

## SAPC: Making A Difference

### SAPC Officers' Annual Report to Members for AGM, July 12<sup>th</sup> 2018

Welcome to the 2017/18 Officers' Report. The Executive of SAPC have had another busy year, working hard on your behalf, supporting you and your needs and promoting academic primary care.

Conferences, both regional and national, remain one of our major activities. I would personally like to thank everyone involved in our amazingly successful ASM last year at Warwick. I would also like to thank everyone who has taken time to organise, and participate in, all of our regional meetings. They are the lifeblood of SAPC.

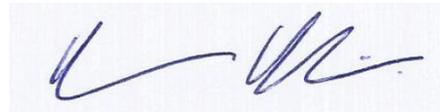
Other important activities include the Special Interest Groups, of which there are now 14 registered. Our early career support and mentoring is also a vital part of our work in-between ASMs, as is our developing programme of work supporting GP scholarship. The newsletter and newsflashes remain our key means of communication with you, our membership.

Here, we describe some of the activities which have taken place over the past year. We forward to discussing more of the detail with you at our Annual General Meeting.

Enjoy!



Prof Kate O'Donnell, Chair



Dr Rebecca Morris, Secretary



Dr Jo Protheroe, Treasurer

## **Current Executive**

There have been some changes to the Executive over the past year. First we are very pleased to announce Rebecca Morris (Manchester) has taken on the role of SAPC Secretary, as well as continuing her work as Lead for Early Career Academics.

Amy Blakemore (from Nursing, Midwifery & Social Work at Manchester), moved onto the Executive and is focusing on Ambassadors Lead.

Julia Hiscock (Bangor) joined as a co-opted member to Co-Chair the PHoCuS Group along with Suzanne Richards (Leeds), who is an elected member of Exec.

Mike Moore (Southampton) is a co-opted member thanks to his role as Chair of the Heads of Departments (HODs).

Clare Jinks (Keele) is staying with us for a year as a co-opted member to complete work that she has been doing on engagement with other organisations.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Jon Dickson (Sheffield) and Sarah Tonkin-Crine (Oxford) who stepped down from the Executive this year.

Finally, we had an election in May and I am delighted to welcome:

Joanne Protheroe (Keele) – re-elected and remaining as SAPC Treasurer.

Sudeh Cheraghi-Sohi (Manchester).

Caroline Mitchell (Sheffield).

Rupert Payne (Bristol).

I would like to thank everyone who stood. If you weren't successful this year, please consider standing again in the future or keep in touch as we have lots of opportunities for co-option or working with the Executive on short-life working groups.

## **Raising the profile of academic primary care and SAPC**

We have continued the work that reported last year focused on raising our profile, and that of academic primary care. We have tackled this on several fronts.

### ***Website***

We thank James Prior (Keele) for his continued work on the website. We now have video links and interviews with Executive members, up-to-date photos of the Executive and – launching later in the year – a re-designed website. This will not be a drastic change, but a refresh, designed to make it easier to navigate and to find the information that members (and prospective members) need. <https://sapc.ac.uk/>

### *Social media*

Social media is an important part of our strategy to ensure that academic primary care is visible, and that SAPC is at its centre. We have an active Twitter account @sapcacuk. We have 1856 followers, and increase of 500 followers from the 2017 AGM, but would like to get ideas about how to increase this and to extend our profile.

### *REF2021*

This will be an important activity for most of us in the coming months and years. We are very pleased that several senior members of SAPC have gained places on REF sub-panels, ensuring that academic primary care is well represented, particularly on sun-panels 1 and 2.

### *Academic Primary care offering Strategic Leadership (APOSTLE)*

We have relationships with a number of key strategic partners, working with them to ensure that academic primary care is seen as part of the solution to the many challenges facing primary care service.

