

JASME e-Newsletter

September 2009

Volume 1, Number 6

<http://www.asme.org.uk/jasme/>

In this issue

- **Editor's note**
- **Hot stuff**
 - Conferences & meetings
 - Useful websites
 - Resources
 - Don't forget to keep an eye on...
- **The newly elected JASME committee for 2009-10**
- **Announcement: publication opportunity!!!**
- **Announcement: JASME clinical teaching course**
- **Online master's degree in surgical sciences**

Contributors: Dr Paschalis Kapsomenakis
Reviewer: Lina Fazlanie
Editor: Ourania Varsou
Design: Mark Pickett

Editor's note

JASME is a constantly evolving organisation, aiming to provide accessible and comprehensive information in the field of medical education and academic research. This is the sixth issue of our monthly e-Newsletter and we hope that you find it useful and interesting. Our newsletter is also available online at <http://www.asme.org.uk/jasme/whatsnew.htm>. If you would like to write for the JASME e-newsletter, please send your ideas and articles to jasmenewsletter@googlemail.com.

Hot stuff

Conferences & meeting

- ASME (Association for the Study of Medical Education)
 - ASME Annual Scientific Meeting 2010 – Medical Education: Innovation in a Traditional World
 - 21 to 23 July 2010
 - Robinson College, Cambridge, UK
 - <http://www.asme.org.uk/conferences-a-courses/forthcoming-conferences/asm-2010.html>
- AMEE (Association for Medical Education In Europe)
 - AMEE Conference
 - 4 to 8 September 2010
 - Scottish Exhibition and Conference Centre (SECC), Glasgow, UK
 - <http://www.amee.org/index.asp?tm=59>

Useful websites

- BMA (British Medical Association)
 - <http://www.bma.org.uk/>
- GMC (General Medical Council)
 - <http://www.gmc-uk.org/>
- IFMSA (International Federation of Medical Students' Association)
 - <http://www.ifmsa.org/>
- Medical Research Council (MRC)
 - <http://www.mrc.ac.uk/index.htm>
- MedSin
 - <http://www.medsin.org/>
- Money 4 Medical Students
 - <http://www.money4medstudents.org>

Resources

- Medical Education
 - <http://www.mededuc.com/>
- Understanding Medical Education
 - http://www.asme.org.uk/pub_ume.htm
- The LancetStudent.com
 - <http://www.thelancetstudent.com/>

Don't forget to keep an eye on...

- ASME
 - <http://www.asme.org.uk/index.html>
- JASME
 - <http://www.asme.org.uk/jasme/>
- JASME Facebook group
 - <http://www.facebook.com/home.php#/group.php?sid=0dc9b4672d1ec00b69050706ccc888d5&qid=2222238701>
- Foundation Programme website
 - <http://www.foundationprogramme.nhs.uk/pages/home>

The newly elected JASME committee for 2009-10

Co-Chairs

Jennie Sherman
Alison Ventress

Courses Co-ordinator

Ashley Newton

Conference Co-ordinator

Lina Fazlanie

Recruitment Co-ordinator / JLLOs

Lucie Wright

Publicity and Marketing Officer

Ourania Varsou

Members without portfolio:

Courses

Paul Wilson

Publicity

Hannah Watson

Website

Rachel Smith

Past Chair

Andrew Bright

For more information on the new JASME committee for 2009-10, please visit our official website on: <http://www.asme.org.uk/jasme-committee.html>.

Announcement: publication opportunity!!!

Hello everyone!

We are currently looking for enthusiastic medical students and junior doctors, to write articles for our monthly e-newsletter. These can include announcements (maximum 150 words), viewpoints (maximum 200 words), short editorials (maximum 400 words) and interviews (maximum 1,000 words). We will welcome all types of submissions, on any topic that has attracted your interest, especially articles related to medical education and academic or scientific research.

You can submit your work as often as you want, even on a one-off basis. All submitted articles are peer-reviewed by the editor, the reviewers and the committee.

This is an amazing opportunity to get published!

If you want to write for us, please send your ideas or articles to: jasmenewsletter@googlemail.com and o.varsou@googlemail.com.



Thank you 😊

Announcement: JASME clinical teaching course

Are you interested in medical education and want to learn more about teaching?
If yes, then this one-day course is ideal for you!!!

