



The Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine of the Royal Colleges of Physicians of the United Kingdom

Annual General Meeting, 19th November 2010 Royal College of Physicians, London

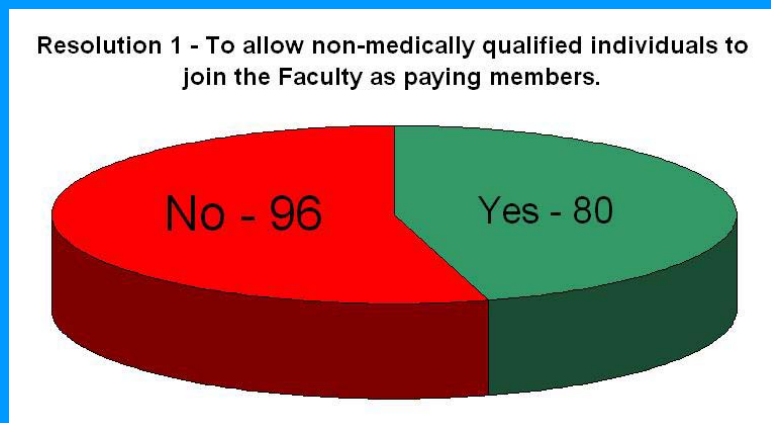
The Annual General Meeting of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Medicine took place between 3.45 and 5.15 pm on the 19th November 2010. The main business of the day was the vote on whether or not non-medical members should be allowed to join the Faculty. The votes cast were a combination of proxy votes (cast by members who could not be present on the day) and votes cast by show of hands at the time. The results are detailed below.

Vote on Faculty membership

Resolution 1 - To allow non-medically qualified individuals to join the Faculty as paying members

Votes For = 80 (votes include proxy votes)

Votes Against = 96 (votes include proxy votes)



THIS RESOLUTION WAS **NOT** CARRIED

As Resolution 1 was not carried, Resolutions 2 & 3 were not considered

President's annual report 2010

Dr Richard Tiner PFPM

Introduction

This first year of my Presidency has gone very quickly and it seems strange that I am already one third of the way through my term of office. I am the first President under the new governance arrangements and there have been some significant changes that I believe are beneficial. Probably the main one is that the Board is now much smaller and separate from the major committees with the Coordination Committee acting as a bridge between them, as its membership consists of the Faculty Officers and the Committee Chairmen. This has enabled a two way flow between the Board and the Committees in what I believe has been a positive engagement.

In the first 18 months of the five year plan, about 40% of it has been or is very close to being completed. This excellent progress is due to the hard work of our committees and working parties all of whom give of their time freely, ably supported by Kathryn Swanston (CEO) and her team. During the year there have been one or two changes in the office with Laura Thornton going on maternity leave and having a little girl. We have been joined by Vanessa Woo as Kathryn's and my PA, Ben Cottam who has taken up a new role for the Faculty as Policy and Communications Coordinator and Grace Beckley who is covering finance. The staff have been very supportive to me and I should like to voice my appreciation to Kathryn and her team.

Revalidation

The new Secretary of State, Andrew Lansley MP, within a few weeks of taking up the role, announced that the start of revalidation would be delayed until mid 2012 to enable proper evaluation of all the pathfinder pilots that are currently taking place within the NHS. Furthermore, the GMC have recently published the outcome to their consultation on "Revalidation: The Way Ahead" and have made it clear that subject to their test of readiness in the summer of 2012, they are planning to launch revalidation later that year.

The purpose of revalidation is to assure patients and the public, employers and other healthcare professionals that licensed doctors are up to date and fit to practise. The Licence to Practise was introduced in November 2009 and the Faculty recommended that all of our GMC registered members still in some form of active practice should apply for a Licence to

Practise and therefore prepare for revalidation. When revalidation is introduced Faculty members will need to demonstrate competence through the collection of evidence, annual medical appraisal, CPD and once every five years obtaining feedback from colleagues and patients, although clearly patient feedback will not apply to the large majority of pharmaceutical physicians.

