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This newsletter aims to provide up to date information regarding CASE activities & requirements regarding validation, annual programme monitoring & other relevant issues.

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Update from March 2011 CASE Meeting

The members' representatives to CASE met on March 3rd at IPEM Headquarters in York to discuss a wide range of issues on the Agenda.

The Annual Monitoring Performance Review (APMR) was almost complete at the time of the meeting. This was the first APMR to use the on-line reporting system which seemed to make the process much more refined both from an HEI perspective and from CASE perspective, although there is still some work required by the APMR group in assembling the data. Overall there was good student recruitment and retention and good student support is generally provided. In the present financial climate it does appear that there is limited progression from Postgraduate level to Masters level.

The Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were finally agreed and will be sent to all member organisations, although minor changes will be required following the meeting with IPEM in April to discuss financial arrangements.

The next Accreditor Training Day is to be held on May 20th at City University London. Attendance at these training days is mandatory for CASE Accreditors in order to ensure that there is uniformity when undertaking accreditation events on behalf of CASE. The programme for the day looks exciting so should have good attendance. The day is free to attend for the accreditors, but CASE is unable to offer expenses. If you feel you have the expertise to offer as a CASE Accreditor, please contact Cathy at IPEM and nominate yourself for this valuable role in promoting high quality sonographer education.

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Member Organisations Meeting - New CASE Administrators

Member Organisations Meeting

In January this year a meeting was hosted by the Royal College of Midwives in London. The meeting was attended by CASE Officers Lynda Mulhair (Chair) and Rosemary Lee (Vice Chair by teleconference), and all Senior Officers of the Member Organisations: David Robert-Jones CEO BMUS; Richard Evans CEO SCoR; Robert Neilson CEO IPEM; Louise Silverton Deputy General Secretary RCM; David Oxborough BSE; Theresa Fail SVT(by proxy).

The purpose of the meeting was for interested parties to present their case to undertake the administration of CASE. BMUS and IPEM presented their position statements. Following a vote, the administration of CASE went to IPEM. Handover from SCoR to IPEM occurred towards the end of February and the first meeting of CASE in 2011 was held at the IPEM Headquarters in York.

All correspondence with CASE should therefore be sent to the CASE Co-ordinator at IPEM; Fairmount House, 230 Tadcaster Road, York, YO24 1ES. Cathy Brown is the Co-ordinator; case@ipem.ac.uk.

There are still some issues outstanding that need further discussion between IPEM and CASE with regard to financial arrangements and a meeting will take place in the middle of April with myself and Rosemary Lee as Vice Chair to discuss these.

As Chair of CASE I would like to extend my thanks to SCoR for their care and attention during the past eighteen months and in particular to Michele Landau as CASE Co-ordinator at SCoR. I look forward to a long association with IPEM.

Lynda Mulhair
CASE Chair

NHS AAA Screening Programme Quarterly Newsletter

The newsletter of the NHS Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening Programme contains updates on the development and implementation of the programme which we hope you will find interesting and informative.

The quarterly newsletter is now available. The newsletter is also available to download and print online at <http://aaa.screening.nhs.uk/Newsletter>.

The newsletter includes:

- Update on the Programme's national implementation plans
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- Formal CASE accreditation for the national training course for AAA screeners
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- The latest national IT system developments
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- News of a highly successful AAA research meeting organised by the Programme

Accreditor Training Day - Friday 20th May 2011

CASE 2011

ACCREDITOR TRAINING DAY

Friday 20th May 2011

09:15 – 15:30

City University London

Programme Overview

09:15 Registration and Coffee

09:45 Welcome & Introduction

Lynda Mulhair
Chair of CASE

MORNING SESSION

10.00 The Lead Accreditor's Role

This session will review the terms of reference, procedures, timeframes and tasks specifically for lead accreditors. How the lead accreditor works with the programme team, CASE council, co-accreditor and shadow accreditors will be discussed.

Jennifer Edie
CASE Lead Accreditor
City University, London

10.45 Workshop: Documentation Review

In this workshop, participants will be asked to review programme documentation
(TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE)

Gill Harrison
CASE Lead Accreditor &
Programme Lead
City University, London

11.45 Discussion from Workshop

All

12.45 LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION

13.30 Questions to clinical staff and students

In this workshop, participants will be asked to consider the types of questions to ask student groups and clinical mentors & managers, during the accreditation event

All

14.00 Feedback to the panel: Conditions, recommendations, commendations.

A chance to consider how to give feedback to the panel members & ensure a positive working relationship with the programme team.

All

14.30 Discussion and feedback

Lynda Mulhair
Gill Harrison
Jennifer Edie

+/- short course accreditation
(TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE)

15.30 Evaluation & Close

Lynda Mulhair
Chair of CASE