



Spring Newsletter April 2013

I say Spring newsletter hoping that the spring will be arriving soon, maybe winter is letting go of its grip at last!



This year 2013 we have been invited to provide a joint conference with the British Dental Association Community Dental Services group.



This conference will be held on Tuesday 19th November, at the BDA, 64 Wimpole Street, London. The theme for the conference is managing patients who have special needs under general anaesthesia. There will be presentations of interest to both anaesthetists and dentists.

More details to follow nearer the time, but book the date now!

Dr Christine Arnold, Chairman

ADA Essay Prize

If you have some original work which is related to the topic of sedation, or to anaesthesia or analgesia for the purposes of dental treatment, and you wish to enter for the ADA essay prize, then please contact the ADA Secretariat at the AAGBI.

Free papers on the topics of sedation or anaesthesia and analgesia for dental treatment will also be welcomed at our Annual Scientific Meeting - again please contact the ADA Secretariat at the AAGBI.

The Annual Scientific Meeting

This was held last year in November 2012. The subject was sedation and medico-legal advice. The proceedings will be on the website in due course.

The minutes of the AGM from last year are as below.

President's report: C Arnold

73 delegates have booked into today's meeting, which is a good attendance.

A Duplessis has over the last year contributed to the UK Medical Royal Colleges Safe Sedation Practice Update (revision of the 2003 version). This document covers all surgical specialities in addition to dentistry. Thanks to Andre for his work.

The ADA is one of the Societies which are hosted by the AAGBI. The AAGBI is going to conduct an internal financial review in 2013 of the charges it makes to the smaller societies, and to give us more accurate details of the charges it applies. Dr Fletcher is careful to check the charges we incur from the AAGBI.

The ADA website The Council is keen to review the website and to keep it updated. This is a priority, because it can be the first impression for someone looking up the ADA. Delegates today were asked

if any of them would be interested in designing a new ADA logo, or if they had suggestions about what they would like to see on the website.

Next year's meeting This would be held jointly with the CDS during November 2013, but the exact date will follow.

Treasurers report. I Fletcher

All costs have been covered this year, and the ADA account currently holds approximately £40,000. The Council is trying to keep all expenses to a minimum, including considering meetings by Skype rather than travelling to London. Dr. Fletcher has reduced our insurance payments this year, and also obtained a small reduction in our accountancy fees. The AAGBI is our biggest expense each year, at approximately £2000.

The Council aims to keep the society self-sustaining, and to achieve the same for each annual meeting. We are hoping to establish online payment for the annual meeting in the next year.

Membership report Y Omar

The ADA currently has 207 members, 13 of which are unpaid despite reminders. We had 20 new members in 2012.

Election for Council One nomination received from the membership - A Caen. Proposed - A Duplessis, seconded J Omar.

President-Elect is Joe Omar, proposed by I Fletcher, seconded by N Oastler.

NICE Symposium on Specialist & Expert Advice

In November last year, the President received an invitation to attend this meeting, which was held on 25th January at the Royal College of Surgeons. As a matter of convenience rather than from any particular interest, Tony Caen (newly elected to Council) and I volunteered to attend on behalf of ADA.

The meeting was called to explore how NICE could improve its access to specialist advice concerning new interventional procedures or devices about which it intended to issue guidance - these are published as IPGs (Interventional Procedure Guidelines) and MTGs (Medical Technology Guidelines). Some 25 to 30 delegates were present, representing various specialist groups, together with seven or eight staff from NICE itself.

For NICE, key problems in obtaining advice include (surprisingly) actually making contact with the relevant specialist society, identifying an appropriate clinician, and getting his/her personal view on the procedure in question – a literature review was most emphatically not required. After various brief introductory talks, delegates (already split up into tables of five or six) were asked to “brainstorm”, and to generate answers to a range of questions on which NICE was seeking help or advice. These included how best to identify suitable advisers, what to do if they failed to respond to NICE's request, whether NICE should offer some sort of ‘reward’ (not cash!) and whether NICE should give feedback on the quality of advice provided.

Tony and I contributed to our table's suggestions, which included the recommendations that feedback should indeed be provided, that recognition should be given as CPD points, and that the Chief Executive and/or Medical Director of the Trust concerned should be informed of NICE's

request and of the advice given, thereby providing local recognition both of the clinician involved, and of the Trust itself.

The meeting turned out to be more interesting than we had expected, and staff from NICE seemed genuinely pleased with the outcome, carefully collecting all the information put together by delegates. The symposium ended at 13.00 hrs with a sandwich lunch.

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ADA Council Member & Treasurer

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Best wishes,
Rachel Pollard, Honorary Treasurer, ADA

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