



Minutes of EPSIG Executive Committee Meeting on 2 June,

7pm via MS Teams

Apologies received from: Agnes Ayton, Gurjot Brar, Lenny Cornwall, Adam Hunt, Henry O'Connell, Ursula Paredes, Annie Swanepoel, Elena Titova-Chaudhary.

Attended: Riadh Abed (RA) (Chair), Tom Carpenter (TC), Nikhil Chaudhary, David Geaney, Paul Keedwell, Arif Khan, Paul St John-Smith (PSJS).

1. RA welcomed those present and gave an update on EPSIG membership numbers which now approach 4000.
2. There was no other report from the chair that was not on the agenda.
3. Finance Report: Nothing to report
4. Shadow Trainee Executive Committee: No meeting took place since March.
Succession planning still in progress and there might be a handover of the chair of this group this year. Regarding planning for the 5th Resident Doctor EP Training Day and Poster Session planned for 19 March 2027, no firm plans yet and definite theme but one possibility is 'Translational Aspects of EP'.
5. Report of the newsletter editor: PSJS informed the group of the intention to publish the 43rd edition of the newsletter soon. He proposed to the group that in the future only prize-winning essays should be published in the newsletter as the combined prize-winning plus the runners up occupy a disproportionate space in the newsletter. This was agreed unanimously by those present.
6. Ideas for future 'Drop-in' sessions: PSJS suggested we plan one annual drop-in session with an introductory presentation on EP rather than plan for the full 4 session entitlement. There was agreement that this may be a good way forward but no firm plans were made.
7. The 8th International Symposium: RA reported that the final program is out and registration should go live very soon. The program is very wide-ranging with an exceptional line-up of speakers with an exceptional diversity of backgrounds. We should try to promote the program by all means possible.

A discussion then took place regarding the post-conference dinner. The choices were: Cote Brasserie, Le Pont De La Tour (both walking distance from the college) and the RSM (which is a tube-ride away). Cote was excluded due to past experience. The choice remained with the other 2. A walking distance venue was favoured and hence, Paul K agreed to try Le Pont De La Tour over the next 2-3 weeks and in the meantime, we hold our reservation of the RSM. If Paul recommends Le Pont De La Tour we will release the RSM reservation. Also, Paul kindly agreed to coordinate the restaurant booking and collection of money etc.

8. 9th International Symposium: RA proposed that this should change to F2F rather than virtual. This was unanimously favoured and agreed by those present. RA will contact the college to explore this.
9. Adam Hunt was not present so no formal update was presented on the activities of the Foundation for Evolution and Mental Health. However, RA briefly outlined the recent activities and developments that have taken place.
10. The WPA EP webinars for June and July were noted.
11. Muzafer Kaser was not present, so no update was presented on links with the Turkish EP Group. This item will now be removed from future agendas unless specific updates are confirmed.
12. The date of Friday 18 September 2pm was agreed for the next EPSIG AGM. This will take place via zoom.
13. AOB: There was a brief discussion of the college curriculum survey and colleagues are encouraged to complete and advocate inclusion of EP principles. It was noted that the survey closes on 30th June.