We have continued to develop our closer working relationship with the Royal College of General Practitioners (RCGP). SAPC have an Observer's seat at RCGP Council. We have also established an annual dinner attended by Office Bearers of RCGP and members of SAPC, including the Chair, Head of HODs and Head of HOTs and other members of the Executive. We have worked together to promote the role of general practice and primary care departments and groups to the undergraduate curriculum; are actively working together on the issue of payments to practices for undergraduate teaching; and have contributed evidence to RCGP Council working papers.

Provided intelligence and evidence to the Senior Policy Leads at NHS England as part of their work on reviewing QOF.

Contributed to Academy of Medical Sciences evidence gathering on Multimorbidity.

Developed closer links with the Innovation and Programme Board, RCGP.

Provided information on our mentoring and Early Career Support to the Wellcome Trust.

## **Supporting a vibrant and sustainable workforce**

### *Mentorship scheme*

Originally established to support PHoCuS members, the mentorship scheme continues to thrive. Given its success with PHoCuS members, we have now funded its extension to cover

clinical members as well. We currently have over 20 mentees and 16 mentors. See <https://sapc.ac.uk/article/mentorship-programme> for information on the programme.

As part of our development, we will be looking for a National Lead for the Mentoring Programme in the near future. So if you are interested, let us know.

### ***PHoCuS***

Suzanne Richards and Julia Hiscock took over from Christine Bond and Sandra Eldridge as PHoCuS Leads in January 2018. Due to the extension of the mentorship scheme the role of the PHoCuS Leads has been separated from the proposed National Lead for the Mentoring Programme role. Vacancies have also become available within the PHoCuS Champions network with new area champions sought for the North, Scotland and Wales.

### ***Early Career Support***

As well as the mentoring scheme, Rebecca Morris ran another successful ECR workshop at the beginning of 2018. This is something that we hope to continue and will look for ways to develop that. We are also planning to conduct a survey of ECR members in the Autumn.

### ***Departmental/member liaison***

Our Ambassador and Champions programme continues to grow, with 28 Ambassadors at the last count. Thanks to HODs and HOTs for helping to identify Ambassadors. We offer an Ambassador 'open seat' at Exec, giving someone the chance to come along and see the Exec at work. This has been very successful, with someone at every Exec meeting and leading to some getting even more involved with our work. With the help of Jess Drinkwater, one of our Ambassadors, we have developed an SAPC information flyer aimed at GPs involved in UG teaching.

### ***SAPC Awards Committee***

The Awards Committee has worked tirelessly in the background overseeing for the Yvonne Carter Award for early career researchers, the RCGP John Fry Award, and applications/citations for the national Clinical Excellence Scheme in England. Thank you also to RCGP and the National School of Primary Care for collaboration and support in running these schemes.

The Awards Committee has been chaired for several years by Professor Chris Dowrick (Liverpool), but he is now stepping down. I would like to thank him for the work he has put

into this, guiding us with a steady and sure hand. I am also delighted that Professor Gene Feder (Bristol) will be taking over and I look forward to working with him on this.

### ***GP Scholarship***

The work on GP Scholarship has continued apace. Led by Joanne Reeve (HYMS), and working in collaboration with RCGP Innovation and Research Board, there has been a lot of time and development in this programme. As well as a workshop at this ASM, there were also workshops at the RCGP Conference 2017 and another is planned for RCGP Conference 2018.

The GP Scholarship programme aims to support and cultivate the intellectual expertise at the heart of the profession of General Practice. We hope this will help to address some of the workforce and skills development needed to deliver a GP profession ready to meet emerging population and health systems challenges.

## **Impact through Collaboration**

### ***Conferences***

Our conferences – both national and regional – are a key means to promoting impact through collaboration. Last year, many of us gathered in Warwick for a highly successful, enjoyable and challenging ASM, combining internationally excellent research with entertaining and thought provoking cultural experiences. Thanks to all of the Warwick team for that.

Regional meetings continue to be an integral part of our activities, often providing the senior primary care academics of tomorrow with their first chance of presenting their work. This year we formalised our collaborative links with the Scottish School of Primary Care, with their annual meeting now co-badges as the SAPC's regional meeting in Scotland.

