



Chair's Update Number 3 April 2018

Dear members

I am very pleased to write this third Chair's update. I will be writing updates after Conference, New Year, April and in August. I hope you find these useful and that they are more fun than the traditional AGM Chairs Update.

As you may be aware the Annual NAMEM conference this year will be in Glasgow on the 13th/14th September 2018. The title is "Our Clinical Workforce, they look after you – who looks after then?" There are fantastic speakers arranged and I am sure these days will as always be full of information and thought provoking.

We also have a Civic Reception arranged (and Pipers from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland) followed by a lovely dinner (complete with whisky tasting!).

I do feel the networking aspect of conference is just as important as anything as I know medical education can feel that you are out there alone sometimes!

As always we strive to keep our costs as low as we can for you so the cost of conference will be the same as last year - £350 for members and £405 for non-members. Lesley Fenton our Treasurer will as always be sending out registration forms and conference programmes but if you want to get your place organised early (as we are always full!) please e-mail Lesley at lesley.jackson295@gmail.com

NAMEM council met last week (24th April 2018) and as always the meetings are busy and jammed packed of jobs to do. We welcomed Donna Paddon who has recently taken over the role of Medical Education Manager in Bristol (from Sue Nutland) and has kindly agreed to join us as regional rep. We also sadly said our goodbyes to Helena Woods (Bucks) and Marina Howes-Wray (Psychiatry). We currently have regional rep gaps in Bucks and East Midlands so if you are interested or know a colleague that is interested in joining Council please contact me for an informal chat.

You may be aware that we now have a Twitter and a Facebook page so please follow us – we try to send out useful information to you regularly, if you feel there are things you would like to be added please let me know.

Council has been looking at our website and we all agree it is a little tired and outdated so we are currently working on updating this site, if you have anything you want added please let me know. Watch this space we are on it!!!

Council now attend Medical Workforce Forum (NHS Employers), NACT meetings and various other meetings on your behalf, it is important to me that your voice is heard as MEMs are the driving force and the unsung heroes behind Medical Education.

We have arranged a study day for the 13th June 2018 on "Talent Management - Maximising Individual and Team Potential" please contact Sinead Doherty (Vice Chair for NAMEM) for details she can be contacted on: - Sinead.Doherty@westerntrust.hscni.net

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