The Annual Meeting of the Clinical Pharmacology Section of the British Pharmacological Society will be held at **16.30 on Wednesday, 15 December 2010** in the Abbey Room at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London during the BPS Winter Meeting.

**AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 16 December 2009 (enclosed) and Matters Arising

3. Report from Vice-President (Clinical) (enclosed)


5. Prescribe – Professor Simon Maxwell

6. Prescribing Skills Assessment – Professor Simon Maxwell

7. Any Other Business

8. Next Meeting
   During the 2011 winter meeting
AGENDA ITEM 2

BRITISH PHARMACOLOGICAL SOCIETY

CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY SECTION
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

held at 5.30 pm on Wednesday, 16 December 2009
in the Westminster Suite at the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London

Chairman: Dr P Jackson
Present: 17 members
In attendance: Ms. K Schlaegel (Secretariat Services Manager)

Action

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
Apologies were received from Professor D Williams, Dr M Eddleston, Dr J McLay, Prof Nick Bateman and Dr G McKay.

2) MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON 16 DECEMBER 2008
The minutes of the Clinical Pharmacology Section Annual General Meeting held on 16 December 2008 were confirmed as a true record.

3) ELECTIONS TO THE SECTION COMMITTEE
It was noted that at the end of 2009, the following members would retire from the Clinical Pharmacology Section Committee:
   o Professor Sue Brain (non-clinical Officer)
   o Dr Sabih Huq (SpR representative)
   o Dr Kevin O’Shaughnessy
   o Dr Richard Peck (industry representative)
   o Dr Michael Schachter
   o Professor Donald Singer
   o Dr John Thompson

The following members had been nominated:
   o Dr Jamie Coleman
   o Dr John Davis (industry representative)
   o Dr Ashan Gunarathne (SpR representative)
   o Dr Arduino Mangoni
   o Dr Patricia McGettigan
   o Dr Stephen Waring

No counter nominations had been received and the new members were all approved.
Thanks were noted to all retiring Committee members.
4) REPORT FROM VICE-PRESIDENT (CLINICAL)
The report from the Vice-President Clinical was noted.
The report detailed the impressive developments in clinical pharmacology over the past year.

5) BRITISH JOURNAL OF CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY (BJCP)
The Editor’s report was noted. Professor James Ritter, Editor-in-Chief of the BJCP noted his thanks to Dr Yoon Loke for drafting the report. He noted that overall this had been a very good year for the journal. The impact factor has increased from 2.68 to 3.128. Submissions, in particular from North America had increased. Special thanks were noted to Dr Lewis, the North American editor. Equally submissions from the Pacific-Rim and China had increased. Thanks were noted to Professor Somogyi, Australasian Editor.
A new feature on mechanisms of newly approved drugs had been introduced by Dr Adam Cohen. The University of Leiden retained the copyright but readers are free to use the content in teaching.

Dr Michael Schachter has stepped down as reviews editor and the role was now filled by Professor Albert Ferro. Thanks were noted to both. Professor Ferro was currently planning to expand the board of reviews editors. Reviews played an important role in increasing the impact factor. The reviews editors’ job was to identify hot topics and potential authors and to commission articles. Anyone interested in joining the board, should contact Professor Ferro.

Acknowledgements were made to Wiley-Blackwell, who were now also publishing the BJP. Professor Ritter was working closely with Professor Ian McGrath, Editor-in-Chief of the BJP to coordinate journal issues.
In January the covers of both journals would change, which meant a big change for the BJP and a smaller change for the BJCP. The covers now emphasize that both journals come from the BPS. Virtual themed issues with papers that were of interest to readers of both journals had been introduced.

The winners of this year’s BJCP Young Investigator prize were to be announced at the Annual Dinner. Professor Ritter explained that authors were asked to tick a box when submitting a paper if they wanted to be considered for this prize (if eligible). All submitted papers were then assessed by the senior editors. This year two winners had been chosen.

6) PRESCRIBE – JOINT E-LEARNING PROJECT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
Professor Maxwell (SM) gave an update on Prescribe, an initiative funded by the Department for Health. This e-Learning initiative was targeted at all UK medical undergraduate students and anyone registered with the NHS. In due course 300 online e-Learning sessions would be developed, delivering knowledge in Clinical Pharmacology and Therapeutics. Currently discussions were being held on how to include the existing PharmaCALogy programmes. The sessions would be grouped
into the following modules:
  1) Basic pharmacology
  2) Drugs
  3) Therapeutics
  4) Skills in clinical pharmacology and prescribing
  5) Advanced module aimed at foundation doctors

The website would also offer a prescribing simulator, a dose calculator, a library and a formulary.

The preliminary editorial board had currently six members and Professor Maxwell hoped to expand this to ten. The website would be launched in the summer of 2010. Further content would be continually added over the two years following the launch. Anyone interested to get involved should contact Professor Maxwell or KS.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS
No other business was noted.

8) NEXT MEETING
The next meeting will be held during the BPS 2010 Winter Meeting.

Karen Schlaegel
23/12/2009