

Minutes of the 42nd Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society

held on Tuesday 17 December 2013 in The Capital Suite Rooms 8-11, The ICC, East ExCel, One Western Gateway, Royal Victoria Dock. London E16 1XL

In attendance: 60

1. **The Minutes of the 41st Annual Members' Meeting held on Tuesday 11 December 2012** (for information only. Minutes posted on the website).
2. **President's Report**
Professor Bellamy reported.
The Society's relationship with the Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine (FICM) was continuing to develop with joint working on Standards and Commissioning.
Member engagement continued with the aim to recruit more nurse and allied healthcare professional members. A communications strategy was in development which included enhancing the website, the database system, general IT and the potential development of forums. In addition, it was important for the Society to include patients and relatives within the strategy.
JICS continued to grow in stature, with plans to move to an established medical scientific publisher next year.
3. **Honorary Secretary's Report**
Dr Danbury reported.
 - i. Elections to Council
Dr Jeremy Groves (Chesterfield)
Dr Richard Innes (Taunton)
Dr Barbara Philips (St George's)
Dr Ganesh Suntharalingham (Northwick Park)
 - ii. Nominations for Honorary Membership (Citations posted on the ICS website):
Professor Charles Hinds
Professor Richard Griffiths
Dr Carl Waldmann

Nominations for Distinguished Membership
Dr Chithambaram Veerappan

Nomination for the President's Award
Professor Julian Bion
 - iii. Membership
Membership as of December 2013 stood at a total of 3273
 - iv. Officers

	<i>President</i>	<i>Professor Mark Bellamy</i>
	<i>Honorary Secretary</i>	<i>Dr Chris Danbury</i>
	<i>Honorary Treasurer</i>	<i>Dr Jonathan Goodall</i>

4. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Dr Goodall reported.

- i. Treasurer's Report and accounts for the year ended 31 December 2012 (available from the ICS website).

The main elements of the Society's financial strategy were summarised:

- Annual subscriptions to cover operating and membership costs
- Meetings and seminars to break even with industry support
- Maintain income through the Industry Partnership Scheme
- Fundraise through the Intensive Care Foundation for research awards and clinical trials research
- Member donations to also support the Foundation via gift aid

The accounts for 2012 showed a small surplus, but income was down and costs had increased. Reserves were being used to implement the ICS strategy, including investment in a new membership database. The Society's investments had continued to grow in value. The Foundation was being funded to undertake a research priority setting exercise with the James Lind Alliance, and member donations had helped provide the New Investigator awards. Subscriptions were being held for another year, although membership costs were not being fully covered. Dr Goodall encouraged all members to take advantage of Gift Aid for their donations.

- ii. Membership Subscriptions for 2014.

There was no change from 2013, although payment of subscription by cheque would no longer be accepted.

Membership category	Subscription
Intensivist member in year 2+	£220
Intensivist member in year 1	£110
SAS doctor in year 2+	£150
SAS doctor in year 1	£75
Trainee member in year 5-7	£150
Trainee member in year 2-4	£105
Trainee member in year 1	£75
Nurse & Allied Healthcare Professional in year 2+	£50
Nurse & Allied Healthcare Professional in year 1	£25
Overseas member	£85
Student member year 1-3	£25
Retired member	£65

Members are encouraged to sign up to Gift Aid for the Society to claim back the tax on all donations.

5. Trainee Division

- i. Report from the Trainee Division

Dr Buckley reported.

The Committee remained strong and active. Dr Maryam Crews was to take over as the new Chair. Trainee Linkmen had been set up to mirror the senior scheme. The aim was for one Linkman in each deanery region. The Linkmen would provide information specific to ICM trainees and would be a source of information gathering and point of contact. The aim was for all regions to be covered. The Committee met regularly and had their own annual Away Day.

Activities included:

Twitter with 1771 followers and growing, Live feeds, a twitter army and a formal code of conduct to be followed.

Blogs at State of the Art, with a planned quarterly publication

Podcasts

A website group

To expand into storify /sympur

Further engagement with FOAMed

To continue organisational interaction with the FICM, representation within the Society's Committees and professional groups including RCP, AAGBI, EMTA, ICACCST, FICE, Ultrasound and Core Standards

To contribute to State of the Art and pre State of the Art FICE, The Cauldron Session, PK: a UK medical first, David Bennett Session, Formal: Never say never, Social gathering for Trainees.

Plus the Career Days, Curriculum Blaster Day (new for 2013), logbook development, travel award, OOP Experience, Trainee Handbook, Quarterly Newsletter and Trainee Elections in 2014.

6. Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professionals

- i. Report from the Nurse and Allied Healthcare Professionals Division

Ms Bolton reported

The Committee continued to develop their activities to represent the views of the N&AHPs and Council. They continued to promote membership with members increasing from 382 to 435. The remit was to promote

research and grant benefits and to support the Societies activities. There was a N&AHP concurrent session at State of the Art and encouraged publication in JICS. There was also a N&AHP Linkman scheme in development.

7. Intensive Care Foundation and Co-Directors of Research Report

Dr Brett reported.

The Foundation continued to develop researchers and to support and deliver research, influence research funding policy and to fundraise. Funding was from industry, the public and ICS members.

There were 3 New Investigator Awards this year.

The James Lind Alliance Project was a collaboration in progress.

The Foundation had a growing list of studies it contributed to which included VACS, Vanish, SDD, SuDDICU, LeoPARDS, E-vent, Breathe, DNACPR, MoDUS, Vap-Rapid, NOVAP.

A number of individuals were actively fundraising for the Foundation and they were thanked.

Future goals for 2014 included the election of a new Chairman, the completion of the James Lind Alliance prioritisation project and the start of a fundraising campaign.

8. Industry Partners' Report

The Society's Industry Partners were thanked for their continued support of both the Society and the Foundation.

9. Linkman

The Linkman scheme continued to provide a valuable link between the Society's members and its Council.

Linkmen now assisted with a number of additional services, included representing the Society at external meetings or assisting with document reviews such as NICE. It was hoped to continue building on the success of the scheme with a Linkman in every ICU in the UK.

10. Open Forum for all Members to raise questions (members are invited to submit questions in advance of the Annual Members Meeting to pauline@ics.ac.uk)

There were no questions from the floor.

11. President's concluding address

Professor Bellamy thanked everyone for attending.

The next Annual Members' Meeting of the Intensive Care Society will take place in December 2014. Date, venue and time to be confirmed.