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Dear

Welcome to the November eNewsletter. With the State of the Art Meeting fast approaching, please remember to register to attend the meeting and do bring this event to the attention of your colleagues. There are a number of Intensive Care Foundation fundraising opportunities taking place next year which you may wish to be involved with and we still have some lovely Xmas cards on sale. The Society is currently looking for experienced researchers willing to assist with the Society's Young Investigator Award grant application process. Full details below.

Best Wishes

Pauline Kemp

Head of Secretariat

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| 1 | State of the Art 2010 13th, 14th December 2010 |
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Registration is now open and closes on the 6th December 2010, so register now for our main annual meeting and the UK's largest meeting for Intensive Care Professionals.

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| | <p>Fees have been frozen from the 2009 rate.</p> <p>A number of leading international speakers and will be offering a scientific programme over 2 days accompanied by an exhibition, research posters and a Foundation update. The latest programme is available on line. Full pricing for this meeting is available on our State of the Art web page.</p> |
| 2 | Forthcoming ICS Events |
| | <p>22 November 2010 ICS Seminar – What is new in Resuscitation? Churchill House, London Registration closes on the 15th November, so book your place now!</p> <p>7 February 2011 ICS Seminar – Mechanical Ventilation Update Churchill House, London</p> <p>23 March 2011 ICS Seminar – Update in Trauma Care Churchill House, London</p> <p>19 April 2011 ICS Seminar – Microbiology for Intensivists Churchill House, London</p> <p>26 – 27 May 2011 ‘Resuscitate and then...’ Joint meeting with Emergency Physicians in Intensive Care Churchill House, London</p> <p>10 June 2011 ICS Seminar – Who Benefits From Intensive Care? Churchill House, London</p> <p>23 June 2011 ICS & ACTA Joint Seminar – Extreme Organ Support Robinson College, Cambridge University</p> <p>19 September 2011 ICS Practical Seminar – An Introduction to Chest Ultrasound for Intensivists Churchill House, London</p> <p>31 October 2011 ICS Seminar – The Surgical Patient in ICU Churchill House, London</p> <p>12,13 and 14 December 2011 The State of the Art Meeting 2011 ExCeL, London</p> <p>For further information and registration forms please contact events: events@ics.ac.uk</p> |
| 3 | Foundation Christmas Cards |
| | <p>The Intensive Care Foundation Charity Christmas cards are on sale now and cost only £3 per pack. To place an order please complete and return the ORDER FORM.</p> |

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| 4 | Foundation Charity Golf Day - 2011 |
| | Calling all keen golfers! Dr Valerie Page will be organising another Charity Golf Day on the 26th August 2011 for full event and registrations details please visit the Foundation website . |
| 5 | Foundation Snowdonia Challenge 2011 |
| | Once again the Foundation will be running this very successful event on the 18th June 2011 . There are routes of varying degrees of difficulty – registration is open now so if you think you are interested in participating and think you have a team then please contact Dr Saxon Ridley saxon@ridley.waitros . For full details of the event and to read about the success of last year's event please visit the Snowdonia Challenge page on the ICF website. We Need You! |
| 6 | Irene Thompson's Great Wall of China Walk for the Intensive Care Foundation |
| | Many thanks to Irene Thomson, a sister at the Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital in Margate, who has raised £1369 for the Foundation. "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. I had a wonderful 18 days in China starting in Hong Kong then travelling through the beautiful landscape of Guilin and Yangshuo in the south before heading for Xian and the Terracotta warriors. Then onto Beijing to start the Great Wall. I spent 10 amazing days trekking the wall, first day was wet and misty but then we were rewarded with beautiful blue skies, warm days and spectacular views. It is incredible to think that this wall spans the entire country! I had an amazing experience, made many new friends and hope to return one day. I would like to thank everyone who supported my fundraising events which included a curry night, chilli night, Green night, cake days, pimm's on the beach and many more. Special thanks to Terry and Grace." |
| 7 | Intensive Care Society Grants – Call for Referees |
| | Intensive Care Society Grants-Could You Help? New research, both clinical and basic sciences, is extremely important for our patients and for the development of our specialty. Historically, compared with other specialties such as cardiology or oncology, the research spend on critical care has been relatively small. As can be seen from the strength of the Intensive Care Society Gold-Medal over recent years, this is not because of a shortage of high calibre, highly motivated researchers. Moreover, as time goes by, more and more bright young people are coming into the field. Supporting research work by these young individuals, the Intensive Care Society can "pump prime" further research and maximise the likelihood of success in grant applications from the National Medical Research Council and other "blue-chip" funders. We have been able to do this through our research grant programme over the last few years, in particu |

