MINUTES OF THE WELSH OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY SOCIETY
MEETING

Held at Chester Zoo

On Friday 9 October 2015

Honorary Treasurer  President  Honorary Secretary
Asoka Weerakkody  Dwijen Baruah  Euan Kevelighan

IN ATTENDANCE:

Dwijen Baruah, Asoka Weerakkody, Euan Kevelighan, Jeremy Gasson, Phil Banfield, Nick Clerk, Makiya Ashraf, Jo Wiener, Rani Nagrani, Roopam Goel, Nadia Bhal, Kiron Bhal, Zainab Ilyas, Simon Emery, Myriam Bonduelle, Maggie Armstrong, Nassera Banu, Niladri Sengupta, Joseph Mechery.

1. **Apologies**

   Tom Bloomfield, Dai Pugh, Pete Morris.

2. **Minutes of the last meeting**

   Were read and agreed to be correct.

3. **Matters Arising**

   Duncan Olivier was thanked by the Honorary Secretary for all his hard work in maintaining the WISDOM site. He has now moved to work for Swansea University and is therefore no longer maintaining the site. Currently there is a hiatus and the Librarian Manager Susan Prosser and her team are offering some support at present. Chris Roseblade confirmed that funding is still available from the RCOG to maintain the site and Simon Emery explained that he is hopeful that a new post will be appointed in the very near future to maintain the site. He also explained that he is hoping that the Trainees Website (TWOGS) is considering merging with WISDOM and the hope is to transfer the WISDOM site to an Internet Site only and to remove it from the Intranet. There was also discussion about the importance of ensuring that all protocols throughout Wales of both Obstetrics and Gynaecology are collected and placed on the Website for easy access. It is hoped as a result of the Maternity network in Obstetrics that all obstetric protocols will be an All Wales within the next few years.

4. **President’s Remarks**

   The president thanked the organisers for arranging an excellent meeting including an unusual venue and many of the attendees appreciated the lunch time opportunity to visit the Zoo.
5. **Honorary Treasurer’s Report**

a) **Bursaries**

Cardiff University Medical Student Chloe Vanderpump submitted an excellent bursary request to visit St Lucia in the West Indies for her elective. Her elective will be in Obs & Gynae and she is very keen to pursue a career in our specialty in Wales in the future. She plans to keep a reflective diary and is happy to come back to present to the Welsh Obs & Gynae Society. The members overwhelmingly supported her and agreed a £1,000 bursary with £500 up front and £500 on return following her presentation at a forth coming Welsh Obs and Gynae Meeting.

b) Asoka announced that he is standing down as Honorary Treasurer and will hand over to the new Treasurer over the next 6 months prior to the next meeting in Spring 2016. He explained there is an unwritten law that the Treasurer always comes from Royal Gwent and he proposed Makiya Ashraf and this was seconded by EHK and others. His advice to the incoming Honorary Treasurer is to never say yes immediately to requests for funding but to think it over first.

6. **Any Other Business**

The Society was pleased to welcome two new members Nilandri Sengupta and Joseph Mechery who are Consultants at Ysbyty Glan Clwyd. It was also re-emphasised by EHK that the 2 days of the Welsh Obs and Gynae meetings can be taken as special leave and do not contribute to the 10 days per year study leave of Consultants and Specialty Doctors. EHK agreed to email members to remind them that this is the case, in case there are some who are non-attenders of the Society’s meeting due to lack of study leave.

8. **Venue for Forthcoming Meetings**

Friday 11 March 2016 – Royal Glamorgan. This is being organised by Nadia Bhal.

The Autumn 2016 meeting will be hosted by Withybush, the agreed date is Friday 14 October 2016 and the organiser is Debashish Sanyal. Spring 2017 will be organised by Bangor.

The following dates are:


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