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Dear Colleagues

Just a quick update on recent events within the UKCS.

1. Minimum standards launch

Firstly we are delighted to be able say that the document for the Minimum Standards in Continence Care has been finalised and is being sent to key organisations for endorsement. Thank you to those members who took the time to review the document in its draft stage on the website and feedback with comments. The provisional date for the minimum standards launch is going to be 16 September 2014

2. First re-certification course in UDA

We are simultaneously arranging the first of the advanced urodynamic courses for practitioners to recertify in urodynamics in accordance with the "Minimum Standards for Urodynamic practice" and we would advise anyone interested to book the 16th and 17th of September off. Course details are being confirmed and we will be in touch with this soon, but wanted to give you early notice. Places are likely to be limited.

In order to make these courses worthwhile we are planning to discuss some advanced physiology and I am delighted that Doug Small has agreed to be involved with this in order to stretch our basic knowledge of physics and physiology with regard to urodynamics. However, much of the course will be of a practical nature, concerning the subtleties of urodynamics, reviewing traces and talking about good practice rather than the fundamental principles which underlie the minimum standards document.

3. Election Results

We are delighted to announce that Carmel Ramage has been elected as the Chair of UKCS, Stephanie Knight has been elected as the Secretary of UKCS, Dudley Robinson has been elected as the Treasurer of UKCS and Philip Toozs-Hobson has been elected as the Vice Chair.

4. UKCS 2015 Aberdeen

We are excited and pleased with the progress that is being made towards the meeting next year. Mohamed would like to inform you that: "arrangements are all in place for an excellent conference and social programme including a welcome reception and delegates dinner; to which all will be invited. Together with Prof. C. Glazener (Gynaecologist) and Ms. Voula Granitsiotis (Urologist), we are working hard to ensure an excellent scientific program. I am glad to announce that we will be able to fulfil my promise at the AGM to keep the registration fees to a minimum for members of both UKCS and SPFN (Scottish Pelvic Floor Network)". Please keep an eye out for mailings from Mohamed and you can also look at the conference website <http://ukcs-spfm-2015.org/> for regular updates and abstract submission dates. .

We would again just remind you that the abstract deadline may be earlier than the traditional deadlines and we would hate people to miss the opportunity to submit their work.

5. Direct debits and contact details

Finally we would like, as far as possible, to update and standardise the direct debits for membership and we would like to bring these into line in October which then makes it much easier for people to know that their membership is up to date prior to applying for the reduced rate for the meetings. If you are unsure as to your status please contact Elaine at Elaine.smith@bwnft.nhs.uk so that you can firstly make sure that your contact details are correct and secondly check your current membership status. If you do standardise to October, as we are hoping you will, there may be perhaps a small loss financially in terms of the number of months that your membership covers but I am sure in the grand scheme of things this shouldn't be too punitive based on the very small that we currently have to be a UKCS member.

Yours Sincerely

The committee