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| | <p>through the "Young Investigator Award". This is our flagship grants programme for bringing on new researchers. The grants are of up to £15,000 each, but are part of the NIHR portfolio: this means that clinical studies carried out in the NHS and funded through the Young Investigator Awards scheme qualify for full NHS support costs. In effect, this increases the value of the award, potentially several fold.</p> <p>To make our process as robust and high-quality as possible, we are currently looking for experienced researchers who would be prepared to spend a little time each year refereeing grant applications as part of the Young Investigator Awards process. We are keen to build up a large panel of potential referees. If you have a research interest, either as a current researcher, or as a researcher in a "previous life", we would like to hear from you. In the first instance, an expression of interest should be sent to Amy@ics.ac.uk. Please tell us who you are and what areas of research you would be prepared to referee. We would only ask you to referee up to one grant in each round (i.e. one per year). You would be one of a number of independent referees drawn from a wide academic background refereeing each application. We would ask you to comment on the application against a set of criteria, and write brief comments to assist the grants committee and the potential applicants. Your comments and scores would be treated confidentially. The grants round is refereed once per year, in July and early August, with the committee reaching a final decision in September.</p> <p>So, if you feel you could spare a little of your time to do this, your professional society needs you!</p> |
| 8 | Developing Guidelines |
| | <p>The Standards Committee has received a request to consider developing guidelines for seeking a second opinion when families disagree with medical staff, especially about end of life decisions. The recently published GMC guidance states that this is part of good practice in resolving differences (paragraph 4.1) but the mechanics of arranging this have not been stipulated. The Committee would like to hear from those with experience of arranging second opinions and especially whether any networks have an agreed policy in this area. Please contact jane.harper@rlbuht.nhs.uk.</p> |
| 9 | NICE Evaluation Pathway Programme for Medical Technologies |
| | <p>NICE has an Evaluation Pathway Programme for Medical Technologies and has requested the ICS support in nominating Expert Advisors to help in its evaluation of new devices and diagnostics.</p> <p>The Evaluation Pathway Programme was established in November 2009 to evaluate innovative medical technologies. Its aim is to foster more rapid and consistent adoption by the NHS of devices and diagnostics which offer advantages to patients and to the health service.</p> <p>They are looking for experts who will be able to help in its evaluation of new devices and diagnostics.</p> <p>Please read the expert advisor terms of reference.</p> <p>If this is something you would like to get involved with please contact Nina at the ICS offices.</p> |
| 10 | 4th National Audit Project Report |
| | <p>THE ROYAL COLLEGE OF ANAESTHETISTS AND THE DIFFICULT AIRWAY SOCIETY Launch of the 4th National Audit Project Report incorporating a study day on Major Complications of Airway Management in the UK REPORT LAUNCH DAY Wednesday, 30 March 2011 at The Royal College of Anaesthetists</p> |
| 11 | Medical Device Alert |

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| | <p>DEVICE: Patient Vital Signs Monitor: Delta and Gamma XXL</p> <p>MANUFACTURER: Draeger Medical</p> <p>http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON094022</p> <p>DEVICE: Intravenous (IV) Extension Sets with Multiple Ports</p> <p>MANUFACTURER: All Brands</p> <p>http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON093966</p> <p>DEVICE: Vascular Catheters: K-Flow access catheters. Kimal High Flow (HF) Haemodialysis catheters. Kimal Right Atrial (KRA) catheters. Devices with specific product codes and dates are affected.</p> <p>MANUFACTURER: Kimal PLC</p> <p>http://www.mhra.gov.uk/Publications/Safetywarnings/MedicalDeviceAlerts/CON093950</p> |
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| | <p>Smiths is pleased to sponsor the buffet breakfast provided on the first day of the ICS "State of Art" meeting on 13th of December 2010.</p> <p>Information giving Smiths Medical's stand number where we would be pleased to meet with you and provide any information on the Smiths range of products is available here.</p> <p>Learn How the Picis Solution Can Help You Do More with Less</p> <p>Visit Picis stand 25 when you attend the ICS State of the Art 2010 Meeting, where you'll get a look at our best-in-class critical care information solution that takes full advantage of the advances in bedside automation, clinical decision support tools and web-based access.</p> <p>View our resource links:</p> <p>View online demo Convenient web-based access to key ICU data from anywhere, anytime. See Picis eView for Critical Care Manager in action! http://www.picis.com/flash/eView/default.html?utm_source=ICS&utm_medium=eNewsletter_Nov&utm_campaign=Corporate_Awareness</p> <p>Download white paper Learn about the 5 best practices for effective critical care management. http://www.picis.com/~media/resource%20library/whitepapers/white_paper_five_best_practices_critical_care_management.ashx</p> <p>Download brochure Read about the Picis critical care solution. http://www.picis.com/email/brochure_solutions_ICU_management_solution.pdf</p> |

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