

Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring newsletter! As I sit looking out at that traditional spring-time mix of daffodils and snowdrifts, may I ask you turn your thoughts to the autumn. Friday 26th October to be precise. That's the date for this year's Annual general Meeting at the Royal Society of Medicine London. We have been very fortunate to have Mr Keith Hellowell QPM, UK Anti-Drugs Co-ordinator, agree to speak to us on "Drug culture in Britain".

The rest of programme will focus on the future- what could the future hold for specialists in GU medicine? What impact will the new multiplex, self-taken tests have on our clinical work? Will the Internet, NHS Direct and WAP phones develop into great new ways of information giving? Where could we be working in ten years? If you have a yen to add to the discussion, come along.

We have a speaker from NHS Direct, GU clinicians and health advisers and others to add to the crystal ball gazing - come and join in!

From October 2000, some of you may be interested in following up from Prof Aiden Halligan's offer of clinical governance advice. His team can be contacted on <http://www.cgsupport.org> and there is a slide show on <http://www.doh.gov.uk/chi/roadshow/sld027.htm>

I've also obtained Dr Carl Gray's entertaining slides about career planning which are available on the site now by clicking [here!](#)

Our next executive meeting is 20th April 2001, so if you have any urgent issue to bring to the national committee, please contact your regional representative now.

Happy Easter, see you in Belfast for the MSSVD!

Jan Clarke