

Minute of the Oral Medicine & Pathology Group BSODR

Sheffield, 14th September 2011

1. Present (15):

Mike Lewis, Christine Freeman, Ian Brook, Keith Hunter, Jon Bennett, Zhejun Wang, Xiao-Qing Wei, Boshra Elsaied (Sheffield Masters), Halema Almorabet (Sheffield Masters), Ahmed Al-Kiski (Sheffield PhD student), Helen Rogers, Paul Speight, David Williams (Cardiff), Simon Whawell, Paula Farthing (Chair)

2. Matters arising from the minutes of the Glasgow 2009 meeting:

(a) Websites and communication of group and activities

It was noted that BSODR is currently making changes to their website and that the group has a presence on this currently. It was suggested that links should appear on other society pages including BSOM, IAOP, ABSTD, BSOMP and the European OM society.

(b) OM&PG prize

Further discussions took place regarding the introduction of an Oral Medicine and Pathology group prize. It was noted that whilst the group did not wish to distract attention away from the 'premier' BSODR prizes, permission had just been granted to ABOAMS to introduce a prize. The group supported the introduction of a prize, due to lack of funds this would currently be a certificate only but it was felt that this was still valuable for winners' CVs. Winners would be chosen by a small panel (3?) from those abstracts entered into the OM&P sessions. For those not giving an oral presentation, candidates would be asked to give a short presentation to the judges at their posters. It is likely that for the Helsinki PER meeting that there will be a tick box at registration to indicate wish to enter. Full eligibility and guidelines will need to be developed and appear on the BSODR website. The prize would particularly encourage inexperienced researchers but there will be no age limit. Efforts could be made to obtain sponsorship to enable the award of a small cash prize.

3. Suggestions for symposia

Whilst it was felt that there was not enough time to make suggestions for symposia at IADR Rio and PER Helsinki, the group would put forward a proposal for the 2013 Bristol BSODR meeting perhaps on Epithelial-bacterial interactions (which could be joint with OMIG). Other suggestions would be sought nearer the time.

4. Election of office bearers

President of the group, Paula Farthing is to remain in office but elections to seek her replacement will be held prior to the next meeting. Simon Whawell resigned as

Secretary, Helen Rogers volunteered and was unanimously elected to this post. Jon Bennett was elected as Councillor.