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Mark Ellis
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Report from ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Bournemouth 2005

This year's conference was held at the Roundhouse Hotel, Bournemouth - a rather intriguing and..... well,.... 'rounded' hotel situated very close to the sandy beaches and main shopping areas of Bournemouth.

The Chair, Alun Morgan, 'kicked off' the proceedings by welcoming delegates and reflected on the last 12 months—including the links developed with the Association for Perioperative Practice (AfPP) - PROPRIUS having jointly developed one of the strands for the AfPP Speciality Conference in London earlier in the year. PROPRIUS has also become a membership of the Perioperative Care Collaborative, and has accepted an invitation from the Royal College of Surgeons to have representation on an External Reference Panel for the new Specialist Library for Surgery, Theatres and Anaesthesia. In addition, the RCS have invited nominations for 'Topic Advisors'. Anyone interested in the latter role should contact the committee.

The first speaker, Andrew Butcher, Consultant to Skills for Health, presented the *National Workforce Competencies for Emergency, Urgent & Scheduled Care*. Delegates received a poster and CD containing all the competencies, together with examples of where they have been utilised, and included the role of 'Medical Care Practitioner', which is the subject of a DoH consultation



Andrew Butcher

document launched the day after conference (4th November).

Liz Nials, Senior HR Manager, then discussed *The Knowledge and Skills Framework* and its links to appraisal. Liz highlighted that 'Development Reviews' (replacing appraisals) will be closely linked to jobs/roles so that development opportunities offered would be more focused on the job/role being undertaken. Liz also made reference to the Electronic Staff Record (ESR) due to go live in 2006.

Following a break for refreshments, Bryn Baxendale, Director, Trent Simulation and Clinical Skills

Centre, presented *A Simulation Theatre in Practice*. Bryn gave an insight into the facilities and how they are used for multi-professional education - highlighting that this was likely to be a regular



Bryn Baxendale

component of theatre staff updates and training. In particular, the role of the Centre in developing effective team work was emphasised. After dinner entertainment featured comedian Patrick Monahan, after which some heavy duty networking took place in the bar. The second day's programme was opened by Edward Frazer, Transfusion Nurse Specialist, St Mary's Hospital, Isle of White. Edward discussed *Transfusion Safety in the Operating Theatre*, and asked "Can education

make a difference?" The SHOT report was reviewed, and Blood Safety and Quality Regulations - which brings transfusion errors under criminal law - were highlighted. These regulations were due to be implemented on November 8th 2005, and education was identified as a crucial component in the promotion and achievement of safe practice.

Cell salvage-National Standards & Training Malcolm Chambers, Auto-transfusion Course Coordinator, Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham. A recent poll had shown a potential substantial fall in the number of blood donors after the introduction of CJD testing. In light of this Malcolm identified the need for more effective use of blood supplies and had introduced various Training/Education packages for Intraoperative Cell Salvage, and an e-learning package will soon be available nationally.

The final session of the morning was opened by PROPRIUS committee member Tricia Richardson, ODP training Coordinator, University of Teesside, who considered *Academic Marking for Practice*. Tricia described a project in which Clinical Coordinators underwent a programme of development to enable them to mark students academic assignments associated to a 60 credit clinical module.

Taking us up to lunch was Phil Warren, Educational Lead, Earl Mountbatten Hospital, IoW, who talked on the subject of *Palliative Care After Theatre*.



Nigel's 'Can of Worms'

Report from ANNUAL CONFERENCE - Bournemouth 2005 continued

Phil talked about End of Life Care programme which is being extended to all patients—not just cancer victims—with a shift to longer term care needs. A very thought provoking presentation, which certainly highlighted the need for all of us consider how we approach patient care in the operating department

forms of learning. Initially a critic Gibson gave a very enthusiastic en-



Nigel Keitley

The ever popular *Nigel's Can of Worms* opened the afternoon session. Problems/issues raised by delegates were discussed, and considered ranging from educational to daily clinical practice issues. Lively discussion ensued, with constructive suggestions offered during this valuable networking opportunity.

dorsement to this mode of learning, and how it had been incorporated into both Nursing and ODP education.

Nigel was followed by Gibson D'Cruz, Team Leader Acute & Continuing Care, University of East Anglia, who described *Enquiry Based Learning* dynamically explaining how different it was from other

Helen Evered, Curriculum Implementation Coordinator Southampton University ended the day with an overview of *The New Generation Project* This government funded project was designed to develop and implement inter-professional learning for those elements common to a number of

healthcare programmes. Five professions were represented in each group of ten students. Current students Nikki Johnston and Becky Craig shared their experiences of the project The Thursday morning sessions were specific to *Dyslexia and Student Learning*. James Caveney ODP Course Director, University of Wales, Bangor gave an enlightening presentation into the Dyslexia and the ways in which Dyslexic students can be supported. Limitations were also discussed



Helen Evered

as was the paramount need to ensure patient safety. James was followed by Christophe

Pasiewicz, who qualified as an ODP in 2004. Christophe spoke of his experiences as a Dyslexic student, demonstrating his obvious incredible determination to succeed, given the administrative delays in getting support equipment. Both speakers highlighted the value of the Department of Education an Skills booklet "A Framework for Understanding Dyslexia" See www.dfes.gov.uk

Want to have your say? Want to pose a question? Need some information or want to share your ideas and good practice?

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'Research' Corner—some useful websites

Association for Perioperative Practice (incorporating NATN)
www.afpp.org.uk/

www.hpc-uk.org/

Resuscitation Council (UK)

www.resus.org.uk

National Patient Safety Agency
www.npsa.nhs.uk/

ASPAN American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses
 Serving nurses practicing in all phases of preanesthesia and postanesthesia care, ambulatory surgery, and pain management
www.aspan.org/ResearchInfo.htm

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**New Newsletter
 New Editor**

Hi all,

This is my first attempt at compiling a newsletter, and I hope I can maintain the standards set by my predecessor Julie Toms.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Julie on behalf of PROPRIUS for the great work done during her time as editor, it is much appreciated.

I hope this edition of the Newsletter provides information and food for thought. If you have opinions/ comments about the content, please contact me via our web site,

Any items for inclusion in the next issue e.g. reaction to articles, advertise your event, company etc. should be sent to :

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Thanks in anticipation.

Arwel Jones, Editor.



Tricia Richardson is the person to contact if booking your place at this year's conference:

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Booking forms, and a draft programme are also available from our updated website:

www.proprius.org.uk

N.B. A copy of your completed form should be kept for your finance department records

Prices: £325.00 members & £430.00 Non-members (which includes all delegate sessions, accommodation, meals and live entertainment on Tuesday evening)

Once again, the conference organiser is **Jim Rainer**, who works for the St Mary's Trust, Isle of Wight. Jim has worked hard to put together a varied topical programme which will be of interest to all involved in training within the operating department.

The programme includes; The Health Commission's Annual Health Check - which replaces the old "star ratings", with the education of staff being one of the indicators measured, Day surgery developments, the Royal College of Surgeons' Specialist Library for Surgery, Theatres and Anaesthesia, due to go live this year - and much more!

