

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL PROFESSORS OF PAEDIATRICS

The Association is open to all Professors in the wider discipline of Paediatrics and Child Health and to Heads of Paediatric Departments. Although our name specifies clinical academics, we interpret this liberally especially as nowadays Heads of Paediatric Departments need not be clinically qualified.

The Association has about 85 members from the UK and Eire. Two meetings are held every year, one in London in the Autumn to discuss business and the other traditionally in May in different parts of the country which can take several forms ranging from scientific meetings to discussion of political issues which affect our work.

Over the past few years the Association has become increasingly involved in representing the academic viewpoint in Child Health to various national bodies including our Royal College and the Department of Health. We are affiliated to the Federation of Associations of Clinical Professors.

Contact and requests for further information may be made to the officers:

President - Professor Al Aynsley-Green [A.Aynsley-Green@ich.ucl.ac.uk, 020 7813 8391]

Secretary - Professor Dafydd Walters [D.Walters@sghms.ac.uk, 020 8725 5973]

Research Opportunities

One issue, which is close to our hearts, is the training of future academic paediatricians. To improve information to trainees on research opportunities a list is given below of departments with their web site links or addresses.

University of Aberdeen	http://www.abdn.ac.uk/child_health/
University of Birmingham	http://www.bham.ac.uk/ICH/
University of Dundee	http://www.child-health.dundee.ac.uk/
University of Bristol	http://www.ich.bris.ac.uk/
University of Cambridge	http://www.medschl.cam.ac.uk/paediatrics/
University of Edinburgh	http://www.ed.ac.uk/clah/homepg.html
University of Glasgow	http://www.gla.ac.uk/departments/childhealth/

Institute of Child Health	http://www.ich.bpmf.ac.uk/ http://www.ich.ucl.ac.uk/
Imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine	http://www.med.ic.ac.uk/divisions/template_divisions_general.asp?id=7
Kings	http://www.kcl.ac.uk/depsta/medicine/wochhe/index.html
University of Leeds	http://www.leeds.ac.uk/medicine/divisions/paediatrics/index.html
University of Leicester	http://www.le.ac.uk/childhealth/
University of Liverpool	http://www.liv.ac.uk/childhealth/ http://www.liv.ac.uk/cfgd
University of Newcastle	http://www.ncl.ac.uk/child-health/index.shtml
University of Nottingham	http://www.nott.ac.uk/human-development/chqmc.htm
Queen's University, Belfast	http://www.qub.ac.uk/cm/ch/
UCL /Royal Free	http://www.ucl.ac.uk/paediatrics/
University of Sheffield	http://www.shef.ac.uk/childhealth/
St George's Hospital Medical School	http://www.sghms.ac.uk/depts/childhealth/welcome_to_child_health.htm
University of Wales College of Medicine	http://www.uwcm.ac.uk/study/medicine/child_health/research/
University of Warwick Post grad	http://www.warwick.ac.uk/fac/sci/Medical/jade/course.html

Department of Paediatrics
John Radcliffe Hospital
Headington
OX3 9DU

Academic Unit of Child
Health
St Mary's Hospital
Hathersage Road
Manchester
M13 0JH

University Child Health
Level G(803) Centre Block
Southampton General
Hospital, Tremona Road
Southampton
SO16 6YD

Academic Department of
Child Health
St Bartholomew's & The
Royal London School of
Medicine and Dentistry
Royal London Hospital
Luckes House
Stepney Way
Whitechapel London E1 1BB

More details about the Association

Foundation The Establishment of the Formal Association

Professors and Heads of Departments of Paediatrics and Child Health met annually at Keswick for some years. At this meeting in 1975 a group was appointed to discuss the establishment of a formal Association. This group included Professors Wolff, Hutchison, Mitchell and Oppé. It reported in favour of an Association.

An 'Association of Clinical Professors and Heads of Departments of Paediatrics' was formally constituted at the annual meeting of the Professors and Heads of Departments of Paediatrics and Child Health held at Keswick Hotel, Keswick 7th May 1976. A constitution was agreed and the following officers were elected:

President:	Professor RW Smithells
Secretary & Treasurer:	Professor RJ Robinson
Committee Member:	Professor JO Forfar

Change of Name

At the Annual Meeting in 1990 the name of the Association was changed to the 'Association of Clinical Professors of Paediatrics'. This change was made because at that time all Departments of Paediatrics had a Professor as Head.

Past Officers

Presidents

Professor R W Smithells	1976-1980
Professor JO Forfar	1980-1983
Professor ICS Normand	1983-1987
Professor RJ Robinson	1987-1989
Professor IB Houston	1989-1992
Professor CBS Wood	1992-1995
Professor IA Hughes	1995-1999
Professor A Aynsley Green	1999-

Honorary Secretaries & Treasurers

Professor RJ Robinson	1976-1981
Professor CBS Wood	1981-1985
Professor IB Houston	1985-1988
Professor RE Olver	1988-1991

Professor TE Stacey
Professor RM Gardiner
Professor DV Walters

1991-1993
1993-1998
1998-

The Constitution

The Constitution agreed on 7th May 1976 was as follows:

1. The name of the Association shall be the 'Association of Clinical Professors and Heads of Department of Paediatrics'. The term Paediatrics should be taken to include Child Health and other similar titles.
2. The Association shall consist of whole-time Clinical Professors and Heads of University Departments of Paediatrics in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.
3. The purpose of the Association is to represent the views of academic paediatrics.
4. The Association will have a committee consisting of the President, the Secretary/Treasurer and one other member. They will normally hold office for 3 years with eligibility for re-election.
5. A meeting will be held annually and other meetings may be convened by the committee or by a majority of the members.
6. The Association shall agree the amount of the annual subscription.
7. Proposed changes in the Constitution must be made in writing and circulated to all members at least six weeks before a general meeting. A majority of at least two thirds of all members present and voting is required to ratify a change.

Membership

The interpretation of rule 2 has been the subject of much discussion. The original minutes record the following:

'Several members spoke for including Paediatric Surgeons, Paediatric Psychiatrists and other Paediatric disciplines, but it was pointed out that such Professors have alternative associations and that if they were included the arrangements made with the Federation of Associations of Clinical Professors and JCHMT would have to be renegotiated and might not succeed. It was agreed that membership should include established and titular Professors of Paediatrics, Heads of Paediatric Departments in Medical Schools and Professors of Paediatric Medical Specialties who are clinical physicians'.