

SAPC ASM 2025

SIGs overall lead report 2025 – SIG lead – Rachel Spencer

There are 24 SIGs currently, 21 of whom produced a report this year.

We had a SIG leads meeting in Feb 2025 which 15 SIG leads managed to attend. Leads shared recruitment strategies and innovative ideas for refreshing meetings after a lull during Covid. A number of collaborations between SIGs were tentatively set up. Reminders to access the funding pot for SIGs were reiterated. A plea for SIG leads to stress the benefits of SAPC membership and attending ASM was made.

We continue to refresh the website information and made sure the contact details for SIGs leads are correct with a revised mailing list (many thanks to the secretariat). We ensure that all SIG leads/deputies are SAPC members on setting up a new SIG and we continue to remind leads to ensure their membership is up to date. I would like to remind SIG members to become SAPC members and that your membership fees in part finance the activity of your SIG. SIG members are a vital part of SAPC membership and are often the next generation coming through the society.

13 SIGs met at Cardiff ASM with good representation from both clinical topic SIGs and concept SIGs. New SIGs were present including PACT. It was good to see flexibility with the offer of rooms to meet individual SIGs needs this year. We should aim for this format to be standard in future years. Some SIGs will want to maintain the informal, round table format.

In our group discussion room 4-5 groups met round table and the large room format helped groups keep their communication separate. Women's health had fantastic attendance (a full table of around 25). Groups were not using hybrid in the round table room.

Digital SIG had a separate room with presentation equipment which was appropriate to their didactic talk format. I attended a talk by a fellow explaining her plans for fellowship – what a great platform for her to do this – I would like to see all the SIGs offer this to new fellows and encourage any supervisors to match their fellows and PhD students to a SIG.

Some groups requested a room so they could operate hybrid - PACT had 5 in the room and 3 online. There was a great presentation on developing a study protocol for continuity with useful group discussion on future proofing the work for future access models especially AI/digital triage. It is a main function of SIGs to give advice on research design and really draws us together as a society.

A big thank you to the committed SIG leads who make their groups sparkle, SIGs would not exist without you.

Rachel