

**Minutes of Council Meeting of the Venous Forum held on
Wednesday 12th November, 2008 at 12-1pm in Meyrick room ,
Bournemouth International Convention Centre**

Present

Jonothan Earnshaw (Chair)
David Berridge (Hon Sec)
Tim Lees
Gerry Stansby
Rebecca Winterborn
Tim McGee
Keith Poskitt
Alun Davies
Jonathan Michaels
Frank Smith
Andrew Parry

1. Apologies for absence

Teresa Robinson, Marianne Vandendriessche, Isaac Nyamekye,
Bruce Braithwaite, Richard Bull,

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2. Minutes of meeting held on 3rd April 2008

These were accepted as an accurate record of that meeting.

3. Matters Arising

- VEIN project

Mr Earnshaw updated Council as to the current status of the VEIN project. All authors have submitted their chapters. These were now in the process of being edited into a uniform style. Simultaneously, a summary document was being produced based on these chapters by JJE / DCB / TL. Once the summary paper is finished amongst the editors it will then be sent for approval / annotation by the principle authors of the original articles. It will then be made available as widely as possible to include all members of the Venous Forum, Vascular Society and potentially Health Care Trusts. The original papers are to be published within Phlebology either as a whole edition or as a supplement. Alun Davies confirmed that a supplement would still be citable. It is anticipated that the cost for the supplement would be approximately £4,000.

Mr Berridge suggested that the major sponsors logos should be placed on the summary documents with a legend to explain that they are supporting the activities of the Venous Forum, but that the document represents the independent views of the Venous Forum.

4. Honorary Secretary's Report

- Mr Berridge confirmed and welcomed new members of Council: Tim McGee, Andrew Parry, and Saraj DAS (not present).

- Three applications for Junior members of Council were received. All Council agreed that Manj Gohel was already in receipt of the RSM Glaxo Fellowship. Mr James Scurr and Mr Peter Holt were also accepted to become members of Council providing they are members of the RSM.

DCB to write to all three confirming appointment with conditions

- Honorary Officers
Mr Berridge confirmed no further appointments are needed currently
- Information sheets
Mr Berridge and Mr Lees will liase with regard to the common information sheets between the Venous Forum and the VS.

DCB and TL to liase

5. President's Report

- Academic Board Items
There were no specific items to report

6. Future meetings

- Spring 2009
- David Berridge and Alun Davies discussed the format of the meeting. The program in draft form was shown to members. Final program timings for the BAS and SVT components are still awaited. It is hoped to finalise this over the next few weeks.

Prof Alun Davies has been very successful in attracting 5 major sponsors each contributing £5,000 each per year for the next two years. In addition five other sponsors have already confirmed to support the spring meeting. RSM press have made a commitment to fund an annual named lecture at the Spring meeting.

Prof Alun Davies then discussed with Council the wish to try to establish a £1,000 Venous Travelling grant and a £5,000 Research Grant. It was agreed in principle that this should be progressed but that consideration should be given to increasing the Research grant to £10,000 if finances allow. It was hoped these could be awarded at the April meeting.

7. Honorary Treasurer's Report

Frank Smith confirmed that the overall assets of the Venous Forum were approximately £33,000. It was noted that the current meeting had reduced registrations compared to previous meetings in line with the reduced overall registration for the whole VS meeting.

8. Editor of Phlebology's Report

Phlebology is flourishing. The first new editorial board meeting occurred at the ACP meeting in Marco Island, Florida. The next is at the April VF meeting. The minutes of this meeting will be made available to Council.

9. SVN Report

No report was received

10. SVT Report

No report was received

11. Any other business

Mr Jonothan Earnshaw thanked Mr Tim Lees for his extensive support as Secretary throughout his term as President. Mr Tim Lees then thanked Mr Earnshaw for delivering a very successful and progressive term of office

12. Date and time of next meeting

Wednesday 129th April 2009, RSM, London