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Committee Changes

The Society has just enjoyed another successful research meeting, this time held in Keele. The only sad note was the announcement of the end of term of office for three key Committee members. Jackie Waterfield retired from the Chair, Barbara Richardson retired from the Secretaries post and Grahame Pope from being Abstract Secretary. We are extremely grateful to them all for their invaluable contribution to the PRS and doubly so to Jackie Waterfield for organising the Keele conference at the end of her term of office.

On a less sad note we are delighted to announce the new Committee structure. Martin Watson from the School of Health, University of East Anglia, has assumed the position of Chair of the Society. His previous role as Publicity Officer has now been taken on by Gill Baer from the Department of Physiotherapy at Queen Margaret University College in Edinburgh. Sarah Tyson from the School of Physiotherapy in Manchester is the new Secretary who will be combining this role with that of Minute Secretary for the time being. That leaves the post of Abstract Secretary which has been assumed by Karen Barker from the Physiotherapy Research Unit, Nuffield Orthopaedic Centre in Oxford. Suzanne McDonough from Ulster remains as Treasurer, and Jackie Oldham from Manchester as Newsletter Editor. Thanks to all the Committee members for assuming these new responsibilities.

The Committee is also delighted to welcome Louise Connell from the Ageing and Disability Unit at the Queens Medical Centre in Nottingham. Louise has just recently graduated from the School of Physiotherapy in Nottingham and presented her first abstract at the November 2001 PRS meeting.

We are still desperate for more new members to join the Committee. Please think about joining us. If you are interested send a 200 word résumé about yourself to Martin Watson (m.watson@uea.ac.uk)

Deadline for submission of this information is the 8th October 2002.

Finally, if you want any information you would like to see included in future editions of the newsletter just e-mail me on Jackie.Oldham@man.ac.uk. All additions gratefully received.

Jackie Oldham
Newsletter Editor

MEMBERSHIP:

The Society currently has 186 registered members but less than half are currently up to date with your membership fees. We are again investigating direct debit schemes so watch this space!

In the meantime, if you want to check your membership status or indeed send us a cheque then please contact Sarah Tyson. Also please don't forget to encourage new members to join the organisation.

FORTHCOMING CONFERENCES:

The next conference is being hosted by the University of East Anglia. The meeting will take place on the 8th November 2002 and the deadline for abstract submissions is the 8th August 2002. The focus of the meeting will be on information management and technology in Physiotherapy. We have also revised the abstract review process and will now be able to guarantee a decision within a month of submission. This should enable you to plan your travel arrangements etc well in advance of the meeting. Thanks for all of your helpful comments on this process. The subsequent meetings will be held in Edinburgh and Oxford respectively.

Please don't forget our bursary scheme which will cover your costs for up to £100 to attend the meeting. Information can be obtained from Suzanne McDonough.

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Summary of Keele Conference, April 2002

As mentioned previously we all enjoyed an excellent spring conference in the beautiful surroundings at Keele University.

The focus of the conference was on dealing with data. After a thought provoking welcome by Professor Dilly the Dean of the Faculty of Health at Keele, we were then joined by Professor Peter Jones, also from Keele, who inspired us to look at issues relating to sampling in relation to our quantitative studies. This was then balanced by Professor Shelia Payne from Sheffield University who took a more detailed look at the management of qualitative data.

The themes from these plenarys was then extended into two workshop sessions. One on the design and analysis of qualitative research was led by Dr Alistair Hewison from Birmingham University. The second was led by Professor Julius Sim, Keele University and Dr Chris Wright, Coventry University who helped us look at Methodological and Statistical aspects of sampling.

The remaining sessions were filled by yet more high standard abstracts covering a broad range of topics. These will be published in a forthcoming issue of *Physiotherapy* and are detailed below:

- A pilot investigation of the hypoalgesic effects of transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation upon low back pain in people with multiple sclerosis. *J.Al-Smadi, C.Campbell, L.Nicholl, K. Warke, I. Wilson, A.F.L. Cramp, G.D.Baxter, G.Noble, D.M.Walsh, A.S.Lowe*
- The Brunel standing balance tests. *S.Tyson, LDeSouza*
- A pilot study on the effect of cognition on the kinematics of the contralesional reach-to-grasp movement after stroke. *H.J.Hill, A.Sunderland, P van Vliet*
- Sit to stand and sit to walk; comparison of phase I. *A.Kerr, K.M.Kerr*
- The professions allied to medicine and development of clinical governance in Scotland. *H.Hall*
- Physiotherapy management of fibromyalgia syndrome: A survey of current practice in Northern Ireland. *J.McVeigh, S Archer, D.A.Hurley, G.D.Baxter, J.Basford*
- Are ordinal data produced by pain threshold assessments reliable and do they demonstrate responsiveness to treatment? *I.Lund, J.Kowalski, T.Lundeberg*
- The effect of unilaterally applied lumbar mobilisation technique on peripheral sympathetic activity in the lower limbs. *J.Perry, A.Green*
- Do injuries have long term consequences for isometric and dynamic strength of the quadriceps muscles? *H.Holder-Powell*
- Prevalence and persistence of neck-pain in the adult UK Population. *J.Hill, M.Lewis, A.C. Papageorgiou, K.Dziedzic, P.Croft*
- An experimental study of ice with compression versus ice alone in treating ankle pain. *C.M. Bleakley, D.MacAuley, S.M. McDonough J.P.Blair*
- The efficacy of Lumbar Traction in the management of low back pain: a systematic Review. *A.Harte, G.D. Baxter, J.H.Gracey.*
- A randomised controlled trial of physiotherapy in the early period after arthroscopic partial meniscectomy. *P.C.Goodwin, M.C.Morrissey, M.A.Klarneta, J.Ratcliffe, R.Omar, J.B.King, T.B.McAuliffe, P.Knight, K.Southall, M.Brown, D.Morrissey.*
- A multi-centred RCT of advice versus physiotherapy for low back pain: Trial methods and lessons learnt. *S.E.Lamb, H.Frost, T.Carver, S.Stewart-Brown.*
- A comparative study of the acoustic transmissivity of coupling agents for therapeutic ultrasound. *L.Wood, L.Hiller & L.Bliiingham*