

MINUTES

ICS EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

13.03.03 MADRID

Those present: Linda Cardozo (Chairman)
Jens Thorup Andersen
Andrea Tubaro
John Heesakkers
Steven Radley

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the first Education Committee Meeting held in association with the International Continence Society Meeting, Heidelberg were approved.

2. Education committee remit

The current document was agreed by those present and it was proposed that this should be presented to the Annual General Meeting in Florence for approval by the membership of the ICS.

3. Membership of the Education Committee

Those present agreed that all non contributors should be contacted to establish their intentions regarding active participation in the Education Committee and if any of those who originally expressed interest in the committee no longer wish to participate, consideration should be given to replacing them with more active participants. It was also agreed that an additional physiotherapist might be beneficial and John Heesakkers agreed to approach one of his colleagues who is active in research and education.

4. Continuing Medical Education

Jens Thorup Andersen's draft report was discussed and it was decided that although the European Board of Urology (EBU) provide an excellent continuing medical education (CME) programme with appropriate credits for urologists in Europe, this would not be applicable for the ICS which is both international and multi disciplinary. Jens agreed to make enquiries regarding the specific needs for CME in as many countries as possible from which ICS members come. It was agreed that Linda Cardozo would approach the nurse and physiotherapist on the education committee to enquire what specific requirements they may have for CME. Jens Andersen will revise his draft document and this can then be put on the ICS website for comment by the other members of the Education Committee

5. Resident Education

The draft report by Steven Petrou and Ajay Singla was read and discussed. The present felt that the document provided a good standard of education for evaluation of urinary incontinence although there was perhaps not enough on urodynamics, particularly the use of video cystourethrography in women and there was little to explain the need for urodynamics in men. Valsalva leak point pressures which are not standardized or in general use everywhere were over emphasized. There was no mention of faecal incontinence and the Education Committee thought that this should at least be considered even if not in detail. The main deficiency in their report was management and treatment of urinary incontinence which were not covered at all in their draft document and this need to be rectified. There was also a view that children need to be included in reside medical education syllabus.

6. Sub-specialty Training

Andrea Tubaro explained that he and Stefano Salvatore are working on their document but would like to see the resident training document in a near to final form before they produce theirs as the two relate to each other.

7. Medical Student Education

Nothing has been received from Michael Halaska who was meant to be working on this and Linda Cardozo agreed to approach him and find out the status of his work to date.

8. Standardisation

Nothing has been received from Peter Sands so Linda Cardozo agreed to contact him with regard to this.

9. Continence Nurses

There is a need for minimum standards and for definition regarding what constitutes a nurse specialist and/or a continence nurse and Linda Cardozo agreed to contact Mandy Wells to ask if she could work on this.

10. Educational Courses at the ICS

It was noted that this year there will be 5 ICS educational courses in addition to the local workshops. Werner Schafer has agreed to audit these courses in order to decide whether they should be run on a regular basis. John Heesakkers and Steven Radley will undertake this activity together with Werner to enable a multi disciplinary approach to the organization, running and audit of ICS educational courses.

We decided that three types of educational activity outside the ICS programme should be encouraged,

- 1) ICS educational courses to be run on a regular basis,
- 2) Local workshops to be organised by the local committee
- 3) Industry sponsored symposia.

The workshops would inevitably be more flexible than the ICS courses and these could for the most part be run concurrently whereas industry sponsored satellite symposia must be held outside the ICS programme both scientific and social and separately from the workshops and ICS courses. It was suggested that industry sponsored symposia should only be held at breakfast time, possibly lunchtime and after the end of the working day.

11. Urodynamics Courses

A suggestion was made that the duration of ICS approved courses should be reduced from 18 hours to 16 hours so that it would fit into 2 working days and that approval should be for 3 years rather than 2 years. Linda Cardozo agreed to contact Derek Griffiths and ask whether the document had now been approved.

There being no other business. The date of the next meeting was agreed as Monday 6th October 16:00 – 18:30 in Florence.