



November 2004

NEWSLETTER

Our Autumn Conference was held on Saturday 13 November 2004. Approximately 50 members attended.

At the end of the meeting there was discussion on the perceived fact that complementary medicine is under increasing attack, both in the media and from our professional colleagues.

It was suggested that if any of us have complaints that go to the GMC, then every member of the BSIM should write in support of that doctor, having been forwarded some details of the doctor's case.

It was thought that we should try and have representation of our peers on any GMC Committee who hear any case concerning a doctor practising complementary/ integrated medicine. We are looking into methods of doing this.

It was suggested that we assemble a database of evidence to support any member in case of a complaint to the GMC. Please could all members submit their ideas on this suggestion.

Membership Fees 2005

Please could all members note that new membership fees are due at the beginning of 2005. The cost of this is £80. Please send to: Dr Julian Kenyon, The Dove Clinic of Integrated Medicine, Hockley Mill Stables, Church Lane, Twyford, Winchester, Hampshire SO21 1NT or Patrick Kingsley, 72 Main Street, Osgathorpe, Leicestershire LE12 9TA

If any of you wish to pay by credit card please ring 01962 718000 and say you are paying your BSIM membership for 2005 and give your credit card details.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be a two day meeting at the Royal College of Physicians on Saturday and Sunday 7/8 May 2005. This meeting will be sponsored by Heather Bird who held a well attended conference, focussing on 'Anti-ageing Medicine', in London earlier this year.

This therefore means that some of the presentations will be of a nutritional medicine nature, looking at 'Anti-ageing Medicine'. We are hoping to develop a long-term relationship with Heather Bird and her

organisation for future conferences. It looks like it's going to be an interesting conference so 'watch this space' !

Re-Appraisal

The Committee members of the BSIM have a training seminar on 'Appraisals' from an experienced GP Appraiser.

The Appraisal process is currently being developed by the GMC and there's a discussion document on the GMC website asking for feedback – the closing date being 26th November 2004.

We are attempting to put in place all the pieces so that our 'Appraisal Process' fits in with the nearest process to ours, which is NHS General Practice.

In order to be revalidated after 5 years, each doctor needs to have the following:-

- a) Proof of 5 signed statements from the Appraiser, one for each year beginning 2004.
- b) At least 10 significant event audits.
- c) A list of clinical audits - that means all of us will have to audit our Practices.
- d) 5 statements of learning outcome plans and proof of implementation that arise from the Professional Development Plan (PDP), which arises from the annual appraisal form, that can be downloaded from www.bsim.org.uk
- e) Certification of competence from a Cardio-Pulmonary Resuscitation Course attended within the past 5 years.
- f) Proof in taking part of the survey of 'Patient Satisfaction'. Those of you who are registered with the Health Care Commission know that this is part of the HCC requirement.
- g) We may be asked for a certificate of 'Assessment of Communication Skills'. It's difficult to know at the moment as to how this possible requirement may be fulfilled, but we'll keep any eye on this.

Many of you have not done your Re-appraisal for 2004 – YOU ARE BEGINNING TO RUN OUT OF TIME – See the www.bsim.org.uk website for details.

Suggestions:

Does any member have ideas on any speakers they would like to invite to the BSIM meeting ? Please send your suggestion(s) to Dr Julian Kenyon, The Dove Clinic for Integrated Medicine, Hockley Mill Stables, Church Lane, Twyford, Nr Winchester Hampshire SO21 1NT – E-mail: jkenyon@doveclinic.com. Or Patrick Kingsley, 72 Main Street, Osgathorpe, Leicestershire LE12 9TA – E-mail: drkingsley@onetel.net.uk Or Dr Rodney Adenyi-Jones, 21 Devonshire Place, London, W1G 6HZ - E-mail: Rocaj@regentclinic.co.uk