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## FEEDBACK ON THE BSG ANNUAL MEETING

Whether you attended or not, we are keen for feedback on our Annual Meeting. Even if you did not attend, we are interested in the reasons why. If you did attend, tell us what we do well and can do better. Our short survey is designed to help us improve next year's meeting. Please take a minute to go to the following link and complete the questions:

<http://www.bsg.org.uk/feedback>.



## GASTROENTEROLOGIST REQUIRED FOR RESEARCH CONSIDERING YOUNG PEOPLE FROM BME COMMUNITIES AND THEIR EXPERIENCES OF IBD

The Centre for Community Research at the University of Hertfordshire are in the process of establishing an advisory group to support research with young people (aged 16-18) from Black and Minority Ethnic (BME) communities who experience IBD. The primary aim of this research is to investigate their experiences in order to enable NACC, and other organisations, to further develop 'socially inclusive' policies, service provision, advice and information.

A gastroenterologist is required to advise the research team on relevant medical issues in the course of the research and to give advice on relevant outputs to ensure the research findings are usefully disseminated. They are required to be available to meet four times over a year, with some additional support possibly required in the early phases. Some remuneration is offered.

If you are interested in this opportunity please email Bonnie Curran giving your contact details and a brief description of why you are interested in being involved: [b.c.curran@herts.ac.uk](mailto:b.c.curran@herts.ac.uk) or call Dr Roger Green, Research Leader, on 01707 284105 for further information.

## BSG/Cook Short-term Advanced Endoscopy Fellowships

Medical University of South Carolina, Charleston, USA

Four grants of £1500 each are available to allow selected British gastroenterologists and trainees to spend 2 weeks studying advanced endoscopy techniques and applications with Dr Peter Cotton and colleagues at the Digestive Disease Center of the Medical University of South Carolina, in Charleston, SC.

The program will feature observation of ERCP, EUS and other advanced techniques, case presentations and discussions, didactic lectures, teaching rounds and research conferences, but does not include "hands-on" training.

The Fellowship runs from October 27 - November 7, 2008.

Details of the Digestive Disease Center can be found on [www.ddc.musc.edu](http://www.ddc.musc.edu), and a guide to Charleston at [www.Charleston.net](http://www.Charleston.net)

This program is supported by a grant from Cook and requires submission

Please note that the Centre for Community Research are now through to the second stage of the process required to secure a 'Living with Inflammatory Bowel Disease' 2008 NACC research award. This is therefore a preliminary query, involvement can only be confirmed if the application is accepted.

## **NICE SEEKS COMMENTS ON APPRAISAL CONSULTATION DOCUMENTS FOR TWO NEW TREATMENTS FOR CHRONIC HEPATITIS B**

The BSG office has received two emails from the Appraisal Committee at NICE. Both consider new treatments for [chronic hepatitis B](#), [Entecavir](#) and [Telbivudine](#). The appraisal consultation documents (ACD) for each were posted on the NICE website on April 9th. Comments can be submitted via the links on the NICE pages or emailed direct to [Christopher. Feinmann@nice.org.uk](#)

In the light of comments received, the Appraisal Committee will reconsider the ACDs at a meeting on 8th May 2008. In order for your views to be included in the papers for this meeting, your comments must be submitted before **5pm on 30th April 2008**.

## **GASTROENTEROLOGY FOR GENERAL PAEDIATRICS – COURSE AT THE INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH, LONDON: 2ND AND 3RD OCTOBER 2008**

UCL and Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children are running a practical course focusing on the investigation and management of common gastroenterological problems met in secondary paediatric practice.

For more information about the event and to register, go to [www.ichevents.com](http://www.ichevents.com)

### **BSG SERVICES FOR TRAINEES**

Chris Romaya, Executive Secretary at the BSG, maintains information on jobs and posts in UK gastroenterology. Trainees in Gastroenterology who wish to receive details of consultant posts that are likely to arise should email Chris on [c.romaya@bsg.org.uk](mailto:c.romaya@bsg.org.uk) or call her on 020 7935 2815.

of a 400 word report within 1 month of completion of the Fellowship.

Application letters with a brief CV (and testimonial from Educational Supervisor for trainees) should be sent before May 19th, to Dr Stuart Cairns: [stuart.cairns@bsuh.nhs.uk](mailto:stuart.cairns@bsuh.nhs.uk).

Successful applicants will be informed before August 1st 2008

## **Walk for CORE!**

### **10th May 2008**

CORE are participating in 'Just Walk' with the aim of people raising money with their feet.

The 10th May is designed to offer enthusiastic walkers the chance to experience a breathtaking walk over the picturesque South Downs and generate valuable funds for CORE-Fighting gut and liver disease. You, and possibly your friends, can choose to participate in a gentle 20km walk or a whopping 60km or pretty much any distance in between.

Once you have paid a small registration fee, all the money you raise will go to CORE. So, whether you raise £100 or £10,000, CORE will get it all. So, please get your boots on and come and join us, we really need your support!

