

## **BSIG Steering Group Meeting**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2009**

### **Key Points from the Minutes**

Present:

Sarah Alexander (SA), Beng Goh (BG), Elizabeth Claydon (EC), Phillip Hay (PHay), Cathy Ison (CI) *Chair*, Frances Keane (FK), Kathy Lowndes (KL), Jonathan Ross (JR), Dr Uthayakumar (Kumar), Eva Jungmann (EJ)

- The DVD on Microscopy for STIs is now on sale and can be purchased through the website [www.bsig-resources.org.uk](http://www.bsig-resources.org.uk)
- The BSIG decided, supported by the BASHH Board, that it is too early to give the copyright to institutions that wish to upload the DVD onto IT systems or to provide slides to individuals.
- A Microscopy sub-committee of the BSIG has discussed the future of both Microscopy and Dark Ground courses and decided to retain CPD, but not to become accredited to a University course.
- Future Microscopy courses are planned, and attempts to run the Light Microscopy and Dark Ground courses sequentially, will be investigated.
- The Chlamydia screening guidelines are being updated and are in their 3<sup>rd</sup> Draft. The GC screening guideline is in progress.
- Two new members were elected to the BSIG steering group, Dr Andrew Benzie and Dr Nigel O'Farrell.
- BSIG have identified different tasks and have distributed them amongst the steering group.
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  - BSIG will organise the OGM in Spring of 2010
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  - Updates were received from STBRL and SBSTRIL regarding current Microbiology issues in England, Wales and Scotland.
- Date of the next meeting is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2009 at the RSM.