



The Association for Clinical Biochemistry & Laboratory Medicine

South West & Wessex Region

Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 31st March 2014
Clinical Biochemistry Department, Bristol Royal Infirmary

Present:

Dr R Ayling	Chair	RA
Mr P Beresford	Secretary	PB
Dr P Thomas	Workforce Rep	PT
Miss R Rolfe	Trainees Rep	RR
T Teale	Wessex Tutor/Audit	TT
M Toms	Immunology	MT
Dr S Thomas	Ordinary member	ST

Agenda Item		Action
1. Apologies	Apologies were received from A Day, M Balasubramani, T McDonald, E Burgess, A Sharma, D Sinclair	
2. Minutes	The minutes of the meeting on 9/12/13 were accepted	
3. Matters Arising from the previous minutes	<p>A ballot was held for the new trainees rep in January; Becky Rolfe has now taken up this position</p> <p>PB Contacted the ACB office to advertise for nominations for Microbiology rep, Ordinary member and Secretary. They advised that a webmaster should also be nominated. Clarification needed as to what exactly the role entails and whether technical expertise is required. PB to clarify and arrange notice to go out next week.</p> <p>The position with the regional FCS rep is still unclear, PB to contact FCS secretary</p>	<p>PB</p> <p>PB</p>
4. Council Report	No report available. RA was unable to attend the last council meeting in March	
5. Tutor's Report	<p>WESSEX REGIONAL TUTOR'S REPORT. TERESA TEAL. 31/3/14.</p> <p>Southampton. Annie Armston is supervisor.</p> <p>Post registration. Hayley Sharrod is working at Birmingham Children's. Simon Salter is working at Royal Free Hospital, London.</p> <p>Year 4. Erin Mozley had her final appraisal on 18/11/13 with myself and Jacqui Osypiw as external assessor. She obtained her certificate of completion. Congratulations to Erin on obtaining a post at St Thomas' which she</p>	



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	<p>started January.</p> <p>Year 3. STP. Olivia Kaye. Year 2. STP. Ben MacDonald. Olivia and Ben were appraised in early 2014 with myself and JO. Both are doing well.</p> <p>Portsmouth. Sophy Smith is supervisor.</p> <p>Year 3. STP. Helen MacGregor. Helen completed her project at Portsmouth University. She was successfully appraised early in 2014 by myself and JO.</p> <p>I was pleasantly surprised at how well the STP years 3 and 2 performed at their recent appraisals as they have had much less exposure to Biochemistry than trainees in the old scheme.</p> <p>There are some concerns about 3 year STPs who will be finishing at the same time as current year 4s.</p> <p>Teresa will be retiring in June, not yet clear whether there will be a new regional Tutor for Wessex or whether these trainees should be included under the whole SWW region, but will need to consider this in the context of the LETB regions, which are not necessarily aligned with the ACB regions. (will the ACB need to revise its regional boundaries in future?)</p> <p>The first exams in the new OSFA format are will be held in August, with the intention to hold mock exams in the near future. Questions have not yet been set but will be a mixture of generic areas and discipline-specific.</p> <p>The next training meeting will be held on 9th May.</p>	
6. Trainees report	<p>Report received from RR</p> <p><u>Pre-registration Trainees</u></p> <p>2013 Intake – 4 MSC trainees (Plymouth (2), Bristol, Gloucester) (?+2GYO) 2012 Intake – 7 MSC trainees (Exeter (2), Gloucester (2) and Southmead, Bristol, Southampton) 2011 Intake – 2 MSC trainees (Portsmouth and Southampton)</p> <p>Trainees are progressing well.</p>	



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	<p><u>Post-registration Trainees</u></p> <p>Tracy Keys joined Gloucester December 2013 Francesca Mills joined Southmead February 2014</p> <p><u>SpR Trainees</u></p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p><u>Training Days/Courses/Regional Meetings</u></p> <p>Trainees would be grateful for another training day, open to pre-registration trainees. Potential for remote training days.</p> <p><u>Other Issues</u></p> <p>None</p> <p>The possibility of using videoconferencing for training events was discussed. RR to contact the trainees to see whether facilities are available.</p>	
7. Meetings report	<p>The next regional Scientific meeting, "To test or not to test – dilemmas in Laboratory Medicine" will be held on Tuesday 29th April as a joint meeting with Wales.</p> <p>The regional AGM will be held at the end of the meeting</p>	
8. Immunology	<p>MT has taken up the position of Immunology rep on the committee.</p> <p>Southampton have one third year STP trainee in Immunology (Beth Dancey) who is currently looking for a substantive post. Interviews are taking place for this September's STP intake; three Immunology posts have been advertised (Southampton, Oxford and Birmingham).</p> <p>Liz Hodges is will be an examiner for the April exams and is chairing the Immunology writing group for the OSFAs.</p> <p>RA noted that Plymouth have a first year Immunology trainee (Kristen Lilly) and will pass her contact details to MT to ensure that she is in touch with colleagues in the region.</p> <p>The committee are also aware of Haematology STP trainees appointed in their local departments. It is not clear what regional training networks exist for them; they are not part of the ACB. RA will raise this at the next Pathology school board.</p>	<p>RA</p> <p>RA</p>
9. FCS report	No report received from current FCS representatives	



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10. Audit report	<p>TT and EB attended the National audit meeting on 18th March. The next meeting will be held on 21st May in Birmingham. The National Audit group has decided to no longer hold the annual meeting at Focus, as it has not been well attended, but will hold a separate Annual meeting.</p> <p>There have been two recent National Audits, on vitamin D and high sensitivity troponin, which will be presented in Birmingham. It is not clear who these were distributed to. There have been problems in the past with sending to nominated departmental audit leads, so audits should currently go to Heads of Departments, although this list may also not be up-to-date.</p> <p>The next ACB National audit is due in July and will be on gonadotrophins.</p> <p>EB will continue the role of audit lead for the region; TT will be retiring in June. The focus for clinical audit activity within the region will be reporting back on local audits and contributing to national audits, rather than undertaking regional audits. An audit session at a future scientific meeting should be considered.</p>	
11. CPS report	Nothing to report	
12. AOB	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Focus 2015 Scientific Program committee has met twice and is making good progress towards putting the program together.2. A Renal Stones study day will be held in Southampton. RA to circulate details3. The ACB strategy document had been circulated prior to the meeting and was briefly discussed.	RA
13. Date of Next meeting	To be arranged for early July	

Minutes Signed by: P.Thomas_____ Date: 26th Sept 2014_____