

British Paediatric Respiratory Society

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Dear Colleagues and BPRS members,

After a summer of high excitement and endless achievement, there is a danger that autumn could become a bit of a downer. Fortunately, the annual BPRS September newsletter arrives as an antidote to counter any seasonal affective changes that may be surfacing and update you on the gold medal events that lie ahead.

I would encourage you all to read through and take note of some important deadlines to jot down:

1. The BTS/BPRS Winter meeting : Wed Dec 5th – Fri Dec 7th 2012.

Jonathan Grigg and others have again managed to secure a very strong paediatric presence at the BTS winter meeting this year. We have been able to put together two symposia and there are poster sessions. If you only plan to attend one day – choose Wednesday – packed with paediatric respiratory action: But if you can still take more – add Thursday.

For the full programme please consult the BTS website. But take a careful note of the following especially the Timing of the business meeting:

WEDNESDAY DEC 5th

- BPRS executive committee meeting: 8.15-9.15 Byron Room 4th floor
- Respiratory CSAC meeting: 9.15-10.15 Byron room 4th floor
- Determinants of lung disease in children: 10.30-12.15 Abbey Room 4th Floor
- Joint BTS/BPRS Symposium – Setting the research agenda for rare lung diseases in children 1.30-3.15, Mountbatten Room 6th Floor
- Paediatric poster session: Cystic fibrosis: diagnosis to therapy 3.30- 4.30,
- BPRS Business Meeting: 4.45 – 6.00pm, Abbey Room 4th Floor.
- BPRS dinner at Royal Society of Medicine, drinks 7pm, dinner 8pm.

THURSDAY DEC 6th

- Joint BTS/BPRS Symposium – The puzzle of the genotype/phenotype link in CFTR disorders: 8.30 – 10.15. Elizabeth Windsor Room 5th Floor

Upcoming UK meetings/courses

- Royal Society Medicine 25th cystic fibrosis symposium - Tuesday 20th November 2012
- Great Ormond Street Hospital respiratory update course – 14 November 2012 – details on the GOSH courses and conferences website
- BPRS “Spring” meeting in Glasgow – 5 – 8 June 2013

A special note about this Glasgow meeting:

For the first time, the RCPCH’s Annual Conference will combine with the European paediatric conference. The Europaediatrics congress is the highlight of the activities of the European Paediatric Association and the meeting point of paediatricians, not only from Europe, but from all over the world. It is anticipated that we will do an afternoon session devoted to respiratory paediatrics as before and I am pushing for this to be on day 1 (Weds)

Our joint sessions over the last two years have had good feedback and significantly improved attendance and interest. I would suggest we do this again and would seek suggestions from the membership for nominations of suitable bedfellows for 2013. We will need to make this decision by November. Iolo Doull (as president next year – see below) and I would be interested to hear of any suggestions by email.

Keep a look out for abstract deadlines. Remember there is a BPRS prize for the best spoken abstract.

2. The BPRS Annual Dinner WED 5th DECEMBER 2012

This is the highlight of the BPRS annual calendar.

After a very busy day at the BTS, and thirsty from back to back action, we will all take the short journey to the Royal Society of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street W1) on Wed Dec 5th:
Drinks in the Atrium at 7 pm, followed by dinner in the main dining room at 8pm.

BPRS subsidises this meal and the wine – thus making it bibulous, delicious and cheap:
£30 for consultants, £15 for all other members.

It is important that we have the numbers confirmed for the dinner as this affects the overall cost. Please email Neil Gibson (Neil.Gibson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk) to book your place and send him a cheque payable to ‘BPRS’ to:

Dr Neil Gibson
Secretary/Treasurer BPRS
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RHSC, Yorkhill,
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Alternatively you can perform a bank transfer to the BPRS account (Sort Code 30-93-55 Account 01831146) . Please mark the transfer with your surname followed by “Dinner” (i.e. Wallis Dinner). Until the cheque or transfer arrives, you do not have a place booked.

We need the final numbers to arrange the meal and the deadline for receipt of cheques is **Friday 23rd November 2012 at midday.**

If you would like to come please reach for your pen and cheque book or internet banking now. There is also a maximum limit and I would hate for you to miss out. Unfortunately it is not possible to decide to come to the dinner on the day itself. Using someone else's ticket is permitted (with their permission!)



Professor John Price, pictured, here and proudly wearing his medal, was the BPRS Life time achievement recipient at the 2011 BPRS Dinner at the RSM

This year it is with great pleasure that I can announce that Dr Peter Weller has accepted his nomination for a lifetime achievement award.

3. Clinical excellence Awards for 2012

In a word, the process this year was shambolic. Because of a desire to stop these payments but no political will to make the decision, the committee had to submit and resubmit and deal with much anguish such that this president went a little grey at the temples.

After long delays and governmental heel dragging, we were eventually able to submit our full quota of nominations for clinical excellence awards (but over 9 months later). We were not able to update achievements nor add new candidates that had emerged in the intervening period.

Since then we have encountered stony silence. I suspect this may be the end of awards as we know them in England. I will update you as soon as I hear anything different.

4 Other business:

Iolo Doull takes over the presidency of the BPRS at the end of the year.

I am delighted to hand over the baton to a man of his considerable stature in respiratory paediatrics and I know that the group will thrive and grow under his leadership.

And until we meet again, good luck and success with all your paediatric respiratory endeavours.

With best wishes

Colin