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Welcome to our May Newsletter, and what a busy month! We have the Annual Spring meeting which is keeping all staff and members of our Meetings Committee busy and the website is still proceeding with further development. We have recently held Council and Trainee Elections and these will be announced at the members meeting in Leeds - thank you to all who participated.

We always encourage our members to attend our major scientific meetings so I hope to see some of you in Leeds, if not registration has now opened for the State of the Art Winter meeting.

Best Wishes
Pauline Kemp
Head of Secretariat

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| <p>1</p> | <p>Spring Meeting and Annual Members Meeting Royal Armouries Leeds 17th and 18th May</p> |
| | <p>If you haven't already booked your place on to our Annual spring meeting then do hurry as registration closes today at 5pm! Any registrations after today will incur the additional late registrations rate. We have kept our rates extremely low for and ensured that the Nurse and AHP rate in particular is exceptional value for money. Visit our website for further details about the meeting.</p> <p>Hot topics for this year's scientific programme at Leeds Royal Armouries.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's new and important in the literature? • Towards zero nosocomial infections in ICU • Weighty issues in ICU • What have we learnt from the swine flu pandemic? • Rehabilitation from critical illness • Pro Con debates • CME sessions covering core intensive care topics-<i>A must for revalidation and keeping up to date with your education and practice.</i> <p>There will also be a major technical exhibition showcasing all the latest developments from industry, Trainees', Members', Nurse and AHP forums, the prestigious Gilston Lecture and industry sponsored symposiums.</p> <p>Don't miss this as well as the Spring Meeting Dinner and Dance Tuesday 18th May, Royal Armouries. A black tie evening featuring pre dinner drinks and interpretation in the Oriental Gallery, live music, 3 course meal, Foundation raffle and wonderful company! A bargain at £45. Contact Robina to register robina@ics.ac.uk</p> <p>And for the more energetic there will also be our annual Foundation 5 K run on Wednesday 19th May 07:15- enjoy a leisurely run along the canals of Leeds – a great way to get over a hangover. Contact Gemma to register gemma@ics.ac.uk</p> <p>Download Fun Run Flyer</p> <p>Annual Members Meeting 2010</p> <p>The Annual Members meeting is taking place on Tuesday 18 May 2010 at 18:00 hours in The Royal Armouries, Leeds. After day one of the Spring Meeting. To download any documents you may require for the meeting please download here</p> |
| <p>2</p> | <p>Working Together in Intensive Care – N&AHP Seminar – Wednesday 14th July 2010 – Churchill</p> |
| | <p>This exciting one day conference showcases the unique contribution that nurses and allied health professionals (N&AHPs) make to critical care, and launches the new N&AHP division within the Intensive Care Society. We invite you to join us to hear about a range of topics from speakers that exemplify expertise and multi-disciplinary approach to care.</p> |

