

**South Eastern Division
October 2009**

Dear Colleagues,

It was great to meet many of you at the recent Retirement Conference.

The feedback from the day was wonderful. It seemed to indicate that we pitched the conference about right. A mixture of personal journeys, practical advice both financial and in terms of continuing professional development, and even an existential element to address the "elephant in the room", i.e. that none of us are getting any younger.

Please feel free to suggest themes that you would like us to cover in future meetings. We would welcome feedback from you.

Could you also give us some e. mail feedback about the Retirement conference. Is this something we should be running every year, not only for the practical advice it offers, but as a social and CPD event for those of us approaching retirement?

In the mean time, we hope to meet as many of you as possible at the autumn meeting in November. This will be an ideal opportunity to have the Darzi message explained and an opportunity to think collaboratively with us, how we might deliver not only more efficient, but higher quality services.

There will be a poster session for trainees, so, could I encourage trainees to enter their work.

I look forward to seeing you soon,

**Dr Phil Davison – Chair
Executive Committee – South Eastern Division**