

**ABCD Academic Sub Committee Meeting
Monday 18th March 2024
MINUTES**

Present:

Steve Bain (SB)	Claire Harris (CH)
Ketan Dhatariya (KD)	Iskander Idris (II)
Mark Evans (ME)	Parth Narendran (PN)
Ben Field (BF)	Dimitris Papamargaritis (DP)

Apologies:

Rajna Golubic (RG)
Katharine Owen (KO)
Emma Wilmot (EW)

1. Welcome.

Il welcomed all to his first meeting as chair of the Academic Subcommittee and apologies were noted from RG, KO, EW. Il advised that Shivani Misra (SM) had recently be invited to join the committee. CH confirmed that she had not received apologies from SM or Petra Hanson (PH).

2. Review of Minutes from last meeting and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th October 2023 were approved as being an accurate and true reflection of the proceedings.

3. Diabetes Update

DP shared the delegate feedback with the committee. It was recognised that the feedback was extremely positive however, there were some comments received around the quality of the venue catering and the location of the event which some people found difficult to travel to. He added that delegates from the devolved nations found the course to be focused on England only. DP commented that investigation was required on how many attendees came from the devolved nations. He advised that Loughborough was originally chosen by the committee due to its low cost and, with the Diabetes Update being a newly created event, there was uncertainty about popularity of the event. He reflected that, as the course has been sold out each year, it may be time to look at moving to a different venue. KD added that the committee may wish to consider whether to increase the capacity of the event. The committee agreed that Red Hot Irons (RHI) should be requested to carry out a venue search for a venue with better transport links for the next event.

DP confirmed that he will send feedback to PH for review before sending to the facilitators and he will start to create an agenda for next year and discuss the programme with the committee. DP was congratulated on a successful Diabetes Update. DP advised that he was happy to help create a programme for next year's event, but he would not be able to dedicate as much time to the organisation of it next year. He wondered whether PN and RG would be interested in taking over. He confirmed that Aisha wishes to stay involved.

Item	Responsible	Action	Timeline
3	RHI	Carry out a venue search for a venue with better transport links for the next event.	18 th April 2024

3.1	DP	Send feedback to PH for review before sending to the facilitators	18 th April 2024
3.2	DP	Start to create an agenda for next year and discuss the programme with the committee	18 th April 2024
3.3	CH	Ensure that Diabetes Update is included on the agenda for the next meeting	28 th May 2024
3.4	DP	Speak to PN and RG to see if they wish to get involved in the organisation of Diabetes Update	18 th April 2024

4. Research Grants and Dragon's Den Awards

CH confirmed that the Research Grants Programme has been launched for 2024 with a deadline of 5th June 2024. She advised the date of the review meetings as follows:

- Monday 1st July 2024: 2:00pm – 5:00pm, first evaluation and decision on which applications to send for peer review.
- Tuesday 8th October 2024: 2:00pm – 5:00pm, second evaluation following peer review and final decision.

It was confirmed that the criteria for eligible applicants had been extended to include allied healthcare professionals. The committee acknowledged that, at the last Research Grant Review Committee meeting, due to the difficulty of sourcing peers reviewers and it had been agreed that external peer reviewer would only be sourced if there was no expertise available on the Research Grant Review committee to undertake peer review.

CH confirmed that the Dragon's Den Funding Scheme will be launch in June with a deadline of October. She advised the date of the review meeting and interviews as follows:

- Tuesday 5th November 2024: 2:00pm – 4:00pm, Application Review Meeting
- Friday 29th November 2024: 2:00pm 5:00pm, Interviews

4.1 Joint fellowship grant with Novo Nordisk Research Foundation

II reported that the Novo Nordisk Research Foundation is keen to explore joint funding of fellowships for 2025 and he and PN had met with Paul Chester at the foundation.

The committee discussed this opportunity, and it was noted that the Novo Nordisk Research Foundation is a different organisation to the Novo Nordisk pharmaceutical company and Pratik Choudhary has taken over as chair of the foundation. The committee debated whether a joint research grant call with Novo Nordisk foundation in 2025 would result in no £50k available to run the ABCD Research Grant Programme for to early career person and whether this may exclude people who may otherwise apply for funding through ABCD. II advised the Novo Nordisk Research Foundation has a philosophy for supporting early career applicants and it already has a joint agreement with JDRF in place. The committee concluded that this opportunity needed further discussion and needs to be presented to the trustees for approval at their next meeting on 7th June 2024

Item	Responsible	Action	Timeline
4.1	II	Present Joint fellowship grant with Novo Nordisk Research Foundation to the Board of Trustees	7 th June 2024
4.1.2	CH	Ensure that Joint fellowship grant with Novo Nordisk Research Foundation is included on the agenda of the next trustees meeting and liaise with II regarding presenting to the trustees	26 th April 2024

5. Podcasts Programme

It was agreed that PH would provide an update at the next meeting.

Item	Responsible	Action	Timeline
2	PH	Provide an update on the podcast programme at the next meeting	13 th June 2024

2.1	CH	Ensure that podcast programme is included on the agenda for the next meeting	28 th May 2024
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6. Curriculum Change

BF announced that he has become TPD for Diabetes and Endocrinology in his region and he aims to discover people's views on the current curriculum and persuade the SAC to include more research elements within it. BF presented an overview of the research components in the curriculum for each speciality based on a year of training. He concluded that the rheumatology curriculum had the most research included because of the speciality writing to the RCP and JCRBT and wondered if diabetes could follow suit. He added that Tom Crabtree has been surveying JDEF members on the use of research in the curriculum.

7. Prizes, awards, and abstracts

7.1 Niru Goenka Memorial Lecture and Rising Star

CH confirmed that the deadline for submissions is 24th May and that she will collate the applications and circulate them to the committee ready for review and selection at the next meeting on 13th June.

7.2 ABCD abstracts

CH confirmed that the deadline for submissions 13th June and PN advised that the committee usually reviews them and sometimes engages support outside of the committee where required.

Item	Responsible	Action	Timeline
7.1	CH	Collate the applications for Niru Goenka Lecture and Rising Star and circulate them to the committee ready for review and selection at the next meeting on 13 th June	28 th May 2024
7.2	CH	Ensure review of applications for Niru Goenka Lecture and Rising Star is added to the agenda for the next meeting	28 th May 2024

Dates of future meetings:

- Wednesday 13th June 2024: 4:00pm – 6:00pm
- Tuesday 8th October 2024: 5:00pm – 6:00pm (directly after the Research Grant Review Committee Meeting)