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| | <p>Topics to include:</p> <p>Learning from patient's stories Standardising medications Guidelines on delirium Patient and relative initiated critical care outreach</p> <p>In addition you can learn more about this exciting new division of the ICS. Find out how you can contribute and what benefits are available to you as an N&AHP member of the ICS.</p> |
| 3 | State of the Art 2010 13th ,14th December 2010 – Registration Open |
| | Registration is now open for our premier winter meeting at the London Hilton Metropole Edgware road. We have frozen our delegate rates from 2009 and will be showcasing a number of international speakers, a full scientific programme over 2 days accompanied by an exhibition, research posters and a Four Corners update. For further details of this meeting please keep an eye on the State of the Art web page |
| 4 | The Intensive Care Society Forthcoming Events 2010. |
| | <p>17-19 May 2010 The Annual Spring Meeting Leeds Royal Armouries, Leeds</p> <p>17-18 June 2010 ICS/RCoA/RCP Joint Intensive Care Symposium. Churchill House, London</p> <p>14 July 2010 The Inaugural Seminar of The Intensive Care Society's new Nursing and Allied Health Professional Division 'Working Together in Intensive Care' Churchill House, London</p> <p>22 November 2010 ICS Seminar – What is new in Resuscitation? Churchill House, London</p> <p>For further information and registration forms please visit the ICS website www.ics.ac.uk</p> |
| 5 | Council and Trainee Elections |
| | The results of the Council and Trainee Elections will be announced at the Annual Members' Meeting on Tuesday 18 May 2010 at 18:00 hours in The Royal Armouries, Leeds. This will be followed by an announcement in the June eNewsletter. |
| 6 | Awards |
| | Young Investigator , Travelling Fellowship Awards , State of the Art Abstracts and the Gold Medal Award now open for applications. |
| 7 | Linkman Information |
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| | <p>The Linkman meeting will be taking place at the Annual Spring meeting Tuesday 18th May 2010 during lunch break at 1pm in the Bury Theater Royal Armouries Leeds.</p> <p>Attendees to this meeting will be offered lunch post the meeting in the Saviles Hall and will have a chance to look around the exhibition. If you have anything you would like to add to the agenda please contact Nina (nina@ics.ac.uk)</p> |
| <p>8</p> | <p>Foundation Events</p> |
| | <p>Public Support</p> <p>Please support Irene on her great Wall of China walk by donating through her Just Giving page</p> <p>"I am a sister in ICU at the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital in Margate. I have worked in Intensive Care for 30 years and have obviously seen many changes over the years. I am a member of the Society and attended the December meeting in London. In 2009 I trekked to Everest Base Camp with Caudwell Xtreme Everest Expedition and raised £2300, not sure that I'll manage that this time but will do my best. This year I plan to walk the Great Wall of China so please support me." Irene Thomson</p> <p>Leeds Fun Run</p> <p>Dr Marcela Vizcaychipi at Imperial and Paola at the ICS Office have been working very hard organising the Leeds Fun Run at the Spring Meeting. Previously the runners have just turned up on the day but as the event has grown, it is now important that you register beforehand. This will at least mean that you will get a T shirt and a medal. The run is on the Wednesday morning between the two days so there is no excuse not to join in. For details here</p> <p>Three Peak Challenge</p> <p>The eight places for this event were quickly snapped up by Alistair and Anwen Crawford, David Cobb, Leuthley, Ed Farley-Hills, Marcela Vizcaychipi, Sheena and Terry Williams. They will walk 25 miles, climb almost 10,000 feet and travel 475 miles in 24 hours to raise money for the Intensive Care Foundation. Two of the team are intensive care doctors! This is great commitment by the others. As the critical care community please support their efforts by visiting their Just Giving pages. Please remember that gift aid reduces the actual cost to you by 25%; you just need to enter the amount given on your tax return.</p> <p>Snowdonia Xtreme Challenge</p> <p>Last year raised over £34,000. To exceed this target and spread the fund raising task, we need more sponsorship. The individual fund raising target is £250; the event is four months away so that is £63 per month or £16.50 per week. Please do think about entering a team. Industry and the general public are out in force and it would be nice to see a larger showing the ICUs themselves. Further details at http://www.ics.ac.uk/foundation_home/fundraising_activities/snowdonia_challenge Please see Aprils Newsletter for further information. Please remember that registration closes at the end of May.</p> <p>If anyone else is supporting the Foundation in any other way, please let me know at saxon@ridley.waitrose.com.</p> |
| <p>9</p> | <p>Foundation 100 Lottery 5 days left!</p> |
| | <p>5 days left to purchase a Foundation ticket! Tickets are only £50 please complete the application form and return by fax/ post to the ICS offices.</p> |

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| 10 | <p>Nurse and Allied Health Professionals</p> |
| | <p>It's not long now until the N&AHP conference which marks the launch of the new division in the ICS. On Wednesday 14th July we are offering 'Working together in Critical Care', a one day conference in London that celebrates the multi-disciplinary approach to critical care. We have nurses, doctors, physiotherapists and scientists speaking on the programme, and will be hosting the first AGM for the N&AHP division of the meeting. More information about the conference can be found on this website, along with details of how to register. We look forward to seeing you there.</p> <p>For nursing members and those in management, and of course others that have an interest in the continually challenging debate about nurse staffing levels in intensive care, the British Association of Critical Care Nurses (BACCN) have published an update on the standards for nurse staffing in critical care (BACCN et al 2010). These standards represent the expert views of the BACCN, the Critical Care Networks National Nurse Leads and the Royal College of Nursing Critical Care and In-flight Forum. They are a valuable resource for critical care clinicians in the maintenance of safe levels of staffing in critical care areas.</p> <p><i>Reference: Bray K, Wren I, Baldwin A, St Ledger U, Gibson V, Goodman S, Walsh D. (2010). Standards for nurse staffing in critical care units determined by: The British Association of Critical Care Nurses, The Critical Care Networks National Nurse Leads, Royal College of Nursing Critical Care and In-flight Forum. Nursing in Critical Care: 15(3); 109-111.</i></p> |
| 11 | <p>Trainee News</p> |
| | <p>Hi everyone. The annual report will be available in a few weeks and this contains a summary of all our activity of late so I will not repeat myself here. However, of note, major changes are going to take place in our training and examination structure over the next few years. High up the list is the possibility of a standalone CCT in ICM. Much discussion is currently taking place about all these issues and we will, of course, keep you informed when there are concrete plans in place.</p> <p>Could I urge those of you who have not yet registered for the Spring Meeting in Leeds to do so! There are some fantastic speakers lined up. In particular the Trainee Forum will comprise the following four talks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improving quality and safety in ICU (Carol Peden) How to get involved in ICU research as a trainee (Mark Bellamy) How to make the most of an advanced year (Jonathon Goodall) The ethics of lying! (Bob Winter) <p>Finally could I draw your attention to the information about the clinical training fellowships on offer at Sunnybrook, Toronto. These were brought to my attention by Prof. Brian Cuthbertson (Chief of Critical Care) and look very exciting. Please see this flyer for full details.</p> <p>See you all in Leeds</p> <p>Best wishes</p> <p>Malcolm</p> |
| 12 | <p>Annual Report</p> |
| | <p>The 2009 – 2010 Annual Report is now available to download from our website.</p> |
| 13 | <p>CritPaL Patient Information Booklets</p> |

