

Association of Clinical Electron Microscopists
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
held at
The Queen Elizabeth Medical Centre, Birmingham
24th Feb, 2006

06/01 Present: Tim Ryder (TR, Chairman), Jill Moss (JM), Liz Curtis (EC), Alan Curry (AC) and Brian Eyden (BE)

06/02 Apologies: Pat Tarpey (PT) and Bart Wagner (BW)

06/03 Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on 11th November 2005: Accepted

06/04 Matters Arising:

a) Website (item 5)

Noted: EC demonstrated the on-line census forms. These would be available for both clinical scientists and biomedical scientists.

Action:

TR to write a brief introduction to the census forms for inclusion on the website

AC to include details of the on-line census with the Path.Soc. mailing.

Once the system has gone live, EC to e-mail all members to encourage them to update their details.

b) Manchester Meeting (item 6):

Noted: AC had received the flyers for the Path.Soc. Manchester meeting in July

Agreed: that the Path.Soc. flyers would only be sent to ACEM members.

Action: AC

c) EQA (item 7)

Noted: The EQA meeting held at the Charing Cross Hospital on 27th January had been very successful

Agreed: A member of the EQA organisers should be co-opted to the ACEM committee

Action: PT to invite one of the EQA organisers to the next ACEM Exec meeting

d) Trade Liaison member (item 8)

Noted: Roland Fleck's offer to assist ACEM with trade liaison

Agreed: Roland should be co-opted to the Committee to fulfil this function

Action: AC to contact RF with an invitation to join the committee

e) Book List (item 12):

Noted: BW had indicated that the book list might not have details of the most recent editions.

Agreed: the list to be put on the web site and members invited to update the book details and post comments on the suitability of the books listed.

Action: EC

06/05 Treasurer's Report:

Noted: AC reported a balance of £2200 in the Association's account

Agreed: The Committee should consider inviting one European keynote speaker to the 2007 ACEM meeting, as the funds would permit the payment of modest expenses.

06/06 National Strategy for EM

Noted: The e-mail from Howard Worth (Consultant to the Workforce Review Team, DOH) offering assistance with setting up a workshop to determine the future role of EM in Healthcare.

Agreed: That ACEM would actively encourage and participate in the development of a national EM strategy.

The following list of stakeholders should be invited to attend the workshop representing the main disciplines likely to require EM in the future:

Renal Pathology: Terry Cook (with Lorna McWilliam or Peter Furness as alternatives)

Muscle Pathology: Caroline Sewry (alternative, Peter Barber)

Nerve: Ros King

Microbiology: Alan Curry

Skin: Robin Eady (alternative Trish Dopping-Hepenstal)

Ciliary Diseases: Peter Cole (Ann Dewar to advise on an alternative)

Reproductive Medicine: Kevin Lindsay

Paediatric Pathology: Anna Kelsey

Tumour Pathology: Brian Eyden

Either the Chairman or President to present an overview on the current EM facilities.

Action: TR to convey the suggestions of the ACEM Committee to Howard Worth at the Workforce Review meeting at RCPATH on the 28th Feb.

06/07 Any Other Business

ACS:

Noted: JM was standing down as the ACEM representative on ACS.

Agreed: TR would take her place

Noted: ACS required national assessors representing Cellular Science/EM

Agreed: EC, AC and BE names to be put forward to become assessors

Action: JM to put their names forward at the next ACS meeting in April

Date of next meeting: to be decided