

Notes and news

Postgraduate course update

Our Association recognizes two programmes of study at the University of Bradford, Bradford, UK. The award of a postgraduate certificate in either Physiotherapy in Women's Health or Continence for Physiotherapists is made to students who successfully complete 60 credits at Master's level. Completion of either programme is recognized by ACPWH as the most common method of demonstrating the level of knowledge and skills required for membership of the Association.

During the 2009–2010 academic year, the Women's Health and Continence tutors have been working with the joint postgraduate programme leaders to develop the core modules for both the Physiotherapy in Women's Health and Continence for Physiotherapists postgraduate certificates. This work has been undertaken in conjunction with the Education Subcommittee and the Executive Committee of ACPWH, who have given approval for the new modules.

The main change to each programme relates to the number of credits awarded to students on the successful completion of each module. Both of the core modules (theory and practice for either programme) now carry 30 credits instead of 20 credits per module, which was previously the case. This means that, when students complete both of the core modules for either programme, they are awarded a postgraduate certificate, which carries one-third of the credits required for a Master of Science degree. Part-time students complete one module per semester, so it is now possible to be awarded the postgraduate certificate at the end of one year of study. The number of study hours has increased from 200 to 300 per module, and there have been other changes, including modifications to the marked assignments.

Both programmes continue to run on an annual basis, with the theory module commencing in semester 1 (September) and the practice module in semester 2 (February). Further information about either programme is available on the ACPWH website (look at the academic courses page in the 'What's On' section). The University of Bradford website also contains information about both programmes.

The following students have recently been awarded postgraduate certificates and are eligible for membership of the Association:

- *Awarded the Postgraduate Certificate: Continence for Physiotherapists with Merit* – Ana Ladd, Erica Smith
- *Awarded the Postgraduate Certificate: Continence for Physiotherapists* – Marguerite Hogan, Angela Long, Rebecca Carr *née* Mallin-Jones, Lucy Pyart, Jeannie Smith, Suganya Smith
- *Awarded the Postgraduate Certificate: Physiotherapy for Women's Health with Distinction* – Carolyn Lindsay, Emma Playfair
- *Awarded the Postgraduate Certificate: Physiotherapy for Women's Health with Merit* – Leila Atefi, Anna Cawthorne, Bernadette Gilder, Julia Hayes, Alexandra Keating, Aneleigh Reilly
- *Awarded the Postgraduate Certificate: Physiotherapy for Women's Health* – Roseanne Duff, Gillian McCabe

In addition to those listed above, several students have continued their studies at the University of Bradford and have recently been awarded further qualifications. These include Kate Burge and Julie Ellis, who have been awarded the degree of Master of Science, and Carolyn Davie, who has been awarded the degree of Master of Science with Merit.

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ACPWH and CSP integrate websites

The new Chartered Society of Physiotherapy (CSP) website was launched in January 2011 and ACPWH are hoping to be in the first wave of professional networks (previously known as clinical interest groups) to go live with our own microsite. Currently, there are three websites that you may access for physiotherapy and work

issues: the CSP site; Interactive CSP (iCSP) for discussion and the sharing of information; and our own clinical interest site (www.acpwh.org.uk). We have been aware for some time now that our present website may not be as easy to use, or have the exact information our members and the public need in a user-friendly format, so change is needed.

The new CSP website will only need one login to access all three areas, which have previously required three usernames and passwords. Once you have registered, entry into the main site will give you direct access to all the areas you need. As a member of the Association (full or affiliate), you will be able to access the members-only section of our website without needing to log in again. The members-only sections of the microsites will not be accessible to non-members. It is important that your membership of ACPWH is current since the database held by Fitwise will be given to the CSP and only paid-up members will be given access (e-mail: katie@fitwise.co.uk). The CSP will then use this information to allow or deny access to our microsite.

Our website will now be easier for the public to find because there will be a link from the home page of the CSP site. The public and other physiotherapists will only have access to the public sections, but this is a chance to update the look and use of our site in order to promote the role of women's health physiotherapy to a wider audience.

We will be able to keep some of our identity as an organization because we can still use our badge and logo for easy recognition. The Association will be responsible for the content of the site and for updating the information. This will make it easier to update information about workshop dates, changes to leaflets, journals, conference information and so on, and these updates should happen more quickly than they do now. The non-clinical and news sections of the *Journal* will be easier to access, and information can be uploaded when needed.

Since we now have the chance to redesign the ACPWH website, please take a quick look at the

present one and make suggestions, via myself (e-mail: dkmann@supanet.com), about what you would like to see on it, and please comment on any current content that you feel is unnecessary. We are looking into a 'Find a Physio in My Area' facility, and also the ability to pay for conferences, courses and subscriptions online.

This is an exciting time for communication to and from the Association, and we value your opinions.

Katie Mann
Secretary

Workshop administrator role

The Executive Committee has agreed to test out a new role, that of Workshop Administrator. The holder of the post will handle the day-to-day organization and administration of workshops, and act as a central point for cheques and enquiries for local hosts. Teresa Cook has taken on the role and intends to develop an annual rolling programme for all our workshops, which should make it easier for members to plan their continuing professional development.

Workshop Coordinator Roberta Eales will continue to maintain a general overview of the workshops, liaise with tutors and coordinate marking of the written submissions for the urinary workshop endorsed by the CSP.

Roberta Eales
Workshop Coordinator

Erratum

One of the measurements referred to in the case report by C. Ross entitled 'Pelvic floor examination and assessment for urinary incontinence' in the Autumn 2010 edition of *JACPWH* (No. 107) was incorrect. As a result of an error during the conversion of imperial to metric units, 36 mL was erroneously printed as 604 mL. Lines 20–21 of column 1 on page 15 should read as follows: '• her minimum recorded voided volume was 36 mL;'

We apologise to Catherine Ross for this mistake.