BRITISH ASSOCIATION FOR OPHTHALMIC PATHOLOGY

Minutes of the 33rd Annual Meeting – School of Oriental & African Studies,
University of London

Friday 21st March 2014

(Prior to the meeting, citations in memory of the late Professor Jean Campbell were handed to members who had known her. These had been kindly provided by Dr Godfrey Heathcote who had written the citation and had bound copies made. Further copies are held by Dr Caroline Thaung.)

Dr Fiona Roberts chaired the meeting and welcomed members. She extended thanks to Dr Caroline Thaung for organising an excellent meeting.

1. Apologies

The meeting was attended by 18 members, the President and the Secretary. Apologies for the entire meeting had been received from Dr Richard Bonshek, Professor Sarah Coupland, Professor Tim Dawson, Dr John Harry and Professor Susan Kennedy. Apologies for the business meeting were received from Professor Katy Keohane, Professor Phil Luthert, Dr John McCarthy, Mr John Mould and Dr Peter Smith.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the 32nd Annual Meeting were accepted as a true record.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. FRCOphth Examiners

Dr Dominic O’Donovan presented the pass rates for the part 1 FRCOphth examination which was 30% at the most recent sitting (in January 2014). A request was made for questions and illustrations.

5. Archive

Dr Dominic O’Donovan stated that CDROMs were preferred because of security issues. This may change in the future.
6. RCPath Sub-Speciality Advisor

Dr Hardeep Mudhar presented some key points from the report he had written for the RCPath in November 2013.

- Advanced practitioners in Ophthalmic Pathology. Two candidates successfully gained this qualification in November 2013 following a rigorous examination. Their role includes cut up, reporting of corneas and non-neoplastic eviscerations and management.
- Tissue pathways
- Forensic ophthalmic pathology. There are very few pathologists who carry out this work and two of these are due to retire in the near future. It is hoped that Dr Sepideh Amin will take on this work. Furthermore Dr Mudhar suggested a meeting with interested parties including representatives from ophthalmic pathology, paediatric pathology, neuropathology, forensic pathology and the coronial system to discuss training, protocols and expectations.
- Succession planning. Ways of exposing and attracting histopathology trainees to ophthalmic pathology were discussed including plans for an eye pathology meeting at the Royal College of Pathologists.

7. EQA Scheme

A detailed discussion of the EQA scheme had taken place during the session prior to the business meeting. An account of this discussion will be circulated separately.

8. European Society of Ophthalmology Meeting

Dr Fiona Roberts asked for expressions of interest from members to attend and present at the European Society of Ophthalmology Meeting in Vienna on 6\textsuperscript{th}-9\textsuperscript{th} June 2015. Any interested members should email Dr Roberts.

9. BAOP Secretary

Dr Roberts announced that a ballot had been held and that Dr Caroline Thaung had been elected to take over as BAOP Secretary after this meeting. Dr Caroline Thaung was congratulated on being elected and thanks were extended to Dr Caroline Graham as outgoing secretary.

10. 34\textsuperscript{th} Annual Meeting

The 34\textsuperscript{th} annual meeting will be hosted by Dr Fiona Roberts in Glasgow on 19\textsuperscript{th} and 20\textsuperscript{th} March 2015. The 35\textsuperscript{th} meeting will be hosted by Drs Caroline Graham, Brendan McDonald and Monika Hofer in Oxford (intended dates 17\textsuperscript{th} and 18\textsuperscript{th} March 2016). 36\textsuperscript{th} meeting to be decided.
11. Any Other Business

None.

12. Further agenda item: Report from NSOPS

Dr Hardeep Mudhar presented a summary of current NSOPS issues:

(i) A workload matrix for ophthalmic pathology has been produced by Dr Luciane Irion and this is awaiting approval by the Royal College of Pathologists.

(ii) A non-neoplastic tissue pathway has been written by Drs Luciane Irion and Hardeep Mudhar. This is to be submitted to The Royal College of Pathologists.

(iii) Succession planning in ophthalmic pathology (including forensic ophthalmic pathology). To this end Dr Mudhar is planning an eye pathology event in order to attract trainees.

(iv) The NSOPS centres will carry out national audits.

(v) IQI (Internal Quality Improvement) - Each NSOPS centre will circulate 4 difficult cases per year and a consensus meeting will be held at the BAOP annual meeting.

(vi) The commissioning structure has changed and NSOPS is now under the auspices of HSS (Highly Specialised Services). The central running of highly specialised services has been devolved to regions but local commissioners have little awareness of these services. Financial cutbacks have also been imposed.

(vii) Dr Mudhar has looked into modernising and developing the eye path website and the estimated cost is £7000. He will approach the HSS commissioning director Dr Edmond Jessop about this.

The meeting was closed by the President, Dr Fiona Roberts.

Dr Caroline Graham