Overseas area report – Autumn 2019

Following my attendance last year at the Area Representative's meeting in London, the first meeting of note that I attended was the wonderful Urological Society of Ireland (USI) meeting in Roscommon which took place in September 2018.

POGP Southern Ireland members had the opportunity to meet at the popular Continence Federation of Ireland (CFI) meeting which also took place in September last year in Limerick.

I had the pleasure again last year in October to speak at Trinity College Dublin at the Annual Medical Irish Osteoporosis Conference, where I discussed the link between incontinence and osteoporosis.

Next up in our calendar POGP Southern Ireland members met at the ICGP MDT Women's and Men's Health Seminar which took place in Galway in May this year. Topics included pessary management and new alternative treatments such as physiotherapy led gene testing for health and fitness and Platelet Rich Plasma (PRP) in the area of intimacy. POGP member Marguerite Hogan gave a great insight into the pessary service at her hospital.

In June, a European Conference took place organised by the Business and Professional Women's Club (BPW) and it was held at the National University of Ireland in Galway. Ms Karen Robert's Chartered Physiotherapist gave a wonderful workshop on back care at it.

In September the annual DotMED conference is coming to Galway. This conference will be an exciting mix of the Arts, Medicine and Education. I am excited to be attending myself this year.

Next up for some POGP Southern Ireland members will be an Autumn meeting in Galway. I have the honour of being on the Board of the Irish Sexual Medicine Society and will be helping to organise this meeting.

Last year at the Area Representative's meeting in London I was asked to extend my reach to include all overseas POGP members. It is a pleasure to have this role as Area Representative and it is a wonderful opportunity. Thank you POGP!

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