To enable the Faculty to understand the requirements of revalidation, we are partaking in a Tri-Faculty pilot with the Faculties of Occupational Medicine and Public Health funded by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges of which we are a member. The pilot will begin in February 2011 and last for six months. The Faculty has a Responsible Officer and we are one of the designated organisations in the legislation which comes into force on 1st January 2011. We shall also be providing medical appraisers for those taking part in the pilot and do not have access to a medical appraiser within their company.

Prof. Kent Woods, CEO of the MHRA

"When the pharmaceutical industry submits documents to the MHRA which are signed by a medical practitioner, it would normally be expected that the person would be a licensed medical practitioner."

Education

In December 2009, the Faculty underwent an inspection by the Postgraduate Medical Education Training Board (PMETB), now absorbed into the GMC. I think it would be fair to report that the inspection team had some pre-conceived ideas that the Faculty would not be ready and up to speed regarding the Pharmaceutical Medicine Specialty Training Scheme (PMST). Thanks to Alan Boyd, the Chairman of the Specialty Advisory Committee, Liz Hughes, our Postgraduate Dean and Peter Stonier, our Director of PMST, the five companies that they visited and their educational and senior specialty advisors and not least our excellent trainees, the PMETB team left with very positive impressions of the Faculty and our specialty.

Quote from the PMETB report:

"There is a strong patient safety ethos among the Deanery and the local education providers. This was evident in meetings with all stakeholders, from

trainees to senior management within the providers and deanery staff.”

With regard to PMST, there are now 215 trainees with a National Training Number undertaking training in 104 organisations. For our trainees the Diploma has become an exit exam in that to get the CCT all trainees must have passed it. This year we had 65 candidates sitting the DPM, a considerably higher number than in previous years. 118 physicians have now completed specialty training and have a Certificate of Completion of Training. However, we have had only 15 new registrants for PMST whereas we had previously reached a steady state of about 40 registrants per annum. As yet we do not know whether this is a blip or the beginning of a new downward trend but the Board is aware of this and will be keeping the situation under review.

In January 2010, the Faculty held its first examination for the Certificate in Human Pharmacology. The pass rate was just over 50% and for the first time, we had an overseas examination centre in that three candidates took the exam in Canada. A further certificate examination will take place in January 2011 along with the first examination for the Diploma in Human Pharmacology. The latter has been designed for principal investigators in Phase I studies and we know that the MHRA are considering making the Diploma a requirement for all PIs in these studies in the UK. Clearly, the Faculty feels this is the right approach but we would want to see a level playing field and so need to ensure that the European Medicines Agency introduce the same regulation. This year it was agreed that from now on all the GCP Trainers of the National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) will take the Faculty’s GCP exam.

Professional Standards

The Faculty was challenged to update our Guiding Principles for Pharmaceutical Physicians in the Royal College of Physicians of London report “Innovating for Health: patients, physicians, the pharmaceutical industry and the NHS”. The Ethical Issues Subcommittee has done this by considering the original guiding principles in the light of the Seven Principles of Public Life within the medical profession i.e. Nolanisation of the principles. The document will be provided to all attendees at the follow up conference that the RCP are holding in February 2011 and also to all member colleges and faculties of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges with encouragement to them to use it as a template for developing their own Guiding Principles.

Advocacy

Further to the report on the Advocacy Committee in your papers, I should like to highlight our increased activity in responding to consultations which this year have included the European Commission review of the Clinical Trials Directive, the Academy of Medical Sciences review of Clinical Research in the UK on behalf of the Government, the White Paper on the future of the NHS and some of its accompanying papers, the Department of Health’s review of its Arm Length Bodies and not least the review of the ABPI Code of Practice by the PMCPA.

We are keen to be better known externally and this year we have been invited to send a representative to two organisations with which our previous activity has been limited. We now have a representative on the Medicines’ Information Reference Group of NICE and another on the BMA’s Medical Academic Staff Committee.

The Advocacy Committee has also been analysing the data from our member survey and has produced an edition of the Faculty Newsletter on this subject.

