



Scottish Clinical Skills Network Bulletin

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Welcome to the second edition of the SCSN Bulletin. We thought that we would give our members a bit of background information on the Network as we have been going for quite some time now.

BACKGROUND

The Scottish Clinical Skills Network (SCSN) was established in 2001 with support from NHS Education for Scotland by Dr Jean Ker, Director of the Clinical Skills Centre in Dundee.

SCSN is a multiprofessional network which currently has a membership of over 100 individuals, drawn from healthcare professionals in Scotland interested in the education and training of high quality clinical skills.

The SCSN is committed to ensuring standards of safe practice in healthcare through clinical skills education and training.

Its mission statement is:

"The Network brings together healthcare professionals with interests and responsibilities in the education and training of clinical skills."

Membership of the Network is currently £35 per year (£17.50 for members joining mid-way). Membership entitles you to discounted rates at the annual conference and at any workshops that are run throughout the year. You also have the benefit of the Network's membership to ASME (full details of which can be found on our website <http://www.scsn.scot.nhs.uk/>)

The Network has a Steering Group which was elected to represent the membership and this group meets every two months in Dundee. The Chair of the Group is Graham Nimmo, Consultant Physician in Intensive Care Medicine and Clinical Education, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh and the Steering Group members are elected from all over Scotland.

SCSN Conference 2011

Our Conference this year, as mentioned in the first Bulletin, is being held at the University of St Andrews on 15th & 16th September. Abstracts are being accepted **NOW**, with the deadline for acceptance 22nd April, 2011. Abstracts should follow a specific format which is detailed on the "Call for Abstracts" on the SCSN website. If the submission is not by the intended presenter, it is the submitter's responsibility to ensure that the presenter registers for the conference. If submitting an Abstract, and it is accepted, you must be able to attend the Conference. The programme is currently being put together and this will be sent out to members, along with registration forms, once it is confirmed.

WORKSHOPS

The "Literature Reviewing" Workshop which was postponed last year has been rescheduled for Wednesday, 23rd March, 2011 from 10.00am to 4.00pm at the Scottish Clinical Simulation Centre. Further details will be available on the SCSN website, www.scsn.scot.nhs.uk

It is hoped that Nikki Maran will run her very successful "Debriefing" Workshop and details regarding this will follow.

SCSN CONFERENCE 2010- SNAPSHOT!!



THE "LOGO"

We have decided to update our image and are asking all our members for ideas for a new logo to represent the Network. The designs/ideas would be presented to the Steering Group and the Winner announced at the Conference in September.

Please forward ideas to scsn@dundee.ac.uk



REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

We received the following email and wondered if our members would be able to help Sophia.

"I am thinking about replacing our Harvey simulator and wondered if you could ask other members of SCSN if they have another simulator for heart sounds that I could either come and see or for their opinion on it."

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