

Minutes of Welsh Intensive Care Society Meeting
Hotel Metro pole, Llandrindod Wells, Powys
Wednesday 11th September 2002

Present

Dr G Findlay - Chairman

Dr B Tehan - Acting Secretary

Dr E Major - REA

Dr C Thorpe

Dr. R. Self

Dr D. Hughes

Dr A Saayman

1. Apologies received:- Dr D Hope
2. Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 3rd July 2001
Accepted as an accurate record.
3. Matters arising
 - (a) All Wales Critical Care Development Group - This group has not met since the last meeting, but is due to meet on the 25th October to consider the responses to the circulation of the Draft Standards throughout Wales. Some concern was expressed that despite that groups intentions that these should be disseminated to and throughout all trusts via the CEOs and Medical Directors, this appears not to have happened at least in some trusts. The Council were asked to return to their Hospitals and encourage both their Trusts and individuals to comment. Council to issue a letter in support of the standards as circulated. Action GF.
Once these standards have been ratified by the NAFW, the AWCCDG is to consider the base-line assessment made by GF and implementation of the standards.
 - (b)
 - (c) Activated Protein C - It was announced that this drug has received a European license. NICE are scheduled to consider its use at some point in 2003. In addition it was reported that an All Wales Pharmacy Strategy group would make recommendations for Wales in the next few months. WICS will hold a meeting in October, at Cardiff, which though funded by Lilly, is to be wholly controlled by WICS. Invites are to be sent to Health Ministers, Other Assembly Members, Health Authority Directors, Trust Finance Directors, Lead Clinicians in Intensive Care and relevant others. This proposal was supported by Council
 - (d) Transport Standards - GF at present reviewing the original standards.
 - (e) WICS Membership - DH has circulated a letter to be sent out to all Units in Wales. Council accepted this as acceptable, but added that publication on the web should also be done to facilitate recruitment.

4. Audit Officers Report

(a) Manpower planning survey - a questionnaire was tabled by CT on this topic. EM has been invited to partake in an All Wales Manpower Planning Group, and for this reason this suggestion was opportune. After extensive discussion it was decided to defer this survey for the present.

(b) Activated Protein C - CT proposed to put in place a national WICS audit of the use of APC after launch. Council supported this suggestion. CT to liaise with DH? this can be done via the web. Discussion then moved to whether WICS should issue guidelines on the use of APC. GF will circulate the UHW Guidelines for consideration by council.

(c) Application for Traveling Fellowship - has been received from Dr. C. Subbe to attend the ESICM meeting on the 29th September, to allow him to present an abstract. Council agreed to support the application by reimbursing any expenses above costs covered by his study leave allowance from his home Trust.

5. Training and education report

The ICBTICM has issued a document on CCST in ICM. For the present CCST and the present advanced training schemes will continue to run in parallel and with the same content.

EM was able to announce that the problem of funding for one of the present advanced trainees had now been favorably resolved. In addition, there is to a further such post advertised at the end of this year for UHW.

6. Meetings Secretary Report

Dr. Hughes at present seeking out high caliber speakers, and having obtained these will address content. With this in mind he too will attend the Barcelona meeting, and feedback to Council.

7. Treasurers report

The accounts are in a healthy state after the summer meeting, (financial details below) at around £16,000.

Income	Expenses		
Trade & Delegate Fees		£9429	
Travel Expenses		£1848.27	
Trainee Prizes		£500	
Secretarial support		£761	
Hotel		£6556.65	
Total		£9429	£9665.92
Balance		-£236.92	

A poster to be circulated advertising the Colin Wise Fellowship. Action RS

8. WITS

AS announced that after the next meeting he will step down as Chair of WITS and thence from his ex-officio place on WICS Council. The Chairman elect is Dr. Paul Temblett. Final good byes deferred to the next meeting

9. AOB

Sepsis Meeting at Cardiff - This has been arranged for 4th November. Council thanked GF for the opportunity to get involved, but decided to leave it to run its present course.

10. Next Meetings - (All Wednesdays) to commence at 10:45 at the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells unless otherwise arranged

November 6th 2002

15th January 2003

9th April 2003

2nd July 2003

15th October 2003