King's volunteered to give one presentation and the team from Birmingham agreed to give a second one.

Video Urodynamics

There were three presentations from King's College Hospital, Norfolk & Norwich and Bristol on how they undertake video urodynamics and this was found to be extremely helpful. The group decided that perhaps a piece of work needs to be done to agree indications for video Urodynamics.

Grandfathering

Positive aspects seen of grandfathering were that you can actually use the certification to promote your service. It also facilitates you then being able to attend the meeting for certification and continued professional development. More details of where we are at are contained in the minutes of the AGM.

Changes to UKCS

As we go forward UKCS will need to have a governance structure and controls (not least for the monies in the bank!) As such we have a working group drafting a constitution and as ever need help. Anyone interested please contact me.

Likewise I have proposed an interim structure for a committee to see this project through. I have now done 3 years as secretary (and combined with treasurer for the last year) Previous incumbents have done 5-7 year stints and as such we need to be succession planning. I have suggested that we have a committee consisting of a treasurer, secretary and chairman supported by the chairs of the committees to see us through. If these posts are to be functioning properly for the introduction of a constitution then we will need to have nominations and potentially elections at next years meeting. The deadline for nominations will be the same as the abstract deadline for the meeting and need to come to me with a proposer and seconder who are UKCS members.

