

EFC Education Committee Newsletter

Another new year arrives and I feel I need a sense of clarity ahead of the Berlin EFC Congress in May. Firstly as an educational establishment what do we have? Core competencies for training in colposcopy was an early achievement by my predecessor Charles Redman. Subsequently a trainees database albeit in the UK has been introduced and has been working successfully for just over a year. There have been several training courses. In 2009 there were courses in Lithuania, Romania, Greece and Kosovo. Further courses in Antwerp, Berlin and Kosovo are planned for 2010. Paris may host a course in 2011 or 2012. I would like to thank all those who took time to teach on all the highly successful 2009 courses and for those preparing to teach on the 2010 courses.

An evaluation of a suitable exit assessment is still in the discussion phase and indeed I sense amongst you that this is too ambitious to seriously engage at present.

So where do we go from here? Well the courses should continue and we need to consider courses for 2011. Suggestions are welcome. Also if you feel your state training programmes would benefit from the on-line trainee database log book then please contact me.

I have had an opportunity to meet the Chair of the IFPCP Education Committee Christine Bergeron and we had a number of ideas. I would like to propose an EFC Education Committee meeting at the Berlin Congress and so I would be grateful if you could inform



me if you would be available to attend and I would like to propose that Christine is co-opted onto the Committee for this meeting. There will be 3 colposcopy training courses in Berlin on 27th May immediately ahead of the congress: 1 each in English, French and German. This provides a unique opportunity to compare notes of teaching methods and techniques.

A further survey of colposcopy training is planned for 2010 and Liz has just sent a shortened questionnaire to member society presidents. Unfortunately I had only 12 responses to

the 2007 survey. The length of that questionnaire may have contributed to the poor response rate on that occasion.

Finally I would also be grateful if you could supply colposcopy cases, perhaps as past exam questions with pictures (in the majority) to be supplied to the EFC website. I suspect some of you have collected large amounts of training material over the years. Please send any material to me by email. Much of our training could be on-line and indeed the same ethos is shared with Christine and the IFPCP. Therefore I hope to enrol the help and expertise of Jens Quaas our IT lead as well as Jeff Tan the IFPCP IT lead to provide a large a pool of training material as possible for us and for Jeff's Tuna training tool for the IFPCP.

So I hope you will agree we have a renewed and reinvigorated focus to take us into this important Congress year.

As always I would be pleased to receive any suggestions or advice you may have to help our cause.

Simon

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