



THE NEUROMODULATION SOCIETY OF UNITED KINGDOM & IRELAND

Dear Friends

The last year has been another good year for NSUKI. Our membership has now reached 72 fully paid up members these include 50 anaesthetists, 13 Neurosurgeons, 3 nurses, 1 psychologists and 5 others. We are striving to become a truly multidisciplinary society and hope that our ASM programmes past and future have reflected that.

With the advent of the positive result from the NICE guidance on spinal cord stimulation, which has required a lot of input from NSUKI we feel optimistic about the state of neuromodulation services up and down the country. We also note that the new HRG 4 codes include a specific code for occipital nerve stimulation.

The last ASM (Cardiff) was an excellent event. The joint meeting with the Benelux Neuromodulation Society was organised by Mr Brian Simpson (Neurosurgery Cardiff). Mr Simpson's experience and touch in organising medical events showed in every aspect of the meeting. The accommodation was central and of excellent standard. The programme was varied with a number of high quality speakers. The meeting was preceded by an evidence in neuromodulation symposium, the speakers included Prof Henry McQuay, Prof Rod Taylor and Prof Van Kleef. The debate was lively and informative.

The NSUKI meeting started with Special Guest Address by Dr Elliot Krames (San Francisco, USA) President, International Neuromodulation Society outlining the current state of affairs in Neuromodulation globally. This was followed by an excellent presentation on DBS in depression given by Prof Bart Nuttin (Leuven Belgium) followed by presentations on functional electrical stimulation, control of pelvic organs in cord damage and use of Neuromodulation in incontinence as well as SCS use in Raynaud's disease. Mr Simpson had invited one of his patients suffering from the disease to give a demonstration of the effects of SCS on her illness. The lady's appearance was very much appreciated and roundly greeted by our members.

The members free papers were of very high standard and the session kicked off with an excellent presentation on sacral nerve stimulation in painful bladder syndrome by Dr P. Hall (York), this was followed by a number of high quality presentation from Ireland and the UK.

Saturday morning starts with presentations on the Launch of British Pain Society Guidelines on Intrathecal Drug Delivery by Dr Joan Hester (London, UK) President, British Pain Society and Dr Francis Luscombe, President of the Neuromodulation Society UK and Ireland.

The Annual General Meeting was well attended. Dr Luscombe has taken over from Dr Valentine as NSUKI President and Dr Nick Padfield has taken over from Prof Jon Raphael as Treasurer.

Our work in education continues to flourish with seminars organised jointly with the AAGBI (Dr Luscombe and Valentine) these were very well received and the debate was lively plans are afoot for a repeat performance soon. Keep your eye on our website www.neuromodulation.com.

The 2009 ASM is due on the **November 5-7, 2009**, at **The Holiday Inn Hotel Plymouth**. Our local organiser is Dr Francis Luscombe. The programme for the meeting is now almost finalised and will be released on the website shortly. Bookings can be made by contacting The Events Team at the AAGBI via the email address for the meeting: nsuki09@aagbi.org. Alternatively please contact our Executive Secretary, Busola on 020 7631 8894.



INS 2011

The INS board has recently confirmed that INS 2011 will be held in London. It is planned that this will be in the Novotel at Hammersmith (a large conference centre and hotel) towards the end of May. This will be a great opportunity for NSUKI members to be involved in this International congress.



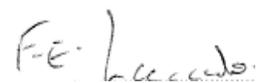
WEBSITE

We now at last have a stable website, thanks to memberclicks. NSUKI was one of the founding organisations of this website. We have several pages with which we can communicate and regularly update. Our website coordinators are Sam



Eldabe and Busola Adesanya-Yusuf. Please start to use the password protected areas. You can also update your profile so that you can receive notification of discussion room activity.

See you all in Plymouth.



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