

# British Association of Perinatal Medicine

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## **NEWSLETTER – January 2001**

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### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS - USE YOUR VOTE NOW**

As a result of the nominations received, elections are now taking place for a new Representative and Deputy for South of England, and Deputy for North of England and Wales. Please return your voting papers to the BAPM office by **21<sup>st</sup> January**

The Executive Committee, at the meeting in December, thanked Professor Dunn for his enormous contribution as Archivist. We welcome Professor David Harvey, who is taking over this important role.

### **OBSTETRICIANS WANTED**

The Obstetric Reps on the Exec committee (John Spencer and Harry Gee) have done sterling work for BAPM, but are reaching the end of their period of office. Volunteers are urgently needed for the positions of Deputy Obstetric Representatives I and II. Contact the Hon Sec or the office.

### **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT-**

#### **GUIDELINES**

At the meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November, It was felt that BAPM could best encourage the development of guidelines and standards by facilitating discussion of the issues between members, and endorsing and distributing local guidelines where appropriate. This newsletter lists topics suggested for guidelines and the name of the person proposing it. If anyone is interested in working on the following guidelines, they should contact the person who proposed them. Many thanks to all those who wrote in with ideas for guidelines.

Neonatal Transport  
**Alan Fenton, Newcastle**

Post discharge nutrition  
**Keith Foote, Winchester**

Management of antenatally diagnosed renal tract malformations  
**John Jenkins, Belfast**

Preparation for discharge

a) Guidelines for decreasing and withdrawing inpatient monitoring

b) Indications for home monitoring

James Moorcraft, Llantrisant

Postnatal dexamethasone

Use of Indomethacin for PDA

### **WORKING PARTIES**

**Examination of the Newborn** – RCPCH Working Group Chair is Dr Sam Richmond. The latest draft of this document was circulated at the AGM, and has met considerable difficulties.

***Fetuses and Newborn Infants at the Threshold of Viability: A Framework for Practice.***

This has been published in the journal Fetal and Neonatal Medicine, as well as being available on our website at [www.bapm-london.org](http://www.bapm-london.org)

**Classification of Neonatal Diseases**

Chair is Professor Henry Halliday.

This group is just beginning work.

#### **CESDI**

Details from Mary MacIntosh, Director, CESDI, Chiltern Court, 188 Baker Street, London NW1 5SD  
Tel: 020 7486 1191; e-mail: [marymac@cesdi.org.uk](mailto:marymac@cesdi.org.uk)

### **Second Edition of Standards for Hospitals Providing Neonatal Intensive and High Dependency Care**

#### ***Your chance to comment***

This document is in the final stages of being updated and a version will be posted on the website towards the end of January. Comments are invited from the whole membership. Send Comments to the President.

### **WEBSITE NEWS**

The Website will soon have a closed area, so that only members can download documents and see special pages.

The members only access information is:

Name: bapm  
Password: inf0baby

NB the password must be lower case and the 0 is a zero not a capital O, for extra security.

## Meetings

### **RCPCH 5th Spring Meeting 2001 University of York, 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> April**

The BAPM session will be on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**. We will have a joint session with Perinatal Pathology in the afternoon of **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> April**.

108 papers of very high quality have been assessed (blind) by a panel and 22 papers put forward for consideration for a plenary presentation. The final programme will be agreed early in 2001 and presenters notified.

### **Annual General Meeting and Scientific Meeting, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2001 Middlesborough. Joint meeting with the Obstetric Anaesthetists Association.**

Karin Nelson has agreed to speak on cerebral palsy. Felicity Reynolds, has also agreed to address the question of pethidine as an analgesic in labour. We are also hoping to have a debate on intrauterine resuscitation – does it exist? There will be many topics of mutual concern and we look forward to a stimulating and exciting scientific day. There will be no free papers for this meeting, which will take the form of invited lectures, debate and discussion.

### **Annual General Meeting and Scientific Meeting, September 2002 (Keble College Oxford, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September)**

The Scientific meeting in 2002 will also be a joint meeting, this time with the British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society. Keble College Oxford has already been booked as a venue, and the Hon Sec will gratefully receive suggestions for keynote topics and speakers. We will certainly have plenty to talk about with the Maternal and Fetal Medicine group and our early planning should ensure another high quality meeting.

### **AGM Society of Friends Meeting Hall, Birmingham Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2001**

Topics will include research governance, and ownership of data from large trials.

*Details from: Peter Brocklehurst,  
peter.brocklehurst@perinatal-epidemiology.ox.ac.uk*

### **Other Meetings of Interest:**

#### **Neonatal Society Meetings**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2001 R.S.M. London

Thursday/ Friday 28/29 June 2001 Nottingham

Further information from Professor Terrence Stephenson, Nottingham

Tel: 0115 970 9255.

E-mail: MIZGW@mgn2.obs.nottingham.ac.uk

#### **British Maternal and Fetal Medicine Society**

March 2001 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Warwick

*Details from fetal@bellhowecon.demon.co.uk*

#### **European Society For Paediatric Research**

Helsinki 5-8 August 2001

Utrecht 4-7 September 2002

Further information from Professor Michael Weindling in Liverpool.

E-mail: a.m.weindling@liv.av.uk

### ***Workshops and Courses organised by the Imperial College School of Medicine***

#### **Perinatal Care in Developing Countries**

Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> March 2001, London

#### **Personal Practice in Neonatal Care**

7<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> March 2001, London

Enquiries for both events:

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### **MEMBERSHIP – now at 543 members**

We continue to grow by over 70 new members each year - don't forget that nominations for full membership by a current BAPM member can be made at any time during the year.

***Please encourage your Obstetric and Neonatal colleagues to join!***

### *Nomination forms and further details from*

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