

BGPert Newsletter

Belated Happy New Year to all our Members

Well we have to start with some news we are rather proud of; BGPert is an award winning organisation. **Together with all the Educational Provider Organisations (EPOs) in Severn, we were joint winners of the Davinder Sandu Award 2014 for Innovation in GP training and teaching.** You may be surprised to discover that our local GP educational set-up is not replicated in other areas of the UK and is unique to the Severn Deanery. Education Provider Organisations such as BGPert create individual, locally relevant programmes for their members.

In the last year too, we have also been inspected by representatives from the **Severn Deanery** who commented 'BGPert runs a very well-established programme of new and recurring topics that ensures there is comprehensive coverage of the learning needs of its members. Its comprehensive system for achieving this is an exemplar for other similar organisations'.

Whilst we are understandably proud of these accolades, it does not compare to the value and reward we get from the **loyalty and support of our members** along with the positive meeting feedback we receive as a result of our hard work. Please let your support continue in the coming year. Please also note we have opened up our membership to Nurse Practitioners, so do spread the word.

BGPert strives to achieve a wide reaching educational programme with local relevance Education, we believe, is important to inspire and enthuse us. It encourages discussion and initiates change; vital at such times when more is being asked of us in Primary Care. In these busy and stressful times, it is important that we don't lose enthusiasm and time for education. Pursuit of further knowledge leads to improvements in patient care, we think we all deserve a pat on the back, as we continue to strive for this despite all the hurdles we have faced this year.

Once again **our programme**, found on our website, boasts a varied and interesting array of educational events for the first part of the forthcoming year. The later part of the year is at the development stage, so if you have any burning desires or special requests please drop us an email and we shall endeavour to try and incorporate them.

As ever, please let us know if you can't attend. We understand that plans change - surgeries over run, kids need dinner and we all get ill! But for some meetings, including the recent annual resuscitation training, members on the waiting list were unable to come as 5 members DNA'ed on the night, rather than cancelled. Fran and Tina answer the phone until just before most events, and our new number is **01225 336363** so please do ring or email just to let us know so that everyone gets fair opportunity. We realise it is another email to send in busy times but we would really appreciate that.

As a team we always welcome, listen and discuss your feedback and suggestions. Plus... Watch this space, as this year we shall be attempting to embrace social media. You never know we may even go viral (not to be confused with our microbiology meeting scheduled for later in the year!)

We look forward to seeing you all at our forthcoming events.

Nicole, Linda, Sam, Zoe, Tom, Ali, Fran & Tina

P.S. Don't forget our new contact details; BGPert, C/O BIRD, Second Floor, RNHRD, Upper Borough Walls, Bath BA1 1RL Email: BGPert@birdbath.org.uk Tel: 01225 336363