The 46th BSPED Annual Meeting will be held in Birmingham, at the Repertory Theatre on 7-9 November 2018. BSPED 2018 will be hosted by Tim Barrett and Renuka Dias, who are working hard with the rest of the Programme Organising Committee to pull together an excellent programme of sessions.

We are pleased to confirm the abstract categories for 2018 are as follows:

- Adrenal
- Bone
- Diabetes
- Gonadal, DAD & Reproduction
- Late Effects of Cancer Treatment
- Obesity
- Pituitary & Growth
- Thyroid
- CME (continuing medical education)
- Miscellaneous / other

Registrations and abstract submissions will open shortly, with an abstract deadline of 16th July.
News from the BSPED Office

New Clinical Guidelines Officer

Following a call for applications, Dr May Ng has been appointed as the new Clinical Guidelines Officer on the BSPED Clinical Committee. Dr Ng takes over from Dr Mars Skae, following the end of her extended term of office. We thank Dr Skae for all her work over the last four years and welcome Dr Ng into her new role. Dr Ng was previously Diabetes Officer and that position is now open for applications (see below).

Diabetes Officer Vacancy

Applications are requested for the position of BSPED Diabetes Officer, to take effect from June 2018. The vacancy has arisen as a result of the completion of the term of office of Dr May Ng.

The Diabetes Officer is a member of the Clinical Committee, which meets 4 times a year, and the role also has specific responsibility for the following:

1. Respond to any diabetes related queries received by the BSPED and other organisations.
2. Play a leading role in the development/endorsements of diabetes guidelines, policies and audits
3. Sit on the BSPED Clinical Committee
4. Update the BSPED Clinical Committee on any projects that would be of relevance from other groups (ie. ACDC, Diabetes UK, JDRF, ABCD, national networks)
5. Update on projects and initiatives being undertaken by the (national) paediatric diabetes networks
6. Update BSPED diabetes guidelines
7. Respond to diabetes related policies as stakeholder
8. Attend APPG Diabetes on behalf of BSPED

The position of the Diabetes Officer has a term of 3 years. For a full job description, please contact the BSPED office. For informal questions about the role, you may contact outgoing officer May Ng on may.ng@nhs.net.

Applicants should send their CV including photo, together with a 200 word covering letter supporting their suitability for the position. All documents should be submitted electronically to the BSPED Office (bsped@endocrinology.org) by 30 April 2018.

Audit and Peer Review Officer Vacancy

Applications are requested for the position of BSPED Audit and Peer Review Officer, to take effect from June 2018. The vacancy has arisen as a result of the completion of the term of office of Dr Leena Patel.

The Audit and Peer Review Officer is a member of the Clinical Committee, which meets 4 times a year, and the role also has specific responsibility for:

a. Respond to any audit queries received by the BSPED
b. Consider and prioritise requests for new audits from the BSPED membership
c. Management of the Growth Hormone Audit
d. Oversee the development of new audits in paediatric endocrinology and diabetes
e. Liaise and support audit authors and update the Clinical Committee
f. Advise on the strategy for the Peer Review process and lead on its implementation

The position of the Audit and Peer Review Officer has a term of 3 years. For a full job description, please contact the BSPED office.
Applicants should send their CV including photo, together with a 200 word covering letter supporting their suitability for the position. All documents should be submitted electronically to the BSPED Office (bsped@endocrinology.org) by 30 April 2018.

CSAC Review & Annual Retreat for Trainees in Endocrinology (ARTE) 11-12 May 2018
The Annual Retreat is a training event for higher specialist and academic trainees in diabetes and endocrinology. It is held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel Birmingham and is kindly sponsored by Novo Nordisk. For Grid trainees who are currently in training, attendance is mandatory as it coincides with the RCPCH CSAC review on the afternoon of Friday 11th May. Invitations have been sent out via email.

Paediatric Regional Endocrinology Teaching and Training Yorkshire (PRETT-Y) Study Day 5 June 2018
The next PRETT-Y study day will be held at Leeds Children's Hospital with covering topics in adolescent endocrinology, including PCOS, fertility preservation, Klinefelter syndrome, menstrual abnormalities and much more - all for only £20! Full programme details to follow. Please get in touch with Elspeth Ferguson (elspethferguson@nhs.net) or Nadia Amin (nadia4381@hotmail.com) if you wish to register.

