



**AO UK**

## **AOUK CMF Faculty Meeting – Held at Weetwood Hall, Leeds on Tuesday 29 April 2014**

### **Present:**

Sat Parmer – Chair  
David Courtney  
Lynn Fryer  
Stuart Hislop  
Iain McVicar  
Daljit Dhariwal  
Andrew Carton  
Rob Bentley  
Andrew Baker  
Reg Anand

### **Apologies from:**

C Huppa, D Srinivasan, S Hodder, I Sharp, A Sugar, S Holmes, R Loukota

### **Minutes of last meeting**

There were read and agreed.

### **European Update**

SP had attended a AOCMF European conference in Barcelona. He stated that the subsidies for courses from DePuy/Synthes in Europe seemed to be a lot more than we received here in the UK.

AOCMF Europe wished to cut down the number of advanced courses that were being run by 25%. They were also cutting down the number of AOCMF board meetings that would take place.

The AOUK Distraction course had been given agreement to proceed, but this course needs to fill and not to have any subsidies for it.

There is a need to recruit more Fellowship centres here in the UK – forms for this were on the AOCMF web site – VC has offered to give assistance to hospitals wishing to become fellowship centres.

It was stated that people invited to give lectures on courses did not necessarily have to be faculty members, but if they are seen as “experts” in their field, that it would be okay for them to teach.

It was discussed whether the CMF manual or journal should be given to people attending courses.

There is a Community Development Officer post being advertised. A Carton had put in his application form for this position.

VC stated that all course participants on AOUK CMF courses would have their membership paid by AOUK, but asked the group what level of membership they thought that this should be. It was decided to give e-membership to all course participants, which costs 40 CHF. Full membership for all AOUK CMF faculty would also be paid for this year. In the past this had been put into the AOUK "CMF pot", but it had been decided to pay this for faculty now direct.

SP stated that there was an ARS type system called socrative.com – which can be linked to mobile phones. There is also a search engine called cmfline.com.

AOCMF Europe are in the process of setting up guidelines for course cancellations.

SP stated that there was a shortage of neurosurgeons and radiologists within Europe for teaching on courses. It was asked if anybody knew of any people who could fill these roles to let him know.

### **Education Report**

SH stated that the principles course last year had made a slight loss. There had been problems with faculty also. 2015 principles courses would take place. A distraction course would take place in October 2014 – run by Steve Dover and Ian Sharpe. An advanced ORP course was being run in Plymouth in July by Chelly Winfield.

There are 44 surgeons on the principles course and 28 ORP (24 of these ORP places were sponsored places). It was asked whether there were enough faculty on the principles course for 44 participants and it was felt that there were.

It was asked how much the distraction course would cost. RM stated that it would cost £840 including practicals. Without practicals the cost of the course would come down to around £300. R Reynolds to send out two budgets to the chairmen for this, one including practicals and the other without. It was felt that this course could be run without practicals – models or videos could be used instead.

The 2015 plans for an orbital course were cancelled as this was being run by somebody else. Europe would like to run this in the UK in 2016 and if possible it may mean cancellation of the advanced course for this.

AC is to go to Hamburg to look at Neurotrauma course and it may be that this could be run here in the UK in 2015.

### **New Faculty**

Mike Perry had been nominated for new faculty by Simon Holmes. Unfortunately SH had asked to take two years absence from being AOJK CMF faculty therefore there was an issue in non-active people proposing new faculty. Therefore we cannot accept this application. SP will write to MP to inform him of this decision.

It was felt that two faculty needed to propose new faculty members – not one.

### **Teaching for ORP Course**

ORP faculty – it was stated that in the future all nominations for ORP faculty for the course should go via the overall chair i.e. Sat Parmer for selection.

### **Research**

DD will be taking a year out on maternity leave. R Anand will take over her position on the AOJK research panel.

### **Date of Next Meeting:**

Friday 7 November 2014 at The Belfrey, Sutton Coldfield, Nr. Birmingham – (during the AGM)