New PGCME cohort begins

HYMS welcomed its third cohort onto the Postgraduate Certificate in Medical Education (PGCME) at an induction day held at the Ron Cooke Hub, Heslington East, University of York.

Among the 25 new participants, two were former HYMS students. The induction was an opportunity for the group to meet with the PGCME Programme Team, and for them to meet their tutors and peer group for the year ahead.

By the end of the day participants were able to:
- Plan the year ahead by incorporating the PGCME Programme into an already busy schedule
- Use the VLE at an introductory level to plan and organise Module 1, and to locate essential PGCME resources
- Identify their own personal starting point by exploring their current teaching practice and their goals for the PGCME
- Formulate an action plan for the year ahead.

The day was an interesting mix of presentations, workshops and group work. One of the highlights of the day was the return of two of last year’s participants who were able to share their PGCME experiences, and in particular provide real examples of how the programme had made a positive impact on their teaching and professional practice.

Alison Pettigrew, PGCME Programme Director, commented: “I am so proud of what the previous group have achieved and I can think of no better inspiration for those just about to embark on the PGCME. It has been a great day and we are all very much looking forward to the year ahead.”

Mark’s ‘Crack it’ challenge

Congratulations to HYMS Senior Lecturer in Immunology Mark Coles and colleagues on winning one of the ‘CRACK IT’ challenges announced by The National Centre for the Replacement, Refinement and Reduction of Animals in Research (NC3Rs) at its recent Annual Science Review meeting.

Their project, sponsored by Huntingdon Life Sciences, ‘Improving the predictive capacity of in vitro cytokine release assays to reduce animal use and drug attrition’, was awarded £500,000 and is led by Professor Martin Glennie from the University of Southampton.

Parliamentary privilege

Dr James Fox, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Centre for Immunology and Infection, will attend Parliament to present his science to a range of politicians and a panel of expert judges as part of ‘SET for Britain’.

Dr Fox’s research about clinical markers of disease progression and novel therapeutics to treat the retrovirus Human T Lymphotropic virus will be judged against research by dozens of other scientists in the only national competition of its kind and was shortlisted from hundreds of applicants to appear in Parliament.

Dr Fox said: “SET for Britain is a unique opportunity to illustrate first-hand the breadth and depth of the science occurring in research institutes directly to the politicians that control the funding of our research.”
Education research news

David Pearson, Deputy Dean (Education), has been awarded £40,010 via NHS Leeds Flexibility & Sustainability Funding (FSF).

David will be Principal Investigator of a research grouping asking "Is involvement with education associated with higher quality clinical care in general practice?"

The money is intended to fund the first part of a wider collaborative Research Funding Board National Institute for Health Research proposal. Whilst the money was awarded via the University of Leeds (David’s previous employer) the funding will be shared with HYMS and future research is planned as a collaboration across medical schools.

Dr Jean McKendree, Associate Dean for Assessment, and Dr Trish McGettigan (formerly of HYMS) presented the keynote talk at a recent conference organised by Barts and the London School of Medicine and Dentistry at the Royal London Hospital.

Around 70 people attended the event for doctors, medical school staff and research students who are engaged in, or interested in, research and scholarship in medical education. The presentation, “What makes a good FY1 doctor? Developing a tool to assess multidisciplinary teamwork”, generated much interest and discussion.

Research into teaching medical students in hospices, carried out by HYMS PhD student Amy Gadoud, and staff Lesley Jones and Miriam Johnson, has been published in “The Clinical Teacher” journal.

The paper “Medical students talking to hospice patients” found that the groups of staff, patients and students involved were very positive about the experience.

Outstanding researcher

Director of the Clinical Biosciences Institute at the University of Hull Professor John Greenman has been awarded the Heart Research UK Outstanding Researcher Award for his contribution to pioneering medical research into the prevention, treatment and cure of heart disease.

Interprofessional initiative

DURING her general practice placement at the Springhead Medical Centre, final-year student Deirdre Walsh helped organise an interprofessional learning session on the subject of “Dealing with difficult clients/patients” held at the practice.

Attachment disorder

THE GUARDIAN reported that Dr Barry Wright, of HYMS, is to lead a review to determine which interventions are most effective among parents of children with attachment problems.

Conference call

STUDENTS are invited to submit abstracts on work they have done in audit, research or clinical work to the International Academic and Research Conference 2012, which will take place at the University of Manchester in August. Prizes will be awarded for the best presentations in each category, as well as for pioneering research, audits that have changed clinical practice or for work on the innovation or design of medical devices that have had an impact on clinical care.

Elective opportunities

ARTHURIS Research UK is running its medical student elective scheme once again. The aim of the scheme is to stimulate interest in medical students in choosing rheumatology/musculoskeletal medicine as a career by offering them funding to take part in an overseas elective.

Ethics workshop

THE ASSOCIATION of Research Ethics Committees will hold a workshop at Durham University on 16 April 2012. The workshop “Consent – do you really need to ask?” will consider the concept of informed consent, why it is valued by research ethics committees, how it might be achieved with different participant populations, and whether it is always necessary (or desirable).

