

# TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVE REPORT

SAC MEETING 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009, RCS ENG

## TRAINEE REPRESENTATIVES

Mr Charles Keys has taken over as trainee representative from Mr Iain Yardley after selection by vote of the trainee body.

## ISCP

We are grateful to the SAC members for writing new PBAs for the website and look forward to these being available as soon as possible.

We welcome the move by the SAC to define the number and type of workplace based assessments to be completed by trainees at each stage of their training.

Both trainee representatives will be attending a meeting next week at the Royal College of Surgeons to discuss the ISCP. If any trainer has any particular comments they (or their trainees) would like us to raise at the meeting please let us know before next Friday (11<sup>th</sup> Sep).

The e-logbook continues to improve but needs all trainers to sign up to it. BAPS has offered to negotiate a reduction in the fees for all trainee members.

Charles Keys recently attended a meeting with other members of the SAC to discuss the changes to the curriculum.

## EDUCATION

Programs for future **National Training Days** are being coordinated through the BAPS E&T committee to ensure the curriculum is comprehensively covered in a rolling cycle. The next training day is in Brighton in October 2009, on the topic of the Multiply Handicapped Child.

The Spring 2010 training day will be held in Cambridge (topic to be confirmed).

The **trainee session at BAPS Annual Congress** in Graz this year was very successful. It was well attended and attracted more abstract submissions than ever before. Trainee presentations were well received, and lectures on 'The Optimal Image Chain' from KarlStorz and Mr Najmaldin, 'How to write a Paper' by Prof Johnson and 'The three ages of a consultant' by Mr Kiely, Mr Kenny and Ms Smith were enjoyed by all.

Plans for a day and a half trainees session in Aberdeen next July are well under way, with Mr Driver planning maximal use of the excellent simulator facilities available.

## **EWTD**

Trainees have expressed concern that training may suffer as a result of implementation of the EWTD. We hope that trainees and trainers will work together to find local solutions to maximize training. We encourage trainees and trainers to support ASiT and the RCS surveys into working practices and training as a result of the implementation.

## **NATIONAL SELECTION**

The provisional dates for the national selection programme have been circulated to trainees. The SAC is asked to clarify whether national selection applies to England alone, or also to Scotland and N. Ireland.

Trainees are concerned that if deaneries advertise LATs separately, as has been suggested, these posts would contribute to the proliferation of non-training posts and subsequent unemployment of trainees. A clear definition of the number of posts available nationally would be welcomed.

The finalised personal specification should be published well in advance of appointments so that trainees have a clear idea of the standard against which they will be assessed.

***CLARE REES & CHARLES KEYS.***

**National Paediatric Surgery Trainee Representatives.**