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## ROYAL COLLEGE OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS OF GLASGOW

Minute of a meeting of Council held in  
the NSR within College on  
**Friday 8 July 2005**

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### **Present:**

Professor G M Teasdale, President	
Dr D T Roberts, Vice-President (Medical)	
Mr J C Ferguson, Vice-President (Surgical)	
Dr W M M Jenkins, Vice-President (Dental)	
Mr I W R Anderson, Assistant Honorary Treasurer	
Dr P V Knight, Honorary Secretary	
Prof R Carachi	Mr J K Drury
Dr A Dunk	Mr R W G Johnson
Mr J McGregor	Prof J McKillop
Mr R Miller	Dr P R Mills
Dr W Reid	Prof R D Sturrock
Dr R D Stevenson	Dr A Zoma
Mr G T Sunderland	

### **In Attendance:**

Mr R K Littlejohn, Registrar

The President opened the meeting by recording the congratulations of College to Dr. Harry Burns on his new appointment as Chief Medical Officer for Scotland.

### **1. Apologies**

Mr J Bancewicz, Dr. H J G Burns, Mr D J Galloway, Mrs A Lannigan, Dr L G McAlpine, Mr J A Murie, Dr M M Steven, Prof C Suckling.

### **2. Minutes of Meeting of Council of 17 May 2005**

The minutes of Council of 17 May 2005 were approved without alteration.

### **3. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

#### **3a) Faculty of Sports and Exercise Medicine**

Prof. Sturrock informed Council that Sports and Exercise Medicine had been given sub specialty approval by the Department of Health in England. A training programme has been produced by the Intercollegiate Board for the purposes of creating an SAC in the subject. The training programme looks comprehensive. An initial number of pilot training

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programmes will be identified and one of these will be in Scotland.

The President also noted that this had been discussed at the last meeting of the STA with discussion about the criteria for entry. There seems to be some controversy over the use of the Diploma in Accident & Emergency of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh as opposed to MRCP/MRCS/MRCGP.

The Intercollegiate Board for the specialty is currently housed physically in Edinburgh but it is likely to interact with other educational bodies via the JCHMT. The possibility of this Intercollegiate Board becoming a Faculty seems unlikely but will be discussed at the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

There was some discussion from member of Council as to what precedent this created in terms of a training programme without a Royal College Diploma. There was also the question of the process of approval in that many surgical specialties have been trying to get sub-specialty status for some time.

#### 11) Surgical Care Practitioners

The VP (Surgical) updated Council saying that he had responded on College's behalf with general support for the concept with caveats around training time required for medical trainees. It was concluded that a joint approach with the Edinburgh College of Surgeons, via Prof. David Rowley, to start and explore training programmes would be useful. A one day joint symposium in November is being mooted.

#### 4. Notes of College Executive Meeting of 13 June 2005

1. The President drew attention to the problems around exam office accommodation. (The Registrar noted that problems with the floor joists in the Lower Library had precluded investigating the use of the Exam Hall as office accommodation).
2. Discussions around an Assessment Centre in the Glasgow area, including the utilisation of a component of the Jubilee National Hospital.

#### 5. Minutes of College Meeting of 6 June 2005

These were noted.

#### 6. President's Report

The President's report contained reference to:

##### 1. PMETB

The new Chairman, Prof Peter Rubin, has chaired his first Board meeting. PMETB will pragmatically use existing systems until Spring 2006, thereafter rolling out new systems for postgraduate medical education. The President noted that JCHST have said they do not anticipate that surgeons will perform reviews of applicants under Article 14 for no recompense (these will be overseas candidates). It is thought that many hundreds are to be assessed. Allowing this to be done in employers' time will require instruction from Health Departments.

