

BEES AGM – Minutes
Wednesday 18th April 2007, 1:15pm
Pope Building, University of Nottingham

Present

Professor HC Williams (Chair), Dr A Birnie (Sec & Treasurer), Dr S Lewis-Jones, Professor Andrew Finlay, Dr Aiden Foster, Dr Sam Gibbs.

Apologies

Dr C Flohr, Dr J Bong.

1. Andrew Birnie's term of office had come to a close and Professor Williams thanked him for his contribution over the past 3 years. Carsten Flohr was proposed by Professor Williams as the new secretary/treasurer and seconded by Andrew Finlay.
Resolved: Carsten Flohr was elected as the new secretary/treasurer.
2. Treasurer's statement: There are 61 members of BEES.
The account balance on 31/3/07 was £16346.85. The annual income was £12200, and outgoings were £13450.68 for 2006.
It was proposed by Prof Finlay that Dr Flohr might look into the possibility of earning interest on a proportion of the monies in the account.
Action: Dr Carsten Flohr
3. A successful BEES 'Getting to grips with evidence based dermatology' course was held in Nottingham in February 2007 with 24 delegates, including two from RDTC, Tanzania (BEES travelling fellowship). These were Drs Mebratu and Malope who both extended their stay with a visit to the dermatology department in Liverpool.
It was proposed that the BEES could fund an extra week for the doctors from the RDTC. This was supported by the committee and we will need to look for volunteers to entertain them for the week.
Action: Prof Williams to offer the RDTC enough funds to support the two visitors for an extra week in the UK (unlikely to be more than £500 on top of the £1,000 scholarship already offered), and to identify colleagues in the UK who might be willing to host them.
4. The committee agreed that the meeting of BEES held jointly with the BSID had been a very positive experience and one which could be repeated in the future.
Action: To aim for another joint meeting with BSID in 2009
5. 2008 BEES meeting will be held jointly with the EDEN/ADEN Congress from 7-9 September 2008, hosted by Prof Williams at the University of Nottingham. BEES will be the local host for what is essentially a small World Congress of other dermato-epidemiologists, and will need to accept some of the financial risk. It is likely to be of a similar size and arrangement to the current BEES/BSID meeting and will use the same formula of low cost accommodation and lecture theatres. In that sense, the current meeting was very much a practice run-through of organisation issues and costs. Sinéad Langan will be helping Prof Williams at the local organising committee level, and an international scientific board will be created. A dedicated website will be developed in the summer of 2007.
Action: all to make this a priority to attend and support

6. A travelling fellowship of £750 will be provided by BEES for a registrar to attend an overseas dermatology-epidemiology meeting. Ideally, the registrar will present a paper. This will be administered via the BAD.
Action: Hywel to announce at the BAD and to ask BAD to administer Carsten Flohr to place announcement on BEES website.
7. There was no other business.

BEES Executive Meeting – Draft Minutes
Wednesday 18th April 2007, 1:30pm
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Apologies

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1. This meeting continued on from the AGM. All proposals from the AGM were supported.
2. Andrew Finlay's term of office is coming to an end (3 years). The executive asked him to continue and he kindly accepted.
Resolved: Andrew Finlay to stay on for another 3 years on the BEES Executive
3. There are 2 spaces available on the executive committee for next year. This needs to be advertised to the membership.
Action: Hywel to invite nominations from membership