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NEWS

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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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- An update on the CASE session at the BMUS 2007 Annual Meeting
- Reminder on Annual Monitoring reports and CASE Fees
- Update on plans for the next CASE Open Forum
- Accreditor training day

CASE Working Party to research Ultrasound Courses & Programmes in the UK

As previously announced in the last Newsletter, a Working Party has been formed to investigate the range and variety of ultrasound courses and programmes that are currently available in UK. The outcome from this work will inform any changes to the CASE remit as agreed by the Parent Bodies who have asked that they are kept informed of current progress on a regular basis. This group is now considering the issues and determining a strategy on how to proceed.

The Working Party members from CASE Council are: -

Rosemary Lee, UKAS (Chair)
Gail Johnson (RCM)

Wendy Williams (UKAS)
Crispian Oates (IPEM)

The Working Party met prior to Council on 16th October and it was agreed that the first assignment should be to undertake a scoping exercise to establish the range and variety of ultrasound courses and to include an investigation into the availability, level and accreditation (if any) currently available in the UK.

The Working Party will be carrying out a data collection with the co-operation of a wide range of individuals, including University Programme Leaders, Manufacturers, Professional Bodies, and other healthcare staff who organise courses. Staff and organisations will be targeted by email and letter with a request to provide as much relevant information related to their courses as possible.

The Working Party plans to complete this data collection by Christmas.

Please see overleaf for information on how you can help the Working Party with this important exercise

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REMINDER

The return date for the 2006-07 CASE Annual Programme Monitoring Reports was 31st October 2007.

If you have not yet returned your APMR to CASE, please ensure that you send it in as soon as possible.

In addition, the date for payment of the CASE fee, was also 31st October.

Any University that has not paid its CASE fee by Christmas should be advised that this has implications with regard to ongoing participation in CASE affairs, your accredited status and involvement in Annual Monitoring.

How YOU can Help...

The Working Party is aiming to contact as many providers of ultrasound courses as possible.

If you are aware of any courses being offered by your University, a manufacturing company, hospital department or other Body, we would be grateful to hear from you. Please send any details to the CASE Co-ordinator who will arrange to obtain further information as part of the scoping exercise.

Email: CASE@bmus.org or Telephone 020 7467 9759

We look forward to hearing from you!

CASE Open Forums: 2008

Thank you to all who contacted CASE to 'vote' for their preferred topic for the next Open Forum. All suggestions received were put to Council on 16th October.

After discussion, Council agreed that an Open Forum on Clinical Assessment and Mentorship would be a popular topic and would also follow on well from the Accreditor training event to be held on 22nd November.

*CASE plans to split this topic into two Open Forums, one in held in **London** in May and one in **Leeds** in November 2008. The first will be on **Clinical Assessment** and the other focused on **Clinical Mentorship**.*

Further information and a programme for the London day will be announced immediately after CASE Council on 11th March 2008.

CASE at the BMUS Annual Scientific Meeting: December 2007

If you are attending the BMUS ASM this year then try to come along to this session, CASE is involved with this and has arranged a Guest Lecture. Please see the programme for the session (below) for further information: -

Weds 12 December 16.00 - 17.30 Queen's Suite 2

ASUM Invitation Lecture / CASE talk

16.00 ASUM President: Dr Mathew Andrews: 'Quality Issues – An Antipodean Viewpoint'.

16.30 Mrs Julie Walton: CASE TALK: 'The Sonoscope Approach to Ultrasound Education & Training'

Proffered Papers:

- DIXON A-M, 'Skill mix development in ultrasound: A 4 tier structure pilot project.'
- JOHNSTON, 'The value of a preceptorship period for newly qualified sonographers.'

10 mins discussion

CASE Parent Organisations:

British Medical Ultrasound Society, British Society of Echocardiography, College of Radiographers, Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine, Royal College of Midwives, United Kingdom Association of Sonographers, Society for Vascular Technology of Great Britain and Ireland