PPAN Interim Chair Report 2012

The last PPAN AGM was now a few years ago. As mentioned in previous PPA AGM reports PPAN has gone through a period of upheaval in recent times, however the future is now looking calmer and very positive. Much of the progress the group has made in the last few years has been due to the ongoing hard work of the committee. The evidence of the hard work is clear is the reports included in this AGM.

As the Education report has outlined there has been a lot of activity within the committee members in organizing various study days and evenings. Neil Clark, PPAN Liaison Officer has often been the driving force behind many of these events, both in his presentation and organizational skills. Dougie Lachlan as HEI Representative has been an invaluable member of the committee in facilitating and organizing events. Shona Houston’s organizational skills have kept us all on track in her role as secretary. Ciaran McManus successfully stepped into Shona’s role as secretary during her maternity leave and has continued to offer support even from a geographically remote location. Bob Cuthbertson is perhaps the longest standing current member of the committee and his experience and accounting skills have been of great value to us all. I wish to thanks all members of the PPAN committee for their continued enthusiasm and hard work. Dougie, Shona, Ciaran and Bob are all stepping down from their posts this year. This will be a significant loss but they leave PPAN all the more enriched for their time on the committee.

A few words from PPA Chair, Martin Hey;

I, as Chair of the PPA, would like to thank on behalf of the Executive and the membership, Linda Sparks for her excellent stewardship of PPA North as acting Chair at a time of significant upheaval and uncertainty. I also wish to thank Neil Clark for the support and assistance given in returning PPA North to the position it rightly deserves at the forefront of supporting Physiotherapists with an interest in pain, in the North of England and within Scotland. Their role in this should be acknowledged formally and fully appreciated. I very much look forward to PPA North moving from strength to strength in the future in partnership with the PPA.

With warm regards to all.

Martin Hey”

As was planned when I took on this role, I am stepping down as Interim Chair of PPAN at this AGM. It has been a great experience and opportunity to work along side the PPAN committee. I wish to thank all the committee members for their continued hard work they have given PPAN and assistance they have given me in the last 2 years. The enthusiasm that has driven PPAN in the past 2 years has laid the groundwork for a positive future for the incoming committee and the role of PPAN in supporting Physiotherapists with an interest in pain even in the current financial climate.

Linda Sparks

Interim Chair of PPAN