



The Institute of Maxillofacial Prosthetists & Technologists

Council minutes from the Education Committee meeting held on Wednesday 7th June 2023 Hybrid meeting.

9am Start of meeting

Agenda Items

- 1. Minutes of previous meeting 1st March 2023**
No issues
- 2. Matters arising from Education meeting 1st March 2023**
No matters arising
- 3. GDC update**

At the AGM in Coventry we held a very positive session on progress with the alternative routes to entry to our profession.

Report for the AGM includes details of progress.

Data collected from the questionnaire has provided us with some very relevant and useful information.

A potential solution for supporting non-DT graduates who might be doing the STP was presented. Feedback was that there were many members that were not present for this and there were concerns that information had not been distributed.

A statement for membership to reassure that this is a collaborative project and that no final decisions have been made has been sent.

Presentations from the AGM are on the IMPT website.

A working group will be formed and there will be a webinar in September with an update.

Coms update will be sent asking for members to join the SLWG – emphasis on getting engagement with membership.

We are awaiting information from the NSHCS on potential funding.

4. Research Plan

The education committee will be forming a Research Group after it was discussed at the AGM in Coventry. Ideas around supporting STP projects and providing direction for the students in terms of ideas for research topics. Also, to increase and encourage journal paper submissions. Ideally, to build a library of literature which would be available to the membership – essentially pooling resources. Additionally, to support and encourage members with research.

This has support of HEI, and would be in line with the NHS Educator policy – thinking of workforce planning, we should be working towards a changing role. Networking and sharing of research is a big part of the document.

The research group will consider presenting a webinar to engage with membership and ask for input.

5. Update on Manchester Congress Sept 2023

Discussed plans for congress on 15th Sept 2023. Venue is booked, some speakers already scheduled.

Accommodation arrangements are in process – codes are available for hotels which will provide discounts.

6. STP Lead Trainer Update

Shortlisting window and interviews for the 2023 STP intake have been completed and there are 6 successful candidates. Awaiting confirmation regarding potential further interviews, or if MMU will be willing to proceed with a cohort of 6.

STP contracts are being reviewed due to complications and host units having difficulties. Possible addition of appendices with completion gateways.

IACC CBD's for 2023 are undergoing second review following a pass from the NSHCS and they are expected to be complete by 12/6/23. The IACC's will be held on Monday 10th July.

The presentation for handover of Lead Trainer role was given at the AGM in Coventry and so far one candidate has come forward. They wish to remain anonymous whilst they consider the role. If the role cannot be filled, duties will be delegated within the education committee.

7. CPD Update

Webinars are now running at lunchtimes and on various days to facilitate higher attendance. Annual review of 2022 – 2023 shows increased attendance.

Some issues around engagement from presenters.

Managers/IMPT members should try to encourage teams to present.

Confirmed that STP's in year 1 & 2 will be asked to present at the webinars.

8. Advertisement of STP training

There should be a central point for presentations and these be used as advertising. Council member attended Dental Show in Birmingham and mentioned that it costs 10k for a stand at the show but this cost can be offset by doing a presentation.

For 2024 we will look to have a stand at the show.

Handouts and posters are available on the IMPT website can be used for this, as well as other careers events.

Work experience sessions for qualified DT's will be explored – potentially seeking these DT students out and offering them opportunities for development.

9. AOB

Clarification on role of MiT – distance learning and full-time students are unsupported. They have some student feedback within KCL but no representation in the IMPT.

Current student rep to be asked that all students be included.