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| | <p>The Patient Information Booklets are now available to download from our website free of charge. If you would like to order hard copies of the booklets please see the Patient Information Booklet Order. Please note, if you require more than one copy of each a charge will be made.</p> |
| 14 | Upcoming FEEL Courses |
| | <p>The next FEEL course to be held at RSM on May 28th there are still places available. For more information please see this flyer.</p> |
| 15 | Medical Device Alert |
| | <p>DEVICE: PEDICAP 6 PAEDIATRIC END-TIDAL CO2 DETECTOR SPECIFIC LOT NUMBERS</p> <p>MANUFACTURER: COVIDIEN (PART OF TYCO HEALTHCARE) http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON078937</p> <p>DEVICE: ENDOTRACHEAL (ET) TUBES, ADULT AND PAEDIATRIC SIZES.</p> <p>MANUFACTURER: UNOMEDICAL (A CONVATEC COMPANY) http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON078952</p> <p>DEVICE: BLOOD GLUCOSE METERS. 5-SECOND CONTOUR</p> <p>MANUFACTURER: BAYER DIABETES CARE http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON079016</p> <p>DEVICE: SHILEY CUFFED TRACHEOSTOMY TUBES. SPECIFIC LOT NUMBERS</p> <p>MANUFACTURER: COVIDEN (FORMALLY TYCO HEALTHCARE) http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON079105</p> |
| 16 | Industry News |
| | <p>Procalcitonin Safely Reduces Antibiotic Usage in a Hospital Setting – Multi centre trials that substantiate claims</p> <p>Fresenius Medical Care (UK) Ltd spring symposium information</p> |
| 17 | Other Meetings of Interest |
| | <p>For other meetings of interest please visit the ICS website.</p> <p>National Confidential Enquiry into Patient Outcome and Death. 'A Mixed Bag' Parenteral Nutrition Report Launch For further information please see this flyer.</p> |
| 18 | Training of Advanced Critical Care Practitioners Meeting |

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| | <p>Dear Colleague</p> <p>We are holding a meeting at Royal College of Anaesthetist (RCOA) on 21st June, starting at 11.00am in the 6th Floor Meeting Room, to discuss training of Advanced Critical Care Practitioners (ACCP)s. I understand that you or your critical care unit may be interested in this project.</p> <p>At present the RCOA supports Physicians' Assistant (Anaesthesia) (PA(A)s through a college committee, we would like to include ACCPs into a single Committee, Anaesthesia Related Professionals Committee (ARPC).</p> <p>PA(A)s have a common curriculum and standards, and are eligible after successful completion of training to become Associates of the RCOA, we hope by working together in the development of this new group of practitioners we can similarly achieve nationally recognised standards for training and practice, the transferability and sustainability of the role and by doing so ensure safe patient care.</p> <p>Ideally we would like a team of consultant leads for the project, a representative from the Higher Education Institution with which you are working and if possible a practitioner/trainee practitioner to attend.</p> <p>If you are not the most appropriate member of your unit to attend, could you please pass on this invitation to the most appropriate member?</p> <p>I do hope you are willing to join us in this exciting new project.</p> <p>If you would like to discuss this further please do not hesitate to contact me at abatchelor@rcoa.ac.uk</p> <p>Kind regards and sent on behalf of:</p> <p>Dr Anna Batchelor</p> |
| <p>19</p> | <p>ICS Supported Surveys</p> |
| | <p>There are currently three surveys live on our website, the surveys are quick and easy to complete, please take the time to do this as it will really help research in these areas.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communication with relatives of Intensive Care Unit (ICU) patients – A survey of current practice. 2. Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) ICU Use Survey 3. Diagnosis of ventilator associated pneumonia - a survey of UK practice 4. Toxic smoke inhalation: personal views of Clinicians |

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