##### 2. MMC in Scotland

Foundation programmes (at least the first year) are well structured. The HR issues remain outstanding and a recent communication from the Executive proposing arrangements do not address all the relevant issues. In response to a question regarding assessment processes in foundation years, it was acknowledged that the processes would be different between Scotland and England. However, the standards to be achieved would be the same, although the methodology might be somewhat different. There was concern that this might put Scottish graduates at a bit of a disadvantage. This was a reference to later assessment for specialist training if these used English tools, which candidates in England would obviously be more familiar with. Apparently the major difference is around the 360° feedback tool with regards to the number of feeders into this tool.

There was also a concern around a new lost tribe of SHO IIIs and a need to create a number of SpR posts to accommodate them. It was clear that for this SHO group there would continue to be a role for College Tutors.

Entry into Specialty Training from Foundation. This continues to be problematic despite multiple meetings and is compounded by disagreements between specialties. As to whether recruitment is possible from foundation, the role of current College Diplomas remains unclear. The premise behind specialist training would be that once selected into a specialty you would complete the training course unless you failed some competency or selected to change specialties.

### 3. Basic Medical Education

Council members would have noted that the Scottish Executive had repatriated the 100 medical students from St. Andrews such that they could complete their clinical training in Scotland. It was not clear whether this would have an immediate effect as St. Andrews have a contract with Manchester Medical School lasting some 4 – 5 years. There was nothing in the pronouncement from the Executive with regards to fast track entry or attracting different groups. The creation of a Board of Medical Education was noted.

### 4. Kerr Report

The President noted that this had failed to attract the publicity that it might have done. Implementation would depend on the post-recess debate after summer in Holyrood. Clinical leadership was seen as a key element as were the new CHPs. It was felt that there were opportunities for Colleges around the training standards required for remote and rural practice.

### 5. National Panellist Training

The President noted that Dr Brian Williams will take this programme forward on behalf of the Scottish Academy and NHS Education Scotland.

### 6. IMSPEC/SIBSATS

The President noted that these will continue, at least until March 2006 and thereafter PMETB will take responsibility.

### 7. SIGN

This has now been transferred in totality to NHS QIS but with the relocation of this organisation to Glasgow that might cause some problems.

#### 8. SASM

The President reiterated the problems with Freedom of Information Act and that ISD have so far rejected requests for information but that it was likely that routine data would need to be allowed. The possibility of qualified confidentiality is currently being explored.

#### 9. Senate of Surgery

The President was pleased to announce that RCSEd have accepted the need for the review of Senate to be performed by Andrew Cubie.

#### 10. Strategic Review

The President asked the Honorary Secretary to update Council on structure. The Honorary Secretary reported that all posts in the College had now been reviewed as to where they might sit within the new structure and employees whose jobs might alter in some way have been interviewed and new job descriptions will be issued shortly. He also noted that a Head of Examinations, Assessment and Training Standards has been appointed and that a suitable candidate for the CEO post has been agreed in principle. The other two Heads of Unit, namely Membership and Support Services and Education, were currently going through a process of advertisement and appointment.

The President announced that the Head of Examinations, Assessment and Training Standards was Valerie Hogg who had previously headed the MRCP(UK) Central Office and was currently Head of Registration at Stirling University. It was hoped she would commence her duties before the end of August. The President was also pleased to announce that Dr. James Miller, General Manager of Regional and Surgical Services in South Glasgow University Hospitals Division had agreed to take up post as Chief Executive. It was hoped that he would take up post in September.

The VP (Medical) intimated that the Membership Services Group had agreed a number of things around communication, principally involving the SMJ. They had also agreed a process to improve the speed of election to Fellowship and a number of new categories around Associate Membership.

The President intimated that the next stage in the strategy review was how we configure our clinical input into the new structure of the College as this would have major impact on the committee structure. The Honorary Secretary pointed out that our current committees were essentially either advisory or working, with reference to particular diplomas and examinations, only the Symposium Committee and Education Management Groups sit outside this. There was discussion about how Colleges in general and this College in particular might interact with various Specialty Associations. It was clear from Mr Johnson that the Surgical Specialty Association wish to have association on an intercollegiate basis which is currently done through the Senate of Surgery. There had been a similar discussion at the recent meeting of the Federation of Royal Colleges where a decision had been made to invite the specialty Presidents to a meeting in November to discuss how interaction might best take place. Again it was felt this was better on an intercollegiate basis.

