

# British Association of Perinatal Medicine

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## NEWSLETTER –October 2000

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### **BAPM Silver Jubilee Meeting September 7-9 2000 Bristol. With AGM.**

The Silver Jubilee meeting was a great success, thanks to the hard work of the local organizing team including Peter Dunn, Andrew Whitelaw, Alison Leaf, Pippa Kyle and Peter Soothill. Professor Peter Pharoah gave an excellent Founder's lecture and the quality of all the presentations was very high indeed. We enjoyed a fun evening at [explore@Bristol](mailto:explore@Bristol) and a formal dinner on the SS *Great Britain*.

### **Annual General Meeting and Scientific Meeting, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2001 Middlesbrough**

It is not too soon to put this date in your diary. The Scientific meeting, all day Friday, will be held jointly with the Obstetric Anaesthetist's Association. We are planning a discussion day with invited speakers to introduce all sorts of interesting topics. At the moment we plan to debate the value of pethidine as an analgesic in labour, the effects of maternal pyrexia, the role of fetal surgery and the concept of intrauterine resuscitation. Should be a very valuable day for us all.

### **Annual General Meeting and Scientific Meeting, September 2002 (probably 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. We are exploring venues at the moment, and suggestions for keynote topics and speakers will be gratefully received by the Hon Sec. 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.

### **RCPCH 5th SPRING MEETING 2001 University of York (2 – 5 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**. Abstract scoring will be done in December; the closing date for abstracts (forms available from the RCPCH) is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. The decisions for Plenary and BAPM session papers will be made in January 2001. Start preparing your

abstract now! As usual we expect to have a packed programme of high quality research, with an enthusiastic audience of questioners. Dr Squier, perinatal neuropathologist from Oxford, has kindly agreed to give the keynote address to the joint session on Wednesday afternoon.

### **RCPCH Spring Meeting 2000**

BAPM put forward 12 papers for the Plenary Session in 2000 and 9 were accepted – in the June Newsletter the following four papers were omitted (for which the Editor apologises)

Respiratory Syncytial virus infection in at risk infants and the potential impact of prophylaxis... Beresford, MW; Clark, SJ; Subhedar, NV; Shaw NJ.  
Congenital brachial plexus palsy – incidents and aetiology... Evans-Jones, LG; Kay, SP; Ward, A; Weindling, AM.  
UK Collaborative ECMO Trial: Follow-up at Four years of age... Bennett, CC (UK ECMO Trial Group) .  
Fetal Carriage of TNF2 and PROM is associated with premature membrane rupture and subsequent pre-term delivery.. Ferriman, EL; Doulah, MA; Simpson, NAB; Reid, JG; Dear, PRF and Walker, JJ

### **BAPM CLINICAL TRIALS GROUP**

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

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

#### **Neonatal Society Meetings**

*Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2000 R.S.M. London  
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  
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#### **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](mailto: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.ac.uk

#### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OFFICERS 2001 -**

At the AGM in 2000 Professor David Field was elected unopposed as Hon Sec (2001-2004). Professor Field takes up office as the Hon Sec Elect.

Professor David Harvey will take up his post as the Hon Archivist in 2001.

Please see attached nomination forms for the E&W and obstetric representatives. Nominations to the office by Nov 20<sup>th</sup> please, stating the post for which you are nominating the individual concerned.

#### **URGENTLY NEEDED**

We need 5 people willing to serve on the Executive Committee :

1. Deputy North of England & Wales to take over from Sunhil Sinha as Rep in 3 years time
2. Rep (to start immediately) for South of England
3. Deputy rep for South of England, to take over in 3 years
4. Deputy Obstetrics Representative I
5. Deputy Obstetrics Representative II

#### **GUIDELINES**

The following suggestions have been received in response to a call for guidelines at the AGM

Post discharge nutrition (suggested by Keith Foote, Winchester)  
Management of antenatally diagnosed renal tract malformations (suggested by John Jenkins, Belfast)

#### **The Griffiths Enquiry and neonatal research**

Members of BAPM will have noted the article by Hey and Chalmers (BMJ 2000; **321**:752), and the "rapid response" in the electronic pages of the BMJ.

#### **Resuscitation Council (UK) Newborn Life Support Course (NLS)**

These courses are now in the process of being accredited.

#### **College Specialist Advisory Committee for Neonatal Medicine.**

#### **MEMBERSHIP:**

We continue to grow by about 50 new members each year - don't forget that now anyone working in perinatal medicine can be proposed for full membership at any time during the year. Please encourage your Obstetric and Neonatal Colleagues to join.

BAPM continues to work hard in this area. The work of this committee, chaired by Neil Marlow, includes recognising new posts, planning manpower, setting standards for delivering the neonatal curriculum and assessing of specialist training for CCST. We recently welcomed a trainee representative, Dr Mike Harrison, from UCL. The focus of the CSAC is presently on a new document – Training in Neonatal Medicine. This will set out the basis for approving new schemes for training and for training non-specialists. It is hoped to complete this in the spring.

#### **This committee needs new blood, and we would like to receive nominations for a BAPM representative.**

Nominations to the Hon Sec as soon as possible, please.

#### **CESDI**

*Details from Mary MacIntosh, Director, CESDI, Chiltern Court, 188 Baker Street, London NW1 5SD tel: 0171 486 1191; e-mail: marymac@cesdi.org.uk*

#### **British Journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology: reduced rate subscription.**

The BJO&G has announced that members of BAPM can purchase a subscription at the reduced rate of £69.00 for 12 issues.

#### ***Thermospot***

Despite every effort to keep babies warm, neonatologists still see babies with hypothermia in the UK. The Thermo spot is a simple device which may reduce the chance of hypothermia if applied to the skin immediately after birth. At a glance it provides reassurance to the mother of the baby's warmth. The Thermo spot temperature indicator has been developed primarily for developing countries but may be of value in the UK particularly in the winter months.

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