To request an information pack about this event please call Chloe Wicks on 020 7486 0341 or e-mail [chloe@corecharity.org.uk](mailto:chloe@corecharity.org.uk)

## **Screening and Management of Colorectal Cancer in Europe - Actual Practice and Future Trends**

## BSG Academic Research Database

### A Message from Professor Mark Hull, Secretary BSG Research Committee

I would like to draw your attention to the [BSG Academic Research Database](#) in the Research Section of the website. The Database contains information on the research interests and contact details of research-active BSG members. It is designed primarily for use by Trainees in Gastroenterology who wish to identify available academic posts and Fellowships or identify a suitable research supervisor for a particular area of gastro-intestinal or hepatology research. Following a period when individuals entered in the Database were able to correct and/or amend their entry, the Database is now 'live' and includes a search function for name, region and research area keyword.

Any research-active BSG member inadvertently omitted from the Database is welcome to submit details for inclusion by using the specific link in the Research Section of the website. In the near future, I hope to enhance the Database by identifying members willing and able to provide Academic Mentorship and posting news of available research posts under individual database entries.

I encourage you and your Trainees to use this BSG resource and give me suggestions for improvements and additions ([M.A.Hull@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:M.A.Hull@leeds.ac.uk)).

## Masterclasses in Clinical Practice

The Masterclass programme is part of the UK Key Advances in Clinical Practice Series which is currently entering its 10th successive cycle. Projects in the Series are designed to catalogue current scientific evidence and expert clinical opinion for the investigation and management of the given disease/condition of study, setting this knowledge within the context of the organisation, funding and delivery of clinical services and with reference to the modern policy environment of the NHS as expressed through the requirements of national service frameworks, the decisions of NICE and the expectations of local clinical governance.

For further information visit the following links: -  
<http://www.keyadvances.org.uk/masterclass.html>  
[http://www.keyadvances.org.uk/future\\_symp/futuresymposia.html](http://www.keyadvances.org.uk/future_symp/futuresymposia.html)

## BSG Research Workshop

**Title: The Immune Basis of Liver Disease**

**Venue: Horton Grange Conference Park, University of Birmingham**

To be held in Prague on 13 & 14 June, 2008.

[View PDF Information](#)

## The 26th Leeds Course in Clinical Nutrition

2 - 5 September 2008 at St James's University Hospital Leeds

For further information on the course, please contact:  
Jo Robinson,  
Course Co-ordinator,  
Tel: 0113 343 2494, or visit [www.clinical-nutrition.co.uk](http://www.clinical-nutrition.co.uk)

## German Journal of Gastroenterology

We have received 30 copies of the German Journal of Gastroenterology (English version). Should anyone require a copy please email John Rother at the BSG: [jrother@bsg.org.uk](mailto:jrother@bsg.org.uk)

## 1st International Interuniversity Gastroenterology Congress

**29th - 31st May 2008**

The Congress will be held at Thraki Palace Hotel in Alexandroupolis, Greece.

[Programme](#), [Registration Form](#),  
[Booking Form](#)

**Date: June 9th and June 10th 2008**

**Organiser: David Adams University of Birmingham**

The BSG research committee is organising a workshop on Liver Immunology at the University of Birmingham 9th and 10th June 2008. The programme is outstanding and provides an excellent opportunity delegates to interact with international leaders in the field of liver immunology. A limited number of places, funded by BSG, are available and applicants are asked to contact the workshop organiser David Adams as soon as possible [d.h.adams@bham.ac.uk](mailto:d.h.adams@bham.ac.uk).

[Click here for further information](#)

## **Gastroenterology events in the 2008 cycle of the UK Key Advances in Clinical Practice Series**

### **Upper GI Malignancies**

Download: [Symposium](#), [Masterclass](#)

### **Colorectal Cancer**

Download: [Symposium](#), [Masterclass](#)

### **Hepatocellular Carcinoma**

Download: [Symposium](#), [Masterclass](#)

## **2008 UEGF Meeting**

The UEGW meeting will be held in Vienna this year.

→ [UEGW Vienna, October 18-22, 2008 - Word of Welcome](#)

→ [Fun Run 2008 in Vienna - Register now](#)

→ [UEGF Federation](#)

→ [Improving the quality of teaching Gastroenterology](#)

[View UEGF March News Letter](#)

## **Audit Committee - Individual Mini Audits**

This month the Audit Committee is launching a new series of individual mini audits online. The plan is to have two of these a year, one in April and one in October. They will be based on standards drawn from recently published BSG Guidelines.

The mini audits are intended to be user friendly, quick to complete and helpful for practice. BSG members will all be encouraged to audit their own day to day practice in managing common clinical conditions and the first audit will be on Iron deficiency anaemia. Data submitted by individual members will be anonymised but collective data will be pooled and



published on the website, enabling members to compare their own results with those of their peer group.

These results can then be used for annual appraisal, revalidation, etc. I hope that as many members as possible will participate in these audits, which should also provide a useful body of evidence of current gastroenterological practice in the UK.

[Click here to access the mini audits section](#)

Mark Denyer  
Chairman of BSG Audit Sub-Committee

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