

Newsletter Autumn 2015

Dear Colleagues

As we commence our "Educational Year" we thought we would communicate current BGPert happenings with you, our members;

Website - We are very excited our new website is up and running (and now mobile friendly too!) We have maintained the list of events available to you, updated our First 5 information, and are in the process of reviewing our educational resources. We will continue to strive to obtain presentations from speakers at events, as we are aware how helpful these can be to review, if you have missed the event or would like to share with colleagues in your practice. We can't always include presentations, we may not have permission from the speaker and this often applies to Dermatology events- when it's all about being there and includes many pictures. Please note, our members login details have changed on our presentations page - the username is **BGPert** and password **Presentations** - both are case sensitive. Our Clinical Resources have been praised and we will continue to add links and suggestions from colleagues and members. We hope you all continue to contact us, we value your thoughts and suggestions.

Communications and Research - Over the last few years we have had increasing numbers of communications from others to tell us about ideas and other educational events which may be of interest to members, and opportunities for research. This has meant at times, we email you about these, and we hope you feel they are appropriate. The University of Bath students have had publications as a result, as well as various SHO's and Registrars in local hospitals. Whilst we don't have ongoing research currently ourselves, as an organisation we feel positive about contributing to the research of others.

Connections- Last year at our AGM we heard from Julian Treadwell on Overdiagnosis, and we are planning future events with Julian on this and his related interest, EBM next year. Julian has introduced us to Hugh van't Hoff, who has developed **facts4life**, a health education approach which opens up medical knowledge about health and illness to the general public. <http://facts4life.org/> We are happy to share innovations and educational ideas, especially to inspire us hard working GPs and improve patient care. Please don't ask us to help fundraise for your specific projects though!

Our Programme – This year our Wednesday Topic Teaching afternoons available to all STs and GPs cover Cardiology, Gastroenterology, Care of the Elderly and, for the first time, Tom is coordinating Adolescent Health and Zoe is combining Endocrinology& Biochemistry. We continue with our evening programme, and realise having a few speakers covering related topics is a popular formula, and minimises time taken away from our practices. The Bath Clinic and Circle are vital collaborators for this year's programme again, and multi-speaker events and rotating workshops run there are highly evaluated. Next year's Respiratory Study day is Tues June 14. Our forthcoming AGM is Nov 3 and we will have a number of speakers on Innovations in IT this year. We continue to plan meetings in Frome and Trowbridge, as well as our Bath venues. We look forward to welcoming you to your next event.

**We look forward to seeing you all at our forthcoming events.
Nicole, Linda, Sam, Zoe, Tom, Ali, Fran & Tina**