

ACB Wales

SPRING 2005

Forthcoming Meetings



Thursday
6th April
2005

POCT in
Wales

Royal Gwent
Hospital -
details from
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November
2005

Imperial
Hotel
Llandudno
Topics include
Immunology
Renal NSF
Pharmacogenomics

Details to follow

Wales Region on the Web

The ACB Wales Region website is now up and running and can be found on the web at <http://www.acbwales.org.uk>. Webmaster Alun Hutchings will receive any information of interest to members of the Region and beyond. It is hoped to place minutes of committee meetings and Annual General Meetings on the site as soon as they are confirmed. Notices of meetings and agenda will be placed on the site in

*“A resource for all
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advance. The site is still under development and Alun intends to include news items, notices of scientific meetings and a section on clinical science and audit. The All Wales Clinical Biochemistry Audit Group activities are already on the site and all current audit guidelines can be accessed through the Clinical Science link from the home page.

Also under development is a very useful

listing of all laboratories within Wales that



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will include contact names and numbers which should provide a useful resource for all biochemists working in the Principality.

Please send any information for to be considered for posting on the site to:
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From the Chair

MEETINGS: A successful Autumn meeting was held in Llandrindod Wells in November. It was a pleasure to hear an excellent presentation from our President whose presence presented us with the opportunity to discuss some of the important professional matters that we're facing at present.

The Spring meeting is being held in Newport on the 7th April and is entitled “Point of Care Testing – the Welsh Perspective”. This

meeting is attracting a wide range of people from the various healthcare professions as well as from the Wales Assembly Government (WAG), Department of Health and Local Health Boards.

The Autumn meeting returns to the Imperial Hotel, Llandudno on the 10th November, a date that clashes with the Autumn Council meeting. Topics will include Immunology, Pharmacogenetics and NSFs. As is now tradition each of our



Pharmacogenetics and NSFs. As is now tradition each of our meeting has the ever popular Audit session included.

AUDIT: Following a recent audit and scientific meeting a group under the auspices of the All Wales Clinical Biochemistry Audit group and in liason with Welsh cardiologists have produced a Standard entitled "Standard Recommendations for Biochemical Markers of Myocardial Damage", this is also being prepared to be submitted as a paper to the Annals. Topics which are currently being audited and standards being prepared include: Cryoglobulin investigation, PolyCystic Ovarian Syndrome, Use of the Short Synacthen Test, Measurement of 5 HIAA and Tumour markers.

WEBSITE: This is still under construction and it is hoped that it will go live within the next few weeks. The audit part of the site is complete and can be accessed from:

www.acbwales.org.uk/audit/

PROFESSIONAL AFFAIRS: As reported previously there have been a number of "Stocktake" meetings called by the WAG Chief Scientific Officer to review Clinical Scientist training and our position relative to Biomedical Scientists following

Agenda for Change. Clinical Biochemist training is viewed as a model which other groups should aspire too and a view is emerging that we should be seen as Directors of the service and BMS the managers. Our roles should include providing leadership and Research and Development. These meetings have not been directly relevant to our medical colleagues although they have been represented. Recognising the need to fully represent this group of ACB our Regional committee has invited a Chemical Pathologist in training to be a member.

The Pathology Modernisation Project in Wales is being led by the Director of Finance and we are represented at all levels. The WAG is keen to learn from the English experience and Ian Barnes is regularly being consulted Informatics is seen as one of the key areas and Laboratory Services have been given a brief to produce a functional specification for a new All Wales Laboratory Information Management System and a Pathology Informatics plan. I chair this Informatics group.

Interesting times!!!

Recent Retirements

Dewi Roberts has announced his retirement from Glan Clwyd Hospital, Bodelwyddan after more than 30 years service to Clinical Biochemistry. Dewi first joined the ACB in 1974.



It is hoped to provide more biographical information in a future newsletter.

from the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport. Howard joined the ACB in 1970 and has been an active member over many years including contributions to the All Wales Clinical Biochemistry Audit Group programme.

Howard Hughes is retiring

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