#### 7. Any Other Competent Business

1. The Registrar noted that the Assistant Honorary Treasurer had proposed that Prof Rod Little, (for some years an examiner in the Primary MRCS) be admitted FRCPS to the Glasgow College. This received strong support.

**2. Council resolved that the Bank of Scotland:**

- a. Be requested to open a Bank of Scotland Business Visa Card Account in the name of the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow.
- b. Be authorised to make any enquiries it deemed expedient in connection with this request.
- c. Be authorised to accept at its discretion and act upon any request necessary for the operation of the Business Visa Card Account, signed by the person holding the position of President, Honorary Treasurer or Honorary Secretary for the time being of the College, including requests for the issue of a Bank of Scotland Business Visa Card to any person specified in those requests as a Cardholder on the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow Business Visa Card Account.

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**The Council resolved that the Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow accepts and agrees to be bound by the Bank of Scotland Business Visa Card Conditions of Use, as produced to the meeting, of which a certified copy of this Resolution forms part and as such Conditions of Use may be amended from time to time.**

**8. Faculty of Travel Medicine**

Document D was tabled and its recommendations accepted. These are:

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- a) Agree that the informal steering group should develop an aim and objectives for a Faculty of Travel Medicine, for presentation to Council.
- b) Approve the proposed Categories and Eligibility Criteria.
- c) Approve the principle of Foundation Fellows & Members, with detailed proposals to be prepared by the steering group.
- d) Agree which of the two options for Rights & Privileges should be adopted.

**9. Reduction in College Meetings**

The Registrar spoke to the possible changes required to the Bylaws and Regulations. The only one which caused any discussion was around S13, paragraphs 7 – 11. This deals with recall of diplomas on grounds other than referring to GMC/GDC or Court convictions. Some around the table felt that to remove this provision may not be a good thing. It was agreed that this could be discussed further at the next College meeting where this would be proposed.

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**10. Surgical Curriculum Project**

The VP (Surgical) intimated that there had been initial problems obtaining the appropriate

funding but the process was now up and running. Chris Morran from Glasgow and David Rowley from Edinburgh will progress this on behalf of the Colleges.

**11. Scottish Medical Journal**

The VP (Medical) reiterated the background to our involvement with SMJ. He noted that RCPSG gave 45% of the sponsorship to the journal with another 6 societies being involved. Five of these societies have agreed to our greater involvement and one has yet to reply.

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So far there has been one application for an Educational Sub-editor and the first edition of the new journal will be in 2006.

The VP (Medical) then went on to speak to tabled Document F which delineated various costs around the production and mailing of SMJ to either Scotland, the UK or overseas. There was general support to SMJ being mailed within the entirety of the UK but less enthusiasm for overseas, although the variation in costs is not great. As neither of the Treasurers were present at this point in the meeting, it was felt that they should gain sight of this before a decision is made. As members of Council would recall, the Bulletin would now become a web based publication and an Editor of this would be required but had yet to be appointed.

**12. Service Level Agreement with PMETB**

Document G was tabled, noted and the following recommendations endorsed:

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- a) RKL continues to be involved in negotiations between the College CEOs and PMETB to seek an agreement acceptable to all Colleges.
- b) Authorise the President to determine who should sign the letter of intent on behalf of the College. The eventual SLA will be signed by the President.

**13. MFDS Developments**

The VP (Dental) noted that the structure of this examination was very similar to MRCS and has been running successfully for some 6 years. There has been a great deal of collaboration between the Colleges during the last 18 months with a view to redesigning the Examination and it therefore came as somewhat of a surprise that the Dean of the Dental Faculty, RCSEng announced that they wish to run their own exam and withdraw from the intercollegiate process. This seems to have been carried out with the acceptance of the President of RCSEng and reconsideration has not reversed this decision. Edinburgh, Glasgow and Ireland have intimated that they would continue to run an intercollegiate examination on their own and Council approved this decision whilst noting the loss of the intercollegiate exam with some regret.

