

Report from the Renal Association Academic Affairs Board September 2009

Clinical Trials Committee

The meeting of this Committee that was planned for September has been cancelled. The next meeting will take place early in 2010. A report from the Committee is attached.

Of note, the Committee has been working closely with UKKRC concerning development of Clinical Study Groups and the implementation of the BOND trial.

Educational and Training Committee

The Education and Training Committee met in Liverpool on 22nd April 2009. A teleconference was held on 30th June 2009 concerning development of E-Learning. A report from the Committee is attached, together with Minutes from the meeting and teleconference.

Of note:

- The Committee has put enormous effort into development of the new curriculum and a first draft will be available in September.
- A bid to the Department of Health e-Learning for Health to produce E learning resources related to kidney diseases, was successful. The ESPN/RA meeting in Birmingham on September 3rd on “Cystic kidney disease and the role of the primary cilium” is being recorded as a joint venture with the University of Birmingham. Sue Carr has been in contact with Neil Turner to see whether a downloadable video could be made available via the web site – the costs for this are awaited. Presently Neil has made it possible for education links to be uploaded to the web site.
- Three CPD sessions are planned
- A trial three-day Advanced Nephrology Course is planned to take place in Oxford
- Work is progressing on flexible training issues

International Committee

Dr Jo Adu retired as Chair of the Committee in June 2009 and Prof Albert Ong has taken up office as the new Chair.

The International Committee met in Liverpool on 21st April 2009 and Minutes of the meeting are attached. Of note for the Executive Committee was a suggestion to consider taking elements of the Renal Association Advanced Nephrology Course to Ghana for the AFRAN meeting in 2013. The Committee agreed to explore this.

Research Committee

The Committee held a meeting in Liverpool on 22nd April 2009.

A full report is attached. Of note:

- Robert Kleta has been invited by the Committee to coordinate a leadership group for renal monogenic research. This will likely link into the UKKRC Clinical Speciality groups.
- A research database for the web site is planned

UK Kidney Research Consortium (UKKRC) and the UK Clinical Research Network (UKCRN) Renal Speciality Group

The Renal Speciality group and UKKRC held their first meetings in Leeds on 3rd March 2009. Clinical Speciality groups have been set up in 10 topic specific areas and will lead on promoting translational research. The next meeting for both these groups will take place in Leeds on 8th December 2009.

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September 2009

Appendices:

Minutes International Committee for April 2009-08-28

Report from Education Committee for September 2009 (with attached Minutes from for meeting and teleconference in April and June 2009)

Report from Research Committee for September 2009.