Research Fellowship Opportunity in Paediatric Endocrinology
An opportunity has arisen to apply for a research fellowship to undertake basic and clinical research in paediatric endocrinology of hypothalamo-pituitary disease in children. The project will train the candidate in molecular biology techniques and prepare them to obtain further funding from research charities to undertake a PhD. Interested doctors at ST3/4 level are encouraged to apply by contacting the PI, Dr Carles Gaston-Massuet (c.gaston-massuet@qmul.ac.uk) in April.

Diabetes UK Camps
It has come to our attention that Diabetes UK have currently put all their camps on hold. As you will be aware if you are a GRID/ SPIN trainee attendance at at least one diabetes holiday camp is mandatory during your training. We have clarified the situation with our CSAC Training Advisor, Dr. May Ng who has confirmed that trainees do not need to attend a specific Diabetes UK holiday camp, and attendance at other loco-regional camps will also be satisfactory. Details of these camps should be available via your regional diabetes network.

BSPED Trainee Mailing List
We are in the midst of updating our trainee mailing list and have started contacting some of you to update your records, beginning with current Grid trainees. Going forward we hope to be able to maintain a more accurate database of trainees across the UK.

If you are a trainee and wish to receive updates on courses, job opportunities, information on training or feedback on any training issues, please contact us via the email address below.

Dr. Hoong-Wei Gan and Dr. S Ching Chen
RCPCH CSAC Trainee Representatives
Email: bspedtraineerep@gmail.com
Urology/DSD statements

The Clinical Committee would like to draw your attention to two statements issued over the past few months by international endocrine and urology societies, in relation to a recently published report and recommendation on DSD.

The BSPED was not involved in developing or endorsing these statements, but we have added them to the BSPED website for your information:

**Human Rights Watch (HRW) and interACT Report - Joint Statement**

**Position statement on DSD from the European Society for Paediatric Urology**

New Patient Information Leaflets

The Clinical Committee is currently reviewing the BSPED’s patient information leaflets following consultation with its members. New leaflets on the subjects of Hypothyroidism in Childhood and Hypopituitarism (Multiple Pituitary Hormone Deficiency) have now been produced and are available on the BSPED website.

Growth Hormone Audit

The latest GH Audit report is now available for members to view online in the members’ area of the BSPED website. This report includes data up until September 2017.

Submitting items to the Clinical Committee

In order to manage the full agenda of this busy committee we would request that any items that members would like to be reviewed by the Clinical Committee should be submitted to the committee through the BSPED Office in good time. Please see below the deadline dates for submission for the upcoming Clinical Committee meeting:

1 May for Clinical Committee 16 May 2018
Announcements

Request for Diabetes & Endocrinology AAC panel members

The RCPCH maintains a list of specialty consultants who would be willing to represent the college on interview panels. The current list is now out of date. If consultants are interested in participating in these interview panels please read the information from the RCPCH below and register your interest with the Advisory Appointments Committee (AAC) team at aac@rcpch.ac.uk

The College requires those wishing to represent it on an AAC panel to meet the following criteria:

- Ordinary Member of Fellow of the RCPCH
- In the relevant subspecialty for 4 years at substantive Consultant grade and currently practicing as a Consultant in the subspecialty
- Does no work for the recruiting Employer
- Is in good standing with the RCPCH
- Has undertaken training in non-discriminatory interviewing techniques from an NHS provider

Training is provided and the next AAC Training Day is on Thursday 7th June, at RCPCH London office.

