

Newsletter

Scottish Airway Group

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Welcome

This is our first newsletter and we hope that you find it informative. We are pleased to receive comments and consider articles for the next issue. If you would like to contribute please contact editor@scottishairwaygroup.co.uk

Valerie
Cunningham,
Glasgow

Upcoming Events

Scottish Airway Group

Annual Meeting

8th March 2013

Edinburgh

Royal College of Physicians

2013 Meeting Registration

Registration for the 2013 meeting in Edinburgh will be possible from late October at scottishairwaygroup.co.uk. Early bird and discounted fees are available for delegates until January 15th 2013. Last year the meeting was fully booked and there were a few disappointed members so booking early is advisable!

Abstracts: New guidelines for abstract submissions this coming year will be available on the website from registration opening.



Travel

Bursary

2013

The group is pleased to announce that again a travel grant or bursary for research or deserving projects is available. Applicants should currently be in training and prepare a short statement in support of application.

Please enclose a copy of your research or audit protocol if applicable and e-mail to bursary@scottishairwaygroup.co.uk

by January 15th
2013

Chairman's Report

The Scottish Airway Group is very much in its infancy but with two highly successful meetings under its belt, it appears in rude health. A number of airway-enthusiastic individuals correspond regularly and liaise on a number of issues relating to airway management, training and research-audit.

The SAG website is up and running and we have considerable plans to develop this in order that anesthetists can keep informed as to what SAG is up to and who might be available to help with airway management-related issues. The educational and managerial material on the website also continues to be developed.

One project that we have been working on this year is that of improving airway trolleys. We have introduced the concept of **Airway Rescue Trolleys** – standardised trolleys for use during *unpredicted* airway emergencies. The key principles are those of explicit signage and content labeling, simplicity of layout and uniformity of presentation in all clinical areas. Lanarkshire, Tayside, Lothian and Fife are introducing this concept and we hope other areas will follow suit.

The concept of **Regional SAG Link Persons** has also been developed and the hope is that these individuals will assist in all aspects of airway management and training at a trust level, while at the same time liaising with appointed Leads from other regions.

SAG is always looking for more like-minded souls. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with ideas, suggestions or names of enthusiastic individuals.

Barry McGuire, Dundee

SAG 2012

Many thanks to Dr Ben Shippey and his committee for organising last year's meeting which was a tremendous success. **"Best meeting I've ever attended, every talk interesting and relevant"** commented one delegate and echoed by many more. We look forward to the full trainee report for the Difficult Airway Society newsletter soon!

Current IT Projects

We are currently developing an electronic data collection programme which will be available for implementation on desktop computers and smart phones. Comprehensive intubation data may be collected and collated both for departmental and national audit and possibly for revalidation, Good Medical Practice portfolios. If you are interested in adopting this personally or within your department please e-mail intubation@scottishairwaygroup.co.uk

**Coming Soon-
SAG Regional
Link Person
Initiative**

GAT Workshops and the Scottish Airway Group

SAG was delighted this year to run airway workshops at one of the largest ever GAT meetings in Glasgow's Central Hotel. Despite anxieties caused by landslides disrupting rail services feedback from delegates was hugely positive and talks from Alistair, Barry and Val were well received.

SAG 2013

The forthcoming meeting is being organized by Scotland South, Dumfries and Galloway led by Dr David Ball. 2013 looks to be as interesting as our previous meetings. This year a new venue in Edinburgh is host. The Royal College of Physicians is slightly larger than our previous venue and so we hope avoid disappointed delegates. Our annual meeting will again be paper light and registration fees continue to be low. The meeting is aiming to encompass both scientific and core topics including lectures on NOMA, Airway Compression, Perils of Neostigmine and NAP4. As before original abstracts of sufficient merit will be considered for publication.

WEBSITE NEWS

The website was set up at the launch of the Scottish Airway Group in 2010 and has been used very successfully to facilitate online booking for both annual meetings. It has also been used to display all the abstracts that were accepted for the Annual Meetings. We now have plans for further development of the site - educational resources, documentation and discussion forums pertaining to all airway matters. We are hoping to build the site into a valuable training and reference site. If you have any material you wish to be considered for the site, please email website@scottishairwaygroup.co.uk

*Suzie Thomson
Glasgow*

Research and Education

VIVALDI

Soon to commence is a large transatlantic multicenter study on the McGrath MAC Videolaryngoscope led by Dr Irene Osborn. Centers interested in contributing should contact ViVALDI@scottishairwaygroup.co.uk for more information.

The Shared Airway

Anaesthesia and Head & Neck Surgery
A Combined Approach to Airway Management

**Glasgow
26th October 2012**

Contact Margaret Gavin,
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RCoA Glasgow Workshops 10th October 2012

College airway workshops supported by SAG members will be held again this year in the Teacher Building following on from last year's successful workshops. Registration is through the college for interested delegates.

LEAT Lanarkshire Endoscopic Airway Training Course

**Thursday 25th &
Friday 26th
October 2012**

Bookings contact:
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Treasurer's Report

I am pleased to report that the society's funds are in a healthy state. We started the society using a small profit generated by the organising committee of the successful DAS meeting held in Perth in 2009. The only real risk to the society's funds at present are the costs associated with the one day scientific meetings that were held in the Teacher building in Glasgow in 2011 and 2012. Delegate costs are kept to a minimum and this meeting is designed simply to break even. Unfortunately we made a small loss in 2011 of around £600 but a more substantial profit in 2012 mainly due to increased support from industry sponsorship. The move to Edinburgh for the 2013 venue represents a slight risk as although more delegates can be accommodated the costs are commensurately higher. Please support SAG and register for the 2013 meeting.

Steve Cole, Dundee