When?

Wednesday 14th October 2009

Where?

Clinical skills centre, St Bartholomew's Hospital

How much will it cost?

Free to JASME members

Why should you attend?

Certificate of attendance
Free course booklet

For more information, contact Ashley: a.w.newton@liv.ac.uk

To book a place, contact Alison: aliventress@googlemail.com



Teaching Toolkit for Medical Students

JASME Clinical Teaching Course

Led by Professor Parveen Kumar, Dr Dason Evans

An opportunity to learn essential small-group teaching skills
which you will need as a doctor

Date: Wednesday 14th October 2009

Time: 9am- 5pm

Location: Clinical Skills Centre, St Bartholomew's
Hospital

Cost: Free to members of JASME (one year
membership £10)

Contact a.w.newton@liv.ac.uk for more information
or aliventress@googlemail.com to book a place

Includes signed certificate & comprehensive 30 page teaching
skills booklet.



Online master's degree in surgical sciences

By Dr Paschalis Kapsomenakis, FTSTA in Paediatric Surgery, Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital

According to Good Medical Practice "a doctor has to keep their professional knowledge and skills up to date".¹ One of the ways to achieve this, is to consider that our medical degree is only the beginning of our life-long training. Thus, continuous professional development with participation in postgraduate activities and courses is a vital part of every doctor's career.



Postgraduate courses and degrees are being offered throughout the United Kingdom. One of the most recent developments in postgraduate teaching has been created following a historic collaboration between the University of Edinburgh and the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. An online master's degree in surgical sciences, which is also known as the Edinburgh Surgical Sciences Qualification (ESSQ).²

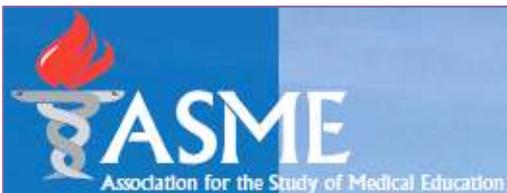
ESSQ is a three-year distance learning course. As a part time online degree, it provides the trainee with the flexibility required to undertake a master during the busy years of foundation programme and specialist training. However, as any other degree, it requires dedication and a lot of hard work! The first year of the course provides students with basic knowledge in anatomy, pathology and physiology to a competency level similar to that of MRCS. The second year focuses on clinical surgery, critical care and the basic principles of academic surgery. The third and final year of ESSQ involves a dissertation on an agreed research project, leading at the end to the degree of master's in surgical sciences (MSc).

I am currently a second year student in this distance learning course. Last year, I successfully passed part A of the intercollegiate MRCS in my first attempt. This achievement was a result of the knowledge I gained from the ESSQ's online teaching. At the moment, I am preparing to take part B before the start of my final year next September.

This three-year course is an excellent opportunity for any trainee who is interested in surgery, either clinical or academic, as it provides the participants with all the essential elements required for a successful career in this field.

References

1. General Medical Council (GMC). Good Medical Practice [online publication]. Available from: http://www.gmc-uk.org/guidance/good_medical_practice/
2. University of Edinburgh & Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh. Edinburgh Surgical Sciences Qualification (ESSQ) website. Available from: <http://www.essq.rcsed.ac.uk/>



Annual
Scientific
Meeting
2010

Robinson College
Cambridge, UK

21 - 23 JULY 2010

Medical Education: Innovation in a Traditional World

Robinson College, Cambridge, UK

21 - 23 JULY 2010

The programme will include pre and intra-conference workshops; keynote presentations, in particular The Lord Cohen Lecture; parallel/concurrent sessions; posters, policy fora, the award of the Sir John Ellis Student Prize and the Richard Farrow Gold Medal. The 2010 Lord Cohen Lecture will be delivered by Charlotte Ringsted, Professor of Medical Education, Copenhagen University, Denmark.

For more information and call for papers please visit the ASME website:

www.asme.org.uk

or contact:

Jennifer Bowser, Administrator,
ASME, 12 Queen Street,
Edinburgh, UK, EH2 1JE
(jenniferb@asme.org.uk)
+44 (0)131 225 9111

Annual Scientific
Meeting 2010

