Trainee Update March 2015

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Calling all regional trainee reps!

We are trying to build a database of regional Acute Internal Medicine (AIM) trainee reps so we can get a better idea of regional training issues to feedback to the SAC (the national training committee). If any of you could drop us a quick e-mail to the addresses below with the name of your Deanery representative, along with any current issues it would greatly help us on our way!

The SAM Council met at the end of January. Improving awareness of AIM remains high on the list of priorities and another Awareness Week is planned, provisionally during November. These weeks are designed to showcase all that happens in the AMU, how important AIM is and why we all love doing the specialty we do – and will be heavily trainee led.! It is likely that as part of this a one day Conference will be run for FY2s and SHOs to highlight AIM as a specialty and encourage trainees to consider AIM for their higher specialty training. More details on both of these in due course, but worth starting to think now about how you could promote your AMU and AIM in general. It's a great way to show leadership and develop management skills and looks great on your CV!

SAM Bristol

Preparations are nearly complete for SAM Bristol 7th-8th May and we're hoping to see another solid trainee turnout. There will be another structured trainee session on the Friday which will include a Q&A session to discuss current training issues. Severn and West Midlands will also be showing us some research work they have both been doing! Good luck to those who submitted posters – as always it remains a great forum to network, share ideas and help get yourself valuable experience at presenting/publishing in our specialty.

EFIM / ESIM update

Congratulations to both Nigel Lane and Ben Lovell for winning the SAM Bursaries. They both attended the European Winter School for Internal Medicine in Latvia. Details on how you can win the SAM Bursaries for further schools will be available soon. We will promote this heavily as it is a fantastic opportunity as I am sure Nigel and Ben will tell you!

Specialist skills

As part of the ongoing review of the AIM curriculum the SAC are updating the specialist skills guidance in particular for 'practical' skills. This has taken some time and led to the specialist skills area of the website being out of action for some time. We apologise about this but rest assured work is being done to get this back up and running ASAP (perhaps done by the time this goes to print!) and to update the specialist skills advise. The latest AIM curriculum is always available via the JRCPTB website and contains useful information.

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