The Novo Nordisk UK Research Foundation

The Novo Nordisk UK Research Foundation is a charity supporting research and education in diabetes. Funding is available on a competitive basis for clinicians, nurses and allied healthcare professionals working in both primary and secondary care. The Foundation is now inviting applications for the 2018 awards:

Research Fellowships – Clinical Research Fellowships, up to 3 years duration (part time considered), are available for clinicians and nurses working towards a PhD or MD.
Closing date: Friday 13th April 2018

Grant Awards – small research project grants up to £12,000 open to all applicants.
Closing date: Friday 13th April 2018

Fund Awards – for nurses and allied healthcare professionals:
- Attendance at a national or international meeting up to £1,000
- A course of study up to £2,000
- Small clinical project up to £5,000
Closing date: Monday 30th April 2018

For further information on the individual awards and application forms: www.novonordiskfoundation.org.uk
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Meetings and courses

Advanced Course in Paediatric Bone and Calcium Disorders
22nd-23 March 2018 – Lucas House, Hornton Grange, Birmingham

Applications are invited for this popular postgraduate course which will cover a variety of topics including Hypocalcaemia and Hypercalcaemia, Disorders of Phosphate Metabolism, Rickets, Calcium and Phosphate Physiology, Bone Biology, Bone Density and Osteoporosis. It is aimed at trainees and recently appointed consultants.

Places are limited to 20 delegates each of whom will be asked to bring a case to present. The cost for this course which covers 1 night’s accommodation and all meals over the 2 days is £350. Interested applicants should contact joy.morgan@nhs.net – secretary to Professor Nick Shaw.

22nd Advanced Postgraduate Course on Growth and Growth Disorders
28th May-1st June – Stockholm, Sweden

This 5-day course will cover the biology of human growth as well as clinical management of growth disorders. Teachers are selected among internationally known experts in paediatric endocrinology and other aspects on growth. Fellows are expected to arrive in Stockholm Sunday May 27 and leave in the afternoon Friday June 1.

The course is primarily directed towards young European paediatric endocrinologists who are in training or just achieved their specialty. The number of fellows is limited to 25. Thus, the course leaders will select a multinational group of fellows from the applicants in order to make sure that all are on a similar level in training. A good command of the English language is mandatory. Experience in research is advantageous, but not necessary.


ESPE Science Symposium: The Science of Gender
18-19 October 2018 – Tavistock Centre, London

The 2018 ESPE Science Symposium on Science of Gender: evidence for what influences gender development and gender dysphoria and what are the respective influences of nature and nurture will take place at the Tavistock Centre, London, UK on 18-19 October 2018.

The 1.5 day programme will cover: the science of sex and gender development, the science of neurodevelopment and the science of endocrine therapy.

The event is limited to 100 attendees, including faculty: 25 fully sponsored places will be available for trainees, young clinicians and scientists (individuals within 8 years (FTE) of completion of doctorate training). The application deadline for free places is 1 July 2018. After this date, registration will be open to all, at a cost of €80.

The meeting is being organised by the ESPE Gender Dysphoria Working Group together with the host organisation, The Gender Identity Development Service and is supported by an educational grant from Pfizer.
For more information and to apply, please visit the ESPE website: https://www.eurospe.org/education/espe-science-symposium/

7th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies
30th October-3rd November 2018 – Paris, France

Serving as a nexus for the wealth of knowledge provided by three leading paediatric societies, the 7th Congress of the European Academy of Paediatric Societies (EAPS 2018) promises to build on the reputation of previous highly successful meetings. Paediatric professionals from around the world will gain unparalleled access to the best scientific research programmes.

Firmly established yet dedicated to thinking outside the box, EAPS 2018 aims to engage the world’s best in a hearty exchange of experiences and expertise in research and clinical care. Europe’s foremost paediatrics subspecialty societies EAP, ESPNIC and ESPR have dedicated their time and formidable talents into organizing a stellar educational/research forum that will celebrate outstanding science in all areas of paediatrics.

http://www.eaps.kenes.com/2018

2018 meetings

ECE: 19-22 May 2018
ADA: 22-26 June 2018
ESPE: 27-29 September 2018
ISPAD: 11-14 October 2018
BSPED: 7-9 November 2018
BES: 19-21 November 2018

We hope that you are familiar with the Other Meetings page on the BSPED website. This page can be updated by anyone promoting a meeting of interest to the Society. This can be done by visiting http://www.bioscievents.com/submit/submit.aspx where details of the meeting can be uploaded and will be added to the BSPED Calendar of Events on the Other Meetings page. If you have any queries about this please contact the BSPED Office at bsped@endocrinology.org.

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