

BSIG Steering Group Meeting

Friday 3rd October 2008

Key Points from the Minutes

Present: Beng Goh, Phillip Hay, Paddy Horner, Cathy Ison, *Chair*, Frances Keane, Jonathan Ross, Dr Uthayakumar (Kumar), Eva Jungmann

- Two Microscopy Courses are planned - 15th November 2008 and 7th February 2009.
- The Microscopy Courses will be administered by Palm Training for the next year.
- A sub-committee meeting to discuss the future of the Microscopy Courses and the impact of the DVD on attendance, will be held.
- DVD on the Microscopy for STIs will be administered through the website www.bsig-resources.org.uk and through advertising in journals and at scientific conferences.
- The BSIG requires new members and would like to encourage junior doctors and non-career grades to apply. Sarah Alexander was elected as a new member and it was suggested to have representation from the Scottish Bacterial Sexually Transmitted Infections Reference Laboratory (SBSTIRL).
- It is planned to have an update from STBRL and SBSTIRL at all future meetings.
- The BSIG is currently reviewing the Gonorrhoea and Chlamydia screening guidelines.
- The BSIG involvement in management of guidelines to bacterial STIs was clarified. The BSIG had previously decided to undertake 1 or 3 reviews each year, but were also happy to review guidelines written by other BASHH members or groups.
- Date of the next meeting is Friday 20th March at the RSM.