



Newsletter November 1999

BNCS Annual Scientific Meeting 6th December 1999

Firstly please let me apologise for the delay in forwarding the programme for this as ideally I would have liked to have sent out the programme at least a month earlier. Unfortunately, I encountered some difficulties in confirming one of the speakers, which held matters up, but I think that the membership will be pleased with the final content. The meeting will be held in the Paul Wood Lecture theatre at the Royal Brompton Hospital as per previous years. We have been very fortunate in obtaining some excellent speakers and our principal guest this year is Frans Wackers from Yale University, USA. Frans is widely acknowledged as one of the leading exponents of using myocardial perfusion imaging for chest pain triage and has also been responsible for setting up the International Accreditation procedure for Nuclear Cardiology Labs. I am sure therefore that his contribution will be well received.

I enclose a Registration form, location map and programme for your convenience. As places will be in great demand I really would advise you to return your Registration forms and dues ASAP. The Registration fee has been held at last year's prices and will include refreshments, buffet lunch, glossy programme and CME/CPD credits!

Forthcoming British Cardiac Society meeting 15-18th May 2000 – Glasgow.

For those of you who wish to plan ahead and are able to go we hope to have not only our usual plenary session but in addition an "official" satellite symposium too. We have (thanks to Dr Lahiri) managed to obtain both George Beller and Kevin Allman to speak at both. This has certainly impressed the BCS! Further details will follow when I hear from the Programme Committee.

Audit:

Liz has very kindly continued to seek out the missing data from the BNCS 1997 Audit and hopefully will be able to update us at the Business meeting.

Education:

Joint BNCS/BNMS training documents have been prepared and are now available. Ann Tweddle and many others have done sterling work here. Peter Jarritt is in the process of compiling joint recommendations for imaging protocols and hopefully these will be available early next year. Richard Underwood and his colleagues have finally made great progress with the CD-Rom learning aid and it is hoped that this can be demonstrated as part of the AGM exhibition. They deserve enormous praise for this achievement.

Charitable status:

Unfortunately I take full responsibility for the slow progress with respect to this. There have been a considerable number of points raised by the Charity Commissioners, which have now been answered.

Web site:

It is inevitable that we will need such a site and I have managed to find commercial sponsorship for this to be professionally initiated. Both the BNMS and BCS have been

extremely helpful in suggesting close links between the sites. I should be most interested to learn what the membership would like to include on this facility.

Supplement to "Heart"

After much negotiation and goodwill from the new Editor a very reasonable price for this has been achieved. The catch is that it must be peer reviewed and the articles deemed to be of good quality before it would be published. I suspect that we would not wish this any other way and I would be interested for suggestions as to the content and authors for suitable articles.

Finally:

For those of you not able to get to the Annual Meeting I would like to wish you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Millenium!!!!