**14. Report on Online Education**

Document H was warmly applauded by the President and the opportunities for integration and progress in education noted. Council approved the conclusions of the report in principle and asked that further work on costs be progressed.

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**15. Intercollegiate DOHNS (Diploma of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery)**

The report from John Crowther regarding the possibility of a new intercollegiate examination was noted and Glasgow's involvement in this was endorsed.

**16. Surgical Intercollegiate Specialty Board Exam Regulations**

In the absence of the Honorary Treasurer, the President spoke to this and noted that some areas of the document required redrafting and it would be brought back to Council once this had been done.

## 17. **MRSA Guidelines**

These guidelines had come from the Scottish Infection Standards and Strategy Group, which is a joint group of RCPEd and RCPSG. There continues to be some confusion about our input into this group and what its exact status is. Concern had been expressed from Edinburgh about the lack of clinical input (as opposed to laboratory). The Honorary Secretary also noted that there had been discussion emanating from a UK platform on the same topic in the very recent past.

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Prof McKillop was charged with taking forward a review of this document with clinical colleagues to see how best we might proceed with its publication or not.

## 18. **Minutes of Council Committees**

- a) Ophthalmology Advisory Committee 8 February, 14 June 2005
- b) Medical Executive Committee 2 March 2005
- c) Trainees' Committee 23 March 2005
- d) Surgical Executive Committee 29 March, 31 May 2005
- e) Scholarship Committee 5 May 2005
- f) Geriatric Advisory Committee 8 February, 10 May 2005
- g) Professional Services Committee 23 May 2005
- h) Ethicon Committee 27 May 2005
- i) Paediatric Advisory Committee 16 June 2005
- j) Dental Council 16 June 2005
- k) Education Management Group, 22 June 2005

These were received.

## 19. **Minutes of Intercollegiate Committees**

- a) Scottish Royal Colleges 6 April 2005
- b) Joint Surgical Colleges Meeting 18 April 2005
- c) Senate of Surgery 19 April 2005

These were received.

## 20. **ROUTINE ITEMS**

### **Fellowships qua Surgeon ad eundem**

The nomination of:

- Professor Kevin Conlon
- Professor Marc J Miserez
- Professor Monica Morrow
- Professor Neil J Mortensen
- Professor Roxanne R Roberts

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as FRCPS(Glasg) *ad eundem* was approved for presentation to College

### **Reports Received**

- a) Scottish Intercollegiate Group on Alcohol 22 April 2005
- b) UEB Board 1 June 2005
- c) Glasgow Humane Society 10 June 2005

Noted.

## 21. **Forthcoming Events**

Wednesday 13 July- Admissions Ceremony, Bute Hall 5pm  
Friday 2 September – House Dinner, 7pm for 7.30pm  
Saturday 17 September – Doors Open Day 10am – 4pm

## 22. **Admissions in Absentia**

### **Fellows qua Physician** (Chpt II, Para. 8)

W. Archie **Bleyer**, MD 1969, Rochester  
Natarajan **Murugan**, MBBS 1985, Madras

### **Fellows qua Surgeon in Ophthalmology**

Ramez Shoukry Kamel **Abd EI-Malik**, MB BCh 1995, Cairo  
Mohammed Haytham **Al-Samarrae**, MBBS 1992, Jordan  
Ayman Mohyeldin Riad **Elghonemy**, MB BCh 1998, Cairo  
Khaled Abd El Rahman **Hashim**, MB BCh 1993, Cairo  
Basit **Imran**, MBBS 1987, Quaid-I-Azam  
Mohamed Fawzy **Mohamed EI-Anwar**, MB BCh 1995, Cairo  
Rajamani **Muralidhar**, MBBS 2000, Pondicherry  
Harish **Pathak**, MBBS 1999, Calcutta  
Madhavan **Ram Prakash**, MBBS 1999, Annamalai  
M.S. **Sunil**, MBBS 1995, Kerala

