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REPORT FOR SUMMER NEWSLETTER

1. Council.

Following the last election of Council Members, the composition of the PICS Council is as follows:

President:	Ian Jenkins (Bristol)
Hon. Sec:	Michael Marsh (Southampton)
Hon Treas.:	Helen Bailey (Sheffield)
Past Pres:	Steve Kerr (Liverpool)
Medical:	Peter Wilson (Southampton) Roddy O'Donnell (Cambridge)
Nursing:	Lyvonne Tume (Liverpool) Michelle Milner (Leeds)
Trainees:	Barnaby Scholefield (Birmingham) Julie Richardson (Liverpool)
Chair, Scientific Cttee:	Simon Nadel (St.Mary's)
Co-opted:	Nigel Humphreys – Website (Sheffield) Charles Stack – ACCEA (Sheffield) Robert Tasker - PICS Studies Group (Cambridge) Helen Fardy/Malcolm Gajraj - PICS/APA 2008 Organisers (Cardiff)

2. Administration

The administration of PICS has been centralised at the Association of Anaesthetists of Great Britain & Ireland and should be contacted at the above address and numbers, etc. The Administrative Officer is Christine Tabano. A Direct Debit system has been set up with a refined membership database. You can download the Direct Debit forms from the PICS website <http://www.ukpics.org> (along with membership applications for your colleagues). I would urge you to do this as this will help us get PICS firmly in 21st Century! It is envisaged that increasingly the membership should receive communications electronically and for this reason members are being asked to send Christine their email addresses (pics@aagbi.org).

3. Education & Training

a. Recognition of PICM in Anaesthetic Training

Up to now Anaesthetists spending time in Training in Paediatric Intensive Care Units

were not having this time counted towards their overall CCT whereas other branches of ICM, such as cardio- and neuro- intensive care were accorded full recognition. Many trainees recognised they would be appointed to posts in DGHs where they would be expected to resuscitate and stabilise critically ill children, pending the arrival of the Retrieval Team. Following a joint letter from the Presidents of the APA & PICS the Royal College of Anaesthetists have agreed to allow 3 months PICM towards the Anaesthetic CCT. We have drawn up a set of competences particular to PICM and these are due to be submitted to PMETB.

b. Intercollegiate Committee for training in PICM (ICTPICM)

The RCPCH have drawn up a set of competences for speciality trainees but these need to be applicable to anaesthetic trainees. ICTPICM is now in the process of distilling out the competences that would apply to trainees of any speciality origin.

c. Website

It was always the intention that the website would be a focus for education and Nigel Humphreys would welcome ideas and, more pertinently, contributions from anyone interested in this activity.

4. Special Interest Groups (with Chairs)

- a. Acute Transport Group – Lynda Pittala (Newcastle)
- b. Nurse Education – Angela Ledsham (Southampton)
- c. Influenza Preparedness – Paula Lister (GOS)
- d. Information Technology - Padmanabhan 'Ram' Ramnayaran (St Mary's)

Let me know if there are any other groups forming.

5. PICS Studies Group - Robert Tasker (Cambridge)

Conceived to promote the dissemination of research ideas within UK and to facilitate collaborative, multicentre studies. Several groups have either achieved this or are about to:

- a. Sedation & Analgesia – Ian Jenkins (Bristol). Several publications so far & about to start multicentre Study comparing Midazolam and Clonidine 'SLEEPS' Trial, group chaired by Andrew Wolf (Bristol)
- b. Sepsis Group – Simon Nadel (St.Mary's). About to start STEPS multicentre study.
- c. Glycaemia control in PICU – Duncan Macrae (Brompton). "ChiP" multicentre study due to start imminently.
- d. Traumatic Brain Injury Group – Kevin Morris (Birmingham). Several papers published as a result of multicentre descriptive studies.
- e. Early Warning Scoring & 'Outreach' – Heather Duncan (Birmingham).

6. Revised National Standards

The Working party is made up of PICS members and representatives from other interested parties: Colleges (Surgeons, Anaesthetists, Paediatrics & Child Health, Nursing, Emergency Medicine), professional societies – ICS, BACCN, APAGBI - as well as 'lay' members and representatives from Commissioning and the Department of Health. The first draft, initially prepared by a group of PICS members is nearing completion and will then be distributed to the 'external' parties for revision. (Contact – Ian Jenkins)

7. National Conferences

- a. Nottingham 2007. An extremely successful meeting organised by Asrar Rashid, Megan Smith & Harish Vyas
- b. Cardiff 2008. **Joint meeting with Association of Paediatric Anaesthetists of GB & Ireland.** To be held at the Holland House Hotel, Cardiff, 20 & 21 November, 2008. **APAGBI joint day is Thursday 20th.** Further details from <http://www.cardiffpicu.com/>