

BSIG Steering Group Meeting

Friday 2nd October 2009

Key points

Present: Cathy Ison (CI), Chair, Philip Hay (PhH) , Sarah Alexander (SA), Andrew Benzie, (AB), Dr Uthayakumar (Kumar), Elizabeth Claydon (EC), Eva Jungmann (EV), Beng Goh (BG), Jonathan Ross (JR), Arnold Fenandez (AF), Paddy Horner (PaH), Frances Keane (FK)

Resignations: Dr Angela Robinson., Dr Jayshree Dave. An SBSTIRL replacement representative will be required.

Guidelines:

Gonorrhoea: The advice on testing for gonorrhoea (including use of NAATs), is in its final draft. The BASSH gonorrhoea guideline is about to be amended

Chlamydia: These are with the Clinical Effectiveness Group (CEG) for comment before going to public consultation on the BASHH website

Membership and Terms of reference of the BSIG

CI advised that BASHH was revising guidance on membership and terms of reference for some groups and committees. These would be circulated when available

Business plan 2010/2011

All members were to come up with ideas for next years' business plan before the next meeting

Microscopy Courses

The 3 Brightfield courses in 2009 have all been oversubscribed. The courses will run in 2010 and will then have to be reviewed. Course administration arrangements for all microscopy courses will be reviewed for 2010/11

DVD

Sales continue in the UK, Europe and Australia. The USA market has been difficult to break into. The DH is to be approached regarding the possibility of purchasing a licensed to use the DVD contents in the DH E-learning programme. Some test microscopy slides to accompany the DVD are available for the web, the group needs to contribute suitable Q/A material for the slides.

Training and competency assessment for providing microscopy in GU laboratories

The revised training and competency assessment draft documents required minor revision after which they will be piloted and formally evaluated . The SAC are be approached regarding suitability for inclusion in the SpR training programme.

OGM 2010

The programmes for the afternoon programme (EJ) and the evening programme (KL) were approved.

Website. The new website is now available. Material to place on the website will include key points from the BSIG meetings and the test bank of slides,

BASHH fellowships

All applicants must secure a HPA mentor and a suitable project prior to formal application. The scheme is also open to speciality doctors, dependent on release from hospital trust duties.

Laboratory standards; The issue of separate laboratory STI testing guidelines, which would also be re-produced in a consistent manner across other relevant BASHH guidelines will be explored with the CEG.

Date of next meeting : 19/03/10

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