### **Members qua Surgeon**

Stuart **Coull**, MB ChB 2000, Manchester

### **Members qua Surgeon (Intercollegiate)**

Graeme **Glass**, MB ChB 2002, Glasgow  
Craig John **Wales**, MB ChB 2002, Edinburgh

### **Member of the Faculty of Dental Surgery**

Reem Ahmed Isa **Al-Fayez**, BDS 1997, Cairo  
Keara Patricia **Hampton**, BDS 2002, Glasgow  
Khaled **Khalaf**, BDS 1990, Damascus  
Nimrata **Singh**, BDS 2000, Baba Farid  
Geoffrey Stewart **Stevenson**, BDS 1988, Dundee

### **Collegiate Membership**

Peter Edward **Carey**, MB ChB 1995 Sheffield, MRCP(UK) 1998

Cecilia M. **Cullen**, MB BCh 1990 Belfast, MRCP(UK) 1990  
 Graham **Ellis**, MB ChB 1995 Glasgow, MRCP(UK) 1999  
 Ali **Hamaad**, MB ChB Birmingham, MRCP(UK) 2002  
 Nicholas Benjamin **Heaney**, MB ChB 1999 Glasgow, MRCP(UK) 2002  
 Ava **Jackson**, BSc 1997 Glasgow, MRCP(UK) 2003  
 Rajiv **Mohanraj**, MBBS 1996 Kerala, MRCP(UK) 2000  
 Ann **Sergeant**, MB ChB 1999, Edinburgh  
 Sithamparanathan **Skanthan**, MBBS 1998 Colombo, MRCP(UK) 2004  
 Murugaiyan **Thanigai Kumar**, MBBS 1992 Madras, MRCP(UK) 2000

### 23. Responses to Consultation Documents

Requesting Organisation	Name and Reference Number of Document	Nominees Suggested to Comment	Reply sent to Organisation
Faculty of Public Health RCP of the UK	Tackling Hypertension: Easing the Pressure	Dr A Brady	06.04.05
MHRA	Consultation On Options For The Future Of Independent Prescribing By Extended Formulary Nurse Prescribers	Dr J Burns	22.05.05
CMO	Review of Medical Revalidation	-	12.05.05
Scottish Executive	Consultation on cross border student flows: higher education tuition fee levels	Council Members: Dr Jenkins Mrs Lannigan Mr G Sunderland J Banzewicz A Dunk J McKillop	25.05.05
COPMeD	A consultation Document on a modern approach to Study Leave for Modernised Medical Careers for Doctors and Dentists in Training	Dr W M M Jenkins Mr J McGregor Dr B Martin	31.05.05
The Scottish Parliament	Abolition of NHS Prescription Charges (Scotland) Bill	Council Members (Scotland) Dr D T Roberts Dr M Stevens Prof J McKillop	01.06.05
MHRA	Consultation on the European Commission's Proposal for a Regulation of the European Parliament and of the Council on Medicinal Products for Paediatric Use And amending Council Regulation (EEC) Number 1768/92, Directive 2001/83/EC and Regulation (EC) Number 726/2004	-	03.06.05
PMETB	Consultation on the PMETB's draft rules covering a. Approval of postgraduate medical education and training. b. PMETB visiting panel	-	03.06.05
NHS	NHS Quality Improvement Scotland: Draft National Strategy for Clinical Audit in Scotland	-	03.06.05
GMC	Management for Doctors	-	14.06.05
Royal Pharm. Society of GB	National boards for England, Scotland and Wales – The Future	-	15.06.05
STA	Revised CCST Curriculum in Paediatric Cardiology	Dr A Houston	15.06.05
MHRA	Implementation of revised EU Medicine legislation: Implementing the "2001 Review"	Dr K R Paterson Dr B Gennery	15.06.05