

ASSOCIATION OF DENTAL ANAESTHETISTS

ADA SPRING NEWSLETTER



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Welcome to the first newsletter of 2007.

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The turmoil in the NHS in both Medicine and Dentistry has had a significant effect on training, contractual issues, and most importantly for ADA, the health of the Specialist Societies.

As I indicated in the last newsletter, many societies such as ADA have noticed great difficulty in members being able and willing to attend the traditional Scientific Meetings. The breakdown of Nationally agreed terms and conditions of service has accelerated this process, by severe restriction of both leave and funding for Members to attend external Courses to satisfy their need for Continuing Professional Development credits. Even the Royal Colleges have noted a great reduction on the numbers of delegates attending their meetings although there is a requirement to maintain on going education.

Council tried to address this by changing the Winter 2007 meeting to a mid-week slot in the

hope that this might serve the membership better. Unfortunately this did not have the effect of improving attendance at the London meeting in February, despite an interesting programme designed by Dr Nigel Robb and Dr Diana Terry.

Council has maintained that the purpose of ADA is mainly to provide the Membership with Scientific Meetings where members can meet and discuss aspects of Dental, anaesthesia and pain and anxiety control, and hear expert speakers from around the UK and the world.

However, we cannot continue to run meetings at a financial loss in the long term, and sponsorship is now extremely difficult to obtain. Organisers of recent meetings have done a fantastic job of bringing the meetings in on budget but keeping the costs to Members as low as possible, but at Council it was decided that we will concentrate our efforts by organising one

Summer meeting each year. Dr Bill Hamlin, the Honorary Treasurer has done a great job in managing the finances of the Society which remain healthy with careful housekeeping.

We will continue to hold Council Meetings every 6 months to ensure the smooth running of the society and the efficient planning of meetings.

Please note the plans for ADA meetings.

Booking details for the summer meeting are enclosed with this newsletter.

Other dates will be confirmed as soon as possible. Please try and attend and take an interest in your society

Summer 2007

FRIDAY 15TH TO SATURDAY 16TH JUNE 2007

Hilton Hotel Sheffield.

More Important dates for your diary.....

Summer 2008.

Joint meeting with DSTG Manchester

Organisers Dr Bill Hamlin and Dr Ken Ruiz.

Summer 2009

Cambridge

Organiser Dr Andrea Wraith.

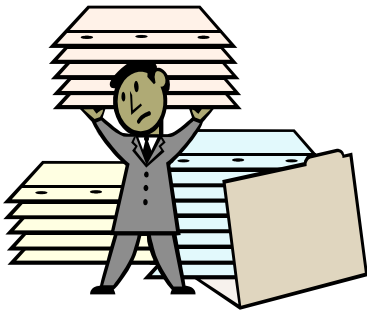
Summer 2010

York

Organiser Dr Ian Tring.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Help the ADA maintain accurate records, pay your subscriptions by Direct Debit

Membership secretary Dr Christine Arnold has been working with the AAGBI office in trying to ensure that all members will be paying their Subscriptions by Direct Debit. It can be difficult to correctly identify which members are currently paid up and to keep a record of their contact addresses.

Council has decided that it is not feasible to produce a printed directory of members at present with the current lack of income from meetings.

We hope that in the future the business of ADA will be conducted by e-mail and via the web site only as other Specialist Societies have found this a satisfactory option.

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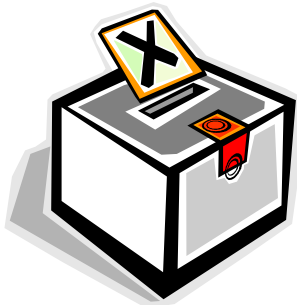
COMMUNICATION ISSUES

Council decided to retain the twice yearly newsletters in their current form, in addition to having information on the website.

Dr Ruiz has been our Web-master and would like to hear from members with ideas and skills that could be used by ADA kr@ada-summer07.orangehome.co.uk



Council News



Closing date for nominations to Council is 18th May 2007. Nominations must be accompanied by a Proposer and Secunder.

Dr Ken Ruiz will be installed as President at the AGM in June 2007.

Officers:

Dr Avril Macpherson has agreed to stand as Proceedings editor for a further term.

Dr Diana Terry has agreed to stand as Hon Secretary for a further term.

Council Members:

There will be three vacancies on Council at the AGM. Council is keen to encourage members to take part in Council and guide the Society.

Those wishing to stand should inform the Hon secretary by **one month** before the AGM in June 2007. Stating a proposer and seconder and stating a willingness to stand.

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If you are considering standing, please contact any Council member who will be glad to tell you about the benefits and requirements of acting as a Council Member.

This can be done via the AAGBI Specialist Societies Secretariat

busola@aagbi.org

ADA PRIZE

As with other societies, there has been a disappointing lack of entries for this award in latter years. The challenges faced by researchers were brilliantly illustrated by Dr Macpherson in her presentation at the February meeting, but the ADA remains committed to promoting audit and research in Dental pain and anxiety management. Please ask yourself if there are issues which you could investigate and give a more junior colleague the opportunity to win a cash prize, present their work and keep ADA in the forefront of progress for our patients.



Members are asked to encourage junior colleagues to take part in the ADA Prize Draw

Royal College of Anaesthetists project on e-learning.

Dr Ken Ruiz, supported by Council has been investigating how ADA can contribute to the project whereby key competencies and knowledge are available on a National basis. ADA is keen to ensure Dental Sedation, pain and anxiety control are fully represented, but at the time of writing the finding for the project is not forthcoming.

Finally

- Council looks forward to seeing many of you at the Summer Meeting on the 15th June 2007.
- BOOK NOW for the Summer Meeting
- Consider standing for Council or nominating a colleague
- Encourage staff to apply for the ADA prize
- Let your Council know how we can make ADA work as an effective organisation for you, the members.

Book now for the
Summer 2007
Meeting!

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