International

This Committee under the Chairmanship of Ibrahim Farr now has membership from five continents and they manage to meet regularly by teleconference at 12.00 GMT. This enables members from Japan, Australia and the US to take part at the same time. One piece of work that they have just completed is a review of Faculty and broader pharmaceutical medicine activity in 13 countries outside the UK. That information will shortly be going on to the website and it makes fascinating reading. We hope that other international members will then provide information from their countries to make this a living document

The Future

Following our Strategy Day, the Board and the Coordination Committee have begun to prioritise activities for the next five years. The five year plan will be updated and presented to the Board as a final draft at its next meeting in January 2011. However, it will certainly include:

- A new digital strategy which initially will mean improving the website
- Exploring gaps where the Faculty could provide education/qualifications directly or in collaboration with other bodies

- Looking at ways to increase the involvement of members
- Longer term financial planning

Recently the Collins Report was published, this is a review of the Foundation years for junior doctors. One of the recommendations is for more tester weeks to be provided by the NHS. We know that there is considerable ignorance about what pharmaceutical medicine is amongst doctors as well as the wider public and this could be a useful way to educate recently qualified doctors. The Faculty is setting up a working party to look at medical student electives and I have asked for tester weeks to be added to the remit.

Conclusion

I hope you can tell from this report that the Faculty has been busy during 2010 and is likely to be increasingly so over the coming year particularly as we prepare for revalidation. None of these activities would be possible without our members volunteering for various activities and I would like to thank all our members who are doing something extra to support the Faculty over and above just paying the subscription. Over the coming year there will be more opportunities to join working parties or help with consultations so do take a regular look at the website. Finally nothing would be possible without the dedication of Kathryn and her team in the office and I thank them once again.

Elections, Awards and the Annual Dinner

Changes to the Faculty Board in 2010

The changes since last year are as follows:

Appointment of Registrar in April 2010 - Professor Geoffrey Barker

Appointment of a Lay Trustee in July 2010 - Mr David Pruce

Appointment of a Trustee in July 2010 - Dr Dominique Dubois

Appointment of Treasurer in November 2010 - Dr John Young

Election of a Trustee in November 2010 - Dr Dipti Amin

All of the above will serve for 3 years

The retiring trustees were Dr Michael Cheshire (July 2010) and Dr Neil Hounslow, Treasurer (November 2010).

The Faculty Board for 2011:

Dr Richard Tiner	President
Dr Jane Zuckerman	Vice President
Dr John Young	Treasurer
Professor Geoffrey Barker	Registrar
Dr Stephen Freestone	Trustee from RCP Edinburgh
Dr Kenneth Paterson	Trustee from RCP&S Glasgow
<i>Vacant</i>	Trustee from RCP London
Dr Dipti Amin	
Dr David Blowers	
Dr David Gillen	
Dr Tony Whitehead	
Dr Dominique Dubois	
Mr David Pruce	Lay Trustee
Mrs Suzanne Hughes	Lay Trustee

Awards

Honorary Fellowship

Honorary Fellowship of the Faculty was presented to:

Dr Louise Levine, Dr Mair Powell, Professor Jean-Francois Rossignol, Professor Rosalind Smyth, Professor Kent Woods, Dr Louise Wood and (not pictured) Professor Sir Ian Gilmore



Ordinary Fellowship (FFPM)

The following members of the Faculty were awarded Ordinary Fellowship (FFPM) in 2010:

(present) **Dr Robert Chan, Dr Joy Chukwujindu, Dr John Dillon, Dr Joubert Gama, Dr Frank Gray, Dr Julian Gray, Dr Teresa Improta-Brears, Dr Stephen Jones, Dr Nicholas Kitchin, Dr Finnuala Lonsdale, Dr Elizabeth Mridha, Dr Anthony Patrikios, Dr Lucy Pavesi, Dr Berkeley Phillips, Dr Helen Phillips, Dr Sheuli Porkess, Dr Graham Price, Dr Jit Solanki, Dr Fredric Steinberg, Dr Anne-Ruth van Troostenburg de Bruyn**



(not present) **Dr Christopher Compton, Dr Christopher Garratt, Dr David Gillen, Dr Wally Landsberg, Dr Simon Lowry, Dr Amanda Oliver, Dr Neil Pumford, Dr Bandhana Rawal, Dr Gerard Short, Dr Gabrielle Silver, Dr Jonathan Sisson, Dr Daniel Thurley, Dr Mark Tomlinson, Dr Anissa Tse, Dr James Walmsley, Dr Nicholas Warwick, Dr John Watters, Dr Guy Yeoman**

