Minutes of the Meeting of the Programmes Committee
held at the Royal National Throat Nose & Ear Hospital, London
on Tuesday 13 December 2011
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Present: Mr Andy Reid, Treasurer BSA, Acting Chair
Dr David Baguley, Chairman BSA
Dr David Furness, Secretary BSA
Dr Heather Fortnum, BSA Conference 2011/2012 organiser
Mr Jason Smalley, BSA Student Rep and Web administrator
Ms Helen Belcher, GN Resound
Mr Gavin Lockhart, Oticon
Mr Tom Parker, P C Werth
Mrs Jan Deevey, BSA Secretariat
Mrs Catherine Ward, BSA Secretariat (taking minutes)

1. Apologies for Absence
Ms Christine DePlacido, Dr Ros Davies (RFSCo), Mr Tim Husband, Dr Nick Thyer, Dr Kelvin Wakeham (PAIG), Mr Paul Radomskij (BIG), Mr Neil Court (Amplivox), Mr David Smithson (GN Otometrics)

2. Declaration of interests
Attached.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting
The minutes of the previous meeting were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising from Programmes Committee Minutes not itemised below
No matters arising.

5. Meetings
Meetings held since last Programmes Committee

(i) BSA Annual Conference, 7-9 September 2011, Nottingham Trent University
Heather Fortnum was unable to attend the Programmes Committee meeting until later in the morning when this would be discussed. [see AOB]

(ii) London Evening Meeting 2011, 27 October 2011, UCL Ear Institute
Report attached.
Programmes Committee discussed whether it would be possible to hold two LEMs in a year. The meetings are well received and should continue to be so with good topics. It was suggested that there could be a LEM on the topic of APD.
Forthcoming Meetings

(iv) **Research Training Event**, 19th - 20th January, NBRUH, Nottingham
To be discussed with Heather Fortnum in attendance.

(v) **Balance Interest Group Conference**, 27th April 2012, Moller Centre, Cambridge

(vi) **PAIG Conference**, 17th May 2012, Hilton Sheffield

(vii) **Annual Conference 2012**, 5th - 7th September, Nottingham Trent University
Heather Fortnum was unable to attend the Programmes Committee meeting until later in the morning when this would be discussed. Programmes agreed that delegate rates, delegate numbers (suggested maximum of 200) and final deadline for registering need to be decided for the conference. This would be discussed further at the Council meeting following Programmes Committee.

(v) **Annual Conference 2013**
Leeds still being considered. Keele also being considered and preliminary enquiries made. Dave Furness confirmed that Keele has facilities to up to 500 people. There is a lecture theatre with exhibition space next to it. Keele Hall would be suitable for a conference dinner. Gavin Lockhart agreed to meet with Dave Furness at Keele to look at the venue.

**ACTION:** Dave Furness, Gavin Lockhart

5. Meeting Guidelines
Approved.

6. Correspondence
None

7. Any Other Business

(a) Programme of BSA meetings
David Baguley stated that he would like there to be a programme for BSA meetings for the year set up in advance. Ideally there would be at least 6 meetings with a variety of speakers, workshop type meetings and clinical update meetings which are highly topical and useful for jobbing audiologists. The LEM should have compelling topics. Sponsors agreed that this would assist them in their planning and budgets but that they would like to have flexibility in terms of which meetings they would prefer to exhibit at.
Programmes Committee brainstormed potential topics and chairs for meetings:
- Clinical updates – REMs
- Outcome measures
- Individual management plans
- Cochlear implants
- Implantable hearing devices
- Audiometry (this may be more a subject for PPC)
- Tympanometry
- Psychological techniques

**LEMs**
- 3 speakers
- Tinnitus is a good topic
- Tinnitus initiative
- Hyperacusis
• APD
• AQP (BAA are doing a lot of work on this)
• Auditory physiology i.e. hair cell regeneration, age related hearing loss, regenerative medicine and the auditory system
• Audiology – new techniques
• E-medicine – what does this mean to people
• Cognition and hearing (Doug Beck and Brent Edwards are excellent speakers on this topic)

**Journal Club**
David Baguley felt that people are very enthusiastic about the Journal Club. At the meeting held earlier in the year there had been 12 delegates (the number fixed for the venue). The idea of the Journal Club is to look at 2-3 presentations and 2-3 paper with one hour on each and is aimed at middle grade clinicians.

- Noise induced hearing loss
- Hearing protection for musicians
- Mead Killion spoke at BSHAA meeting and was a good speaker
- Adult hearing screening
- Names of people who would be able to lead the above subjects are required

**Clinical Updates**
- Cochlear implants to include severe profound losses (Huw Cooper?)

Having discussed the above it was recommended that the following topics be put to Council for approval:

**LEM** : Hyperacusis [possible Amy Chapman as organiser, Don McFerran]
- Regenerative Medicine [Marcella Rivolta/Dave Furness]

**Journal Club** : Adult Hearing Screening [Pauline Smith/Wendy Stevens]

**(b) Annual Conference 2011 and 2012**
Heather Fortnum joined the meeting and **Annual Conference 2011 and 2012** were discussed.

**Annual Conference 2011 : Annual Conference 2011 Feedback.** Feedback had indicated that some delegates felt that not enough time had been allocated for posters or to ESP. Exhibitors had felt ‘out on a limb’. These items are being addressed for the 2012 conference. Andy Reid confirmed that there had been an unexpected surplus of income over expenditure on the conference of £300. Jan confirmed that not all speakers had claimed their expenses.

**Annual Conference 2012 :** See attached Initial thoughts on timetable for BSA Annual Conference 2012, suggested speakers, exhibition layout and draft timetable. Heather confirmed that Mark Wallace and Michael Akeroyd will be responsible for the 2012 Programme. The opening and closing times of the conference and exhibition were discussed. It may be possible for exhibitors to have rooms on Friday morning and have breakdown on Friday lunchtime.

The difficulty of finding a suitable venue for the conference dinner will be discussed at the Council meeting following Programmes Committee meeting.
(b) **Research Training Event**
Only 3 delegates have registered for this event. A minimum of 12 delegates are required to make the meeting viable and a decision will be taken on 22\textsuperscript{nd} December as to whether the meeting will take place or not.  

\textbf{ACTION: Heather Fortnum}

8. **Date of Next Meeting**
Programmes Committee: Monday 12 March 2012, 0930 to 1030, Board Room, Royal National Throat Nose & Ear Hospital, Gray’s Inn Road
Council: Monday 12 March 2012, 1100 to 1700, Board Room, Royal National Throat Nose & Ear Hospital, Gray’s Inn Road