

# British Paediatric Respiratory Society

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## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2009

Dear Colleagues,

### 1. Scientific meetings

#### **BTS/BPRS Winter meeting – Wed Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> – Fri Dec 4<sup>th</sup>.**

Please note, that as with the BTS winter meeting 2008 there is no longer pharmaceutical sponsorship of a hotel room for the night.

#### *WEDNESDAY DEC 2<sup>ND</sup>*

- BPRS executive committee meeting: 8.15-9.45 Byron Room 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- CSAC meeting: 9.45-10.45 Byron room 4<sup>th</sup> floor
- Paediatric spoken session: 10.45-12.30
- Joint BTS/BPRS Symposium – Asthma, genetics & the environment: 1.30-3.15
- Paediatric poster session: 3.30-4.45
- BPRS Business Meeting: 5.00-6.15pm, Mountbatten Room 6<sup>th</sup> floor.
- BPRS dinner at Royal Society of Medicine, drinks 7pm, dinner 8pm.

#### *THURSDAY DEC 3<sup>RD</sup>*

- Joint BTS/BPRS Symposium – “Lost in translation?” The challenges & opportunities of translational research: 8.30 – 10.15.

#### **Upcoming 2009/10 UK meetings/courses**

- Royal Society Medicine 23<sup>rd</sup> cystic fibrosis symposium - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009
- Great Ormond St Hospital respiratory update course - Wed 4<sup>th</sup> November 2009
- BPRS Spring meeting at University of Warwick - Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 (NOTE change of venue from York)

Please remember to encourage trainees to submit abstracts to the Spring meeting in Warwick. BPRS pays the day's registration for anyone (except consultants) with an oral abstract that has been accepted.

**\*\*Course organisers – please try not to clash with existing courses\*\***

## **2. Annual December dinner**

After the great success of last year's venue, we will go back to the Royal Society of Medicine (1, Wimpole Street W1) on Wed Dec 2<sup>nd</sup>. Drinks in the Atrium at 7 pm, followed by dinner in the main dining room at 8pm.

The cost will be the same, namely - £25 for consultants, £15 for trainees and nil for non medics. The BPRS will subsidise the costs.

Dr Bob Dinwiddie and Dr George Russell will be presented with their lifetime achievement awards at the dinner.

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](mailto:Neil.Gibson@ggc.scot.nhs.uk)) to book your place and send him a cheque payable to 'BPRS'. Until the cheque arrives, you do not have a place booked. For those not having to pay, simply email him confirmation of a place.

The last chance for booking is Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at 9am. However I would be grateful if people could simply break the habit of a lifetime and not organise this at the last minute. Unfortunately it is not possible to decide to come to the dinner on the day itself.

## **3. Clinical excellence Awards for 2010**

A separate mailing has been sent out on 30.8.09 to remind everyone and give you the deadlines for requesting BPRS support for any ACCEA or SACDA applications.

I must receive the ACCEA form by Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup> 9am. We say this every year and this time we mean it, but sorry late applications will **not** be processed as our deadlines are tight, and all forms will be sent out for scoring later that day, so please do not ask.

Do not forget to consult <http://www.dh.gov.uk/ab/ACCEA/index.htm>. This has link changed for those of you with ACCEA marked as a 'favourite'.

Please also note that BPRS is unable to be involved with applications for Platinum level.

## **4. Executive Committee**

There have been some recent changes to the executive membership.

First, may I offer huge thanks to Iolo Doull who has finished 6 years (2 terms) as Secretary. He has been a great help to both me and my predecessor Rob Primhak.

As you should know from an earlier email, Neil Gibson from Glasgow has been voted in as our new secretary and thanks to him.

Ms Sadie Clayton has joined the committee, representing the NPRNG – National Paediatric Respiratory Nurses Group.

Members are therefore –

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## 5. Home oxygen

The BTS home oxygen guidelines for children were published as a Thorax supplement in August. They are also available on the BTS website.

The Children's Home Oxygen Record Database collection of HOOFs has now finished so there is no need to send copies to me anymore. Thanks to all those who did. A paper is being submitted shortly.

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