Ordinary Membership (MFPM)

The following were granted Ordinary Membership (MFPM) in 2010:

(present) **Dr Joanna Atkinson, Dr John Barnard, Dr Rohit Batta, Dr Ayse Baxter** (Membership without examination), **Dr William Fahy, Dr Janusz Kaminski, Dr Jane Lothian, Dr Faisal Mehmud, Dr Marc Moodley, Dr Kim Prescott, Dr Prashanti Shah, Dr Kamlesh Sheth, Dr Brian Wong**



(not present) **Dr Jeremy Barton, Dr Simon Constable, Dr Amir Inamdar, Dr Adrian Kilcoyne, Dr Harpal Lamba, Dr Catherine Ludwig, Dr Dervla Mahoney, Dr Vijay Prabhakar, Dr Yujay Ramakrishnan, Dr Christina Reith, Dr Vadim Romanov, Dr Ruben Rosoky, Dr Gabriel Schnetzler, Dr Andrea Spezzi, Dr Piotr Szczesny, Dr Nicholas Wisniacki**

Specialist Registration in Pharmaceutical Medicine

The following doctors had been placed on the GMC Specialist Register for Pharmaceutical Medicine since the last AGM:

(present) **Dr Matthew Goodman, Dr Pui Leung, Dr Faisal Mehmud, Dr Marc Moodley, Dr Chris Muldoon, Dr Mehdi Shahidi, Dr Kamlesh Sheth, Dr Jonathan Stewart, Dr Shanker Thiagarajah**



(not present) **Dr Brihad Abhyankar, Dr Nayan Acharya, Dr Dominic Beale, Dr Rajkumar Chetty, Dr Andrew Francis-Lang, Mr Piotr Krzeski, Dr Nicola Lister, Dr Imran Lodhi, Dr Andrew Makin, Dr Stuart McIntosh, Dr Edward Piper, Dr Shaw Sorooshian, Dr Andrew Yeates**

Certificate in Good Clinical Practice

The following were awarded the Certificate in Good Clinical Practice in 2010:

(present) Mrs Helena Heanue-Travers, Mrs Ruth Lambley-Burke, Dr Sushma Narayan, Ms Penelope Scardifield



(not present) Dr Gladstone Burke, Mrs Hazel Crawford, Ms Clare Darrah, Mrs Pia Fagelman, Dr Gemma Feldman, Mrs Wendy Fraser, Dr Samantha Hayton, Miss Louise Jones, Dr Asad Khan, Mrs Lynette Lane, Mrs Shona McDermott, Dr Nina Mitchell, Miss Emma O'Connor, Mrs Joanne Osman, Mrs Anna Plumpton-Sidders, Dr Gopinath Ranganna, Mrs Hayley Tapping, Dr Michael Walker, Ms Geraldine Ward

Certificate in Human Pharmacology

The following were awarded the Certificate in Human Pharmacology in 2010:

Ms Selda Alcock, Dr Susannah Collins, Dr Sally Downen, Dr Howard Goodall, Dr Katherine Hanrott, Dr Simon Hutchings, Dr Richard Larouche

Annual Dinner

The guest of honour for the Annual Dinner was Mr Niall Dickson, the Chief Executive of the General Medical Council and former Chief Executive of the King's Fund. Mr Dickson addressed the dinner guests on the subject of revalidation and its impact on pharmaceutical physicians.

During the dinner, three of the Faculty's past Presidents; Professor Peter Stonier, Dr Susan Bews and Dr Brian Gennery, were awarded newly struck Past-Presidents medals. Professor Sir William Asscher has since also been awarded the medal by Professor Kent Woods, Honorary Fellow of the Faculty.

Professor Peter Stonier



Dr Susan Bews



Dr Brian Gennery



Professor Sir William Asscher



Dates of Faculty activities in 2011

Good Clinical Practice examination – 6th June

Prescribing without Evidence conference – 27th September

Diploma in Pharmaceutical Medicine examination – 13-14th October

FPM Annual Meeting – 23rd November

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