

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

### Business Meeting 1:

18.00 - 19.30hrs, Sunday 11th March  
Main Auditorium

### **Chairman Professor Sir Bruce Keogh**

Please note that the PowerPoint slides for this meeting are available for download and form the basis of the minutes. If there is no additional text it has been felt that either the previously submitted report which was available for download at the time or the slides are have been deemed to provide sufficient information. The PDF version of the reports have been made available along with the PowerPoint presentation which is also in PDF format.

1. Apologies for absence.
2. Announcement of deceased members.
3. Unconfirmed Minutes of the Annual Business Meetings held on 11th March and 13th March, 2006.
4. Matters arising from the minutes not considered elsewhere.
5. **Report from the Honorary Secretary:**
  - i. Attendance of Executive Committee Members at meetings 2005/2006
  - ii. Ballot for 2 members of the Executive. It had been agreed prior to the ABM that this was postponed until the new Constitution had been ratified. The ABM endorsed this decision.
  - iii. Call for expressions of interest in SCTS Hon. Secretary post.
  - iv. Notice of retiring members **S Livesey, G E Venn** The President thanked the retiring members for their hard work and assured them that we would continue to call upon them in the future!
  - v. Society representatives on other organisations.
  - vi. Ratification of applications for Membership.
  - vii. Scholarships and Prizes confirmed after 2006 Annual Dinner
  - viii. The Bulletin Report. The Bulletin continues to go from strength to strength and Sunil Ohri reported that it was all come under the direction of the proposed Communications Secretary.

- ix. CTSNet Report      The 10 year report from CTSnet had previously been circulated.
- x. CCAD. This was discussed in the UK Activity and Practice Session. There are no formal minutes
- xi. British Cardiac Society
- xii. Publication of minutes
- xiii. Working group reports

Thoracic Surgical Audit.

NCEPOD

Medico Legal List Leslie Hamilton

How to deal with the High Risk patient

Thoracic Representation Jim McGuigan

Job Plans James Roxburgh

Clinical Guidelines

Public disclosure of results

Patient involvement

Revalidation and SCTS.

The meeting were informed that a demonstration of the SESATS self-learning programme would be demonstrated during the meeting and that Messrs Magee, Keogh and Hamilton would present the current situation. It was noted that SCTS would appear to be in a good position to meet the requirements set out in the CMOs report.

Employment opportunities for UK trainees

## **The New SCTS**

This section of the meeting was led by Graham Cooper who started by presenting a summary of the consultation process. The changes in the Executive designed to streamline the decision making process and the creation of 2 new posts: Communications Secretary and Education Secretary were described. The setting up of a representatives body was proposed. This would comprise of a member from each unit and would meet twice a year (ABM & After November Executive meeting). There was general agreement that this was a positive step forward but concern was raised that this would dilute the decision making process and that this duplicated the role of the Executive. It was accepted that this might be risk but it was noted that the Representative group had no Executive powers and was seen as an important communication channel. The success of the audit leads meeting was mentioned. The various proposals were put to the meeting and there support from the vast majority of the members present.

The meeting concluded at 7.30pm. There were no other item so of business