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WELCOME:

Welcome to this 5th newsletter of the Physiotherapy Research Society.

Firstly, many apologies to all of you who submitted abstracts and were intending to join us at the November meeting in Norwich. Unfortunately, not enough of you wanted to come, so we decided to cancel the meeting. We have had some initial thoughts about the lack of interest including difficulties travelling to Norwich and problems with the focus of the meeting ie 'Information, Management and Technology', rather than concentrating on more clinically based issues. We also thought twice yearly meeting may be too difficult to commit to. We are therefore considering changing the Physiotherapy Research Society Meetings to a single (annual) two-day meeting held in the spring. Please give this some thought and get back to us on this proposal and any other thoughts and ideas you may have for improving attendance – contact Martin Watson or Sarah Tyson (contact details at end of newsletter). We will also be discussing this at the AGM at Edinburgh (Spring 2003).

EDINBURGH:

The next meeting will be held in Edinburgh on the 1st May. This will be a joint meeting with the Scottish Physiotherapy Research Workshop. Abstracts accepted for the Norwich meeting will be transferred to this meeting. Other abstracts – on any topic relating to physiotherapy research - are also called for. Details and abstract submission forms can be obtained by emailing Karen Barker, our abstract secretary at Karen.Barker@noc.anglox.nhs.uk. Please note the deadline for abstract submissions is 10th January 2003.

RESEARCH GRANT SCHEME:

We will be launching our new research grant scheme at the Edinburgh meeting. We will make one award per year of up to £1,000. The scheme will be available to support research activity and not, for the time-being, educational courses.

Watch out for application details and funding criteria at the Edinburgh meeting or on our web pages.

COMMITTEE CHANGES:

Yet again we are seeing a number of changes to our committee structure as people come to the end of their term of office. Firstly, we would like to say goodbye to Angela Clough, and thank her for all of her hard work and contribution to the PRS. We would now like to welcome three new faces onto the committee. Dr Christopher McCarthy from the Centre for Rehabilitation Science, University of Manchester, Dr Heather Holder-Powell, Physiotherapy Lecturer at Kings College, London and Dr Cathy Daborn, Honorary Lecturer, University of East Anglia. The committee faces a lot of challenges and exciting opportunities and welcomes the input from our new members. Contact details for all committee members are

listed below. We will have one vacancy for a committee member at the Spring 2003 meeting in Edinburgh. If any one is interested in joining the committee and wishes to make a contribution to the running of the society please contact Martin Watson or Sarah Tyson.

GOODBYE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR:

Finally, I would like to say goodbye to everyone as your newsletter editor. I have now come to the end of my term of office on the PRS Committee. I am delighted to announce that Chris McCarthy will be taking over from me. Please keep your ideas coming in and send them to him directly. I look forward to keeping in touch with everyone at our future meetings.

See you in Edinburgh.

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