We also plan a review of all the regional affiliations. This will help us to welcome new departments of General Practice and Primary Care to SAPC and to direct people who want to join us from out with current member departments to the region closest to them

### ***International APC***

We continue to have good links with NAPCRG, with the Chair sitting on the NAPCRG International Committee, and with our Australian colleagues in AAAPC and PHRCIS. We continue to have links with the European Forum of Primary Care, and with WONCA. Closer to home, Clare Jinks has been working to develop collaborative links with the Society for Social Medicine and recently the British Pharmaceutical Society,

## *Journal Links.*

Our successful collaboration with the Journal of Comorbidity continues, with a 20% reduction in Author Processing Charges as part of our SAPC membership benefits. The Journal of Comorbidity is now owned by SAGE Publications, we wish to continue our link and explore ways of developing that.

We also continue our informal collaboration with the BJGP and were delighted to see its impact factor increase to 3.26 this year.

## **Plans for 2018-19.**

There are a number of areas that I hope we can progress during the coming year. As well as continuing our important work on PHoCUS, GP scholarship and early care development for academics, these are:

- Regional mapping project.
- Mackenzie 3 – drawing together the HODS survey, ECR survey, work by HOTs and the regional mapping to give a comprehensive picture of the current state of academic primary care in the UK.
- Explore possible collaborative ASM with ASME in 2022.

## **Final Thanks**

I hope you will agree, from reading this paper and coming to the AGM, that the Executive are doing a huge amount of work throughout the year on behalf of you, the SAPC members. As well as Executive, the HODs and HOTs groups continue to work and lobby for academic primary care at multiple level.

As Chair – I would like to thank everyone for the hard work and commitment to SAPC. In particular, I would like to thank the Executive. The range of activities described here would not be possible without their work, time and enthusiasm.

Finally, huge thanks to Sue Stewart for her amazing support and dedication as our Secretariat and Conference Manager. As I have said before, we couldn't do half the things we do without having Sue – so our sincere thanks to her.

## **SAPC Membership Figure**

As of June 2018 SAPC has: 322 Medical members, 229 Academic/PHoCuS members.

Making a total of 551 members.

**Executive Committee 2017-2018**

**ELECTED MEMBERS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>UNIVERSITY</b>	<b>Year elected (re-elected)</b>	<b>Lead Role</b>
Kate O'Donnell	Glasgow	2016-2019 2016-16, Vice Chair	Chair
Rebecca Morris	Manchester	2015-2018	Secretary
Joanne Protheroe	Keele	2010, Treasurer 2012- 2015, 2015-2018	Treasurer, SIGs
Sarah Tonkin-Crine	Oxford	2015-2018	Conference/events
Clare Jinks	Keele	2015-2018	Stakeholder liaison
James Prior	Keele	2016-2019	Communications
Jon Dickson	Sheffield	2016-2019	
Suzanne Richards	Leeds	2016-2019	

Constitution of Nov 2001 allows 8 Executive Committee members in addition to Chair and Vice-Chair

**COOPTED MEMBERS**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>UNI/ ORGANISATION</b>	<b>Year invited</b>	<b>Lead role</b>
Steph Taylor/Anita Berlin	QMUL	2017	ASM 2018 co-chairs
John Campbell	Exeter	2012-2016	HODs representative
Mike Moore	Southampton	2016-2019	New HODS representative
Joanne Reeve	Warwick	2012 (VC), Chair 2013-2016 2016-2018	GP Scholarship
Joe Rosenthal	UCL	2011	HOTs representative
Christine Bond	Aberdeen	2012	PHoCuS lead
Sandra Eldridge	QMUL	2012	PHoCuS lead
Imran Rafi	RCGP	2015	RCGP representative

Constitution of Nov 2001 allows for 7 coopted members

**OBSERVERS:** Dr Phil Evans (Clinical Research Networks 2014- )

**SAPC REPRESENTATION:** MASC – Bob McKinley, Keele (Medical Academic Staff Committee)