

NAMEM Bristol Conference 13 and 14th September 2012 - `SUPER VISION`

The theme of `SUPER VISION` seemed to resonate with many of our members and we are pleased that 88 members were able to attend this year's conference.

SuperVision covered areas of significance, such as serious incident reporting to QIPP and the turbulent shifting landscape, of MEE to HEE and SHAs to LETBs, for undergraduate, to postgraduate trainees and trainers. The conference attendees were engaged by 9 thought provoking speakers, topped off with excellent entertainment from Dr Adam Kay and Dr Ed Coats, SpR in Obs & Gynae and Explorer!! Not to forget the superb service from the hotel staff.

Not only were we stimulated to share ideas with colleagues across out tables; we were also asked to `rock and roll` by Dr Gordon French.



What the Council are most pleased to report from the evaluations are the comments regarding the professional approach the association is portraying - this is of course a testimony to all of our members and we would like to thank you for your support.

We have uploaded the summary of the evaluation forms onto the website, along with the presentations. However, we would like to share with you some of the highlights as far as Council are concerned:

- Engaging and excellent speakers
- Very well chaired sessions
- GMC updates always welcomed
- Interesting, informative, relevant conference
- Best ever evening entertainment

Of course there are always lessons to be learnt and improvements to be considered for future conferences; although as you will see from the summary very few were identified by the attendees. One comment was that we should include new exhibitors, we are very happy to do this and would welcome suggestions and contacts please. We welcome exhibitors as they fund the prizes and help to subsidise the conference for members, so the more the merrier!



Sinead Doherty (below) is the 2013 Conference Organiser and would welcome suggestions for exhibitors - please contact Sinead.doherty@westerntrust.hscni.net.



Further information on the 2013 conference can be found by following this link:
<http://www.namem.org.uk/meetings.html>

Of course we would also very much welcome feedback from our members who were unable to attend - can we make changes which will enable you to attend in the coming years? If so, contact corinnetrim@nhs.net.

Many of you took the conference feedback forms as an opportunity to thank Sue Nutland, Conference Organiser, and her team, for "an excellent, enjoyable conference".



I asked Sue to give her reflections on the conference and this is what she said:

"We are extremely pleased with how well the conference has been received and thankful for all of those that helped make it such a success. The quality of speakers was very high and I think it's fair to say the conference dinner went down a storm. I would say to anyone who is considering organising future conferences - it is a daunting thought to start but actually with everyone pulling together it's not as difficult as it first appears and is extremely rewarding when it goes so well"

So potential conference organisers don't be shy! Contact your regional representative and let's see how many areas of the UK we can visit over the coming years.

Awards for 2012

We congratulated the `Case for a Place` winner who was Brenda Harden from East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust.



We asked Brenda to share with us her feedback from the conference:-

“Another early start, another long train journey, it must be NAMEM 2012.

As I speed away from Paddington Station with childhood memories from a certain young bear in my head I wonder what the next two days have in store for me.

I arrive at the Royal Hotel; a grand Victorian building, just in time for lunch!

Any worries I had were soon dispersed when I saw all the smiling faces, interesting stands and tasty cakes!

Prof. Davinder Sandhu welcomed us all to Bristol, followed by informative and motivational talks.

An informative talk about UTI's followed by lively discussions, set the standard for the conference; and led quite nicely into the presentation on Quality improvement, we can make things better.

As undergraduate administrator I was particularly interested in the late afternoon talks from the Rev Nigel Rawlinson and Dr Gordon French which did not disappoint both stimulating presentations on how the undergraduate curriculum is being shaped for the future and how we can support our medical students and trainees through mentoring programmes.

I then got some fresh air with a walk along the canal before Dinner; did you know Bristol canal extends from the river Severn to the Atlantic and is over 30 miles wide at its widest point?

Back to the conference for one of the evening highlights Cider and Cheese tasting, and time for networking and discussing appropriate issues of course.

Dinner I felt was a little disappointing but the after dinner talks soon made up for it.

Dr Ed Coats entertained us with tales from the South Pole and the antidotes from Dr Adam Kay proved for a thoroughly entertaining evening.

Next morning after an agreeable breakfast Sally Price gave a very informative talk on her poster, a delightful but lonely figure.

I was presented with my certificate for completing the NAMEM course.

We were then informed with an update from the GMC and an informative talk from Health Education for England.

I finished my first conference with presentations on how we can support our trainees which not only interesting and informative but very important.

Unfortunately I had to catch my train before Dr Spencer's talk on faculty development, I'm sure it did not disappoint.

Do we in Medical Education have super vision? Well we have plenty of good ideas and practices and yes I think we do"

NAMEM Training Programme

Brenda Harden was also awarded with her certificate for completing the NAMEM Training Programme. Congratulations go to Brenda for her hard work in completing the programme and in demonstrating personal and professional development during the journey she has taken.

Karen Nicholson, Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital, Margate, was awarded with her certificate for completing the Training Programme and again congratulated on her hard work and clear knowledge and expertise demonstrated through her work.



A big thank you from the Council to all those who participated in the 2012 NAMEM Conference – `Supervision` - for ensuring it was a resounding success!!

