MINUTES OF THE WELSH OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY SOCIETY MEETING

Venue – Withybush Hospital, Haverfordwest

On Friday 14 October 2016

Honorary Treasurer
Makiya Ashraf

President
Alex Rees

Honorary Secretary
Euan Kevelighan

IN ATTENDANCE:


1. Apologies

Euan Kevelighan, Asoka Weerakkody.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Were read and accepted.

3. Matters Arising

JG confirmed that a gift had been purchased for Mr Weerakkody and will be formally presented to him at the next Welsh Obs and Gynae meeting as he is absent today. JG also confirmed that EHK had informed him that the TWOGS Website merging with WISDOM had now taken place and was open to the Internet. Simon Emery confirmed this was the case. JG also informed the meeting that EHK had drafted an initial letter to go to members with Makiya Ashraf regarding the annual retention fee and this will be coming out in due course. EHK has also spoken to the new President Lesley Regan last week and she thinks that she will be able to make the Autumn 2017 meeting and therefore the Welsh Obs and Gynae Society would need to formerly invite her to the meeting.

4. President’s Remarks

The incoming President Alex Rees gave thanks for a very well structured and thought through meeting with good coverage of the specialty. The highlighted prize winners were as follows:-

1st Oral Presentation

First prize went to Dr Samantha Jones for her presentation on the UK-ARCOG ReDeFINe National Audit Welsh Data.
1st Poster Prize

Dr Angharad Jones for her poster on Understanding the Principles of Electrosurgery during Laparoscopic Surgery: A Survey amongst Trainees and Consultants in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

2nd Poster Prize

This was a tie between – Dr Frances Hodge and Dr Meera Ramcharn:-

1. Dr Frances Hodge and her poster Patient Perceptions of Medical Students in Gynaecology Clinics – Can these be enhanced to improve both Student and Patient Experience?

2. Dr Meera Ramcharn and her poster 10 Years on From the National Training Survey: A Literature Search into Bullying and Undermining in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

The awards were also given out in the category of Trainee of the Year and these were as follows:

Trainee ST1-2 – Jen Davies
Trainee ST3-5 – Lisa Pilkington
Trainee ST6-7 – Suruchi Mohan

The overall award of Trainee of the Year for Wales was given to Dr Suruchi Mohan and she will be now put forward to the National Trainee Award which will be announced at the Annual Trainee Meeting in Newcastle.

Trainer of the Year Award

Trainer of the Year was announced. This was voted on by all trainees within Wales from a shortlist of Mrs Makiya Ashraf, Dr Margery Morgan, Ms Aarti Sharma and Mr Jeremy Gasson. The winner of the Trainer of the Year Award went to Mr Jeremy Gasson. Mr Gasson will now be put forward for the National Award of Trainer of the Year again to be announced at the Trainee Meeting in Newcastle.

Honorary Treasurer’s Report and Bursary Request

The two bursaries awarded to Dr Angharad Jones and Dr Caryl Thomas were given following their presentation on their Fellowship experience in Harvard. A further bursary was given to Chloe Vanderpump following her presentation of her Obs & Gynaec elective in St. Lucia.

There was further debate around the annual retention fee and this will be discussed further with Alex Rees, Euan Kevelighan and Makiya Ashraf. Discussions around this point included whether members should have a reduced meeting fee based on their payment of retention fee. This may be difficult to enforce and will be subject to further discussion between the Treasurer, Secretary and President.

Bursaries were discussed from applications. There were a total of 5 applications for bursaries. Applications from Ryan Govier and Emerald Stacey were declined.
as they had no obvious association with the specialty. We had 3 applications from Isabel Giblin, Lucy Knox and Holly Knight – a decision was made for Alex Rees to write to the 3 in question for further information and these have been shortlisted for bursaries and dependent on the information received bursaries may be awarded in due course.

There was a discussion around the need for a formal application process as the number of bursary applications appears to be rising and Makiya Ashraf is going to take this on and liaise with EHK and AR to organise.

### 6. Any Other Business

JG outlined the suggestion to award an annual Medical Student award for the best student in O & G at both Cardiff and Swansea Medical Schools. This was discussed in detail with no formal decision made today. Richard Penketh thought that there was an annual award from Cardiff University but wasn’t sure whether this has been awarded over the last year or two with the significant change within the academic department in Cardiff. It was decided that the Welsh Obs & Gynae Committee should see if they could find out what the situation was with regards to this award in Cardiff before making any decision in the future.

Chris Roseblade suggested that the society could invite the current Vice Presidents of the College to meetings over the next 3 years of their term of office. He felt this would be a good step forward and would probably be welcomed by the current Vice Presidents as the election of the President in the future was open to all fellows and members. This was felt to be a good plan by the society and it was suggested that EHK as Secretary could contact the Vice Presidents with an offer of dates to attend.

### 8. Venue for Forthcoming Meetings

Spring 2017 - Bangor, Friday 31 March 2017 - Organiser - Simon Leeson.
Autumn 2018 - Newport. Spring 2019 - Princess of Wales, Bridgend.
Autumn 2019 – Merthyr. Spring 2020 – Wrexham (Geeta Kumar has agreed to organise).

Minutes taken by Mr. Jeremy Gasson on behalf of Hon. Secretary Euan Kevelighan 25/10/16