Advance notice

THE HYMS prizegiving ceremony will take place during the evening of Wednesday 21st November 2012 at the Atrium, Ron Cooke Hub, University of York. Further details will follow nearer the time.

New student prize: the ‘Dr Sanders award’

HYMS has kindly been given a donation for a new student prize in memory of Dr Michael Sanders, a GP who spent most of his career in Hull.

Dr Sanders assisted with the training of medical students and took a keen interest in the University of Hull. He wanted to endow a prize in the field of general practice to be awarded to a medical student at any stage of their undergraduate degree.

There will now be a ‘Dr Sanders Award for best performance in the Year 5 OSCE’ which will be awarded each year at the graduation reception. The winner will receive a cheque for £100 and a certificate.

DR. MICHAEL SANDERS
Student research successes

HYMS students have been busy at home and abroad recently, enjoying significant successes in their areas of research:

Rebecca Cole (Year 5, pictured right) attended the European Crohns and Colitis Organisation Conference in Barcelona and gave an oral poster presentation, “Vitamin D deficiency in IBD patients at diagnosis and its relationship with disease location and activity: A cohort study in 2 UK IBD centres”. Rebecca was assisted in her research by Dr Sebastian of Hull Royal Infirmary and they were co-authors of a second paper, “Comparative evaluation of outcomes in adolescents with IBD on transfer from paediatric to adult health care services: A case for structured transition” which was also presented at the conference. Both presentations received Highly Commended awards.

Meanwhile, Jack Seddon (Year 5, pictured left) was in Prague at the European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons’ 16th winter conference. Jack presented an electronic poster, which was shortlisted for a prize in the cataract section, detailing research analysing visual outcomes following cataract surgery carried out during his elective at the Hull and East Yorkshire Eye Hospital with Mr Colin Vize.

Back in the UK, Tom Browne (Year 5) has won a Renal Association Medical Student Elective Bursary for his paper on “Examining Determinants Of Patient Outcome In A Low Clearance Clinic”. Tom will present an abstract of the paper at the Renal Association conference at Gateshead in June.

Intercalating student Maria Crouch has had an article published in the International Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Co-authored by HYMS graduate and F2 doctor Justine Sullivan, the paper looked at the use of cell salvage in women at high risk of haemorrhage during elective Caesarean sections. Maria’s poster presentation on her research won the student prize at a recent regional YMTP obstetrics and gynaecology event.

Verah Harper (Year 4) recently attended the British Society of Paediatric gastroenterology Hepatology and Nutrition 2012 annual meeting in Nottingham where her poster “Bowel preparation for paediatric colonoscopy: A systematic review” gained a ‘poster of distinction’ award.

Hull ‘first responders’

STUDENTS from HYMS are being trained to respond to 999 emergencies across East Yorkshire. The students are part of the Community First Responder (CFR) initiative.

Pressure ulcer survey

A NEW survey aims to give patients and carers a voice in the search to find the most effective prevention and treatment for pressure ulcers. The James Lind Alliance Pressure Ulcer Priority Setting Partnership, which includes health scientists from the Universities of York and Manchester, is conducting the survey and needs as many patients, carers and clinicians as possible to take part.

SSC tutor in top ten

CONGRATULATIONS to Phase II SSC Tutor Mark Reid who has had an article written about him in the Guardian recently and whose book has been ranked number two in the Independent’s top 10 walking guides. Mark offers the “Walking for Health, Hill Walking and Mountain Rescue” SSC at HYMS.

Editorship for Francisco

DR Francisco Rivero, Senior Lecturer in Biomedical Science, has been invited to act as an associate editor for the BMC Cell Biology journal. The journal is an open access, peer-reviewed publication on all aspects of the biology of cells.

Charitable activities

The following HYMS staff and students will be running, swimming and climbing for good causes over the next weeks/months: Finance Assistant Sarah Mussared will be taking part in the Cancer Research ‘Race for Life’ on Sunday 29 July and is asking for sponsors.

HYMS Marrow has organised a ‘Three Peaks Challenge’ on 14-15 April. Click on the link if you would like to take part.

Friends of Médecins Sans Frontières have organised a fun run which will take place in London on Saturday 24 March. Follow the link for details if you’re interested in joining in or making a donation or contact anastasha.herman@hyms.ac.uk

Staff news

Welcome to …

Dr Heidi Basler, Lecturer in Neuroscience, based in York.

Mr Daniel Caradice, Clinical Lecturer in Vascular Surgery, based in Hull.

Yvonne Gledhill, HYMS Quality Officer, based in Hull.

Dr Barbara Hanratty, Senior Lecturer in Primary Care, based in York.

Mr Raslan Zaher, Post Doctoral Research Assistant, working with Prof Khalid Naseem and based in Hull.

Goodbye to …

Jerry Booth, Quality and Standards Officer, who will be retiring at the end of March.

Hilary Hamer, HYMS Phase I Manager on secondment to the HONEI Project, who leaves at the end of March.

Congratulations to …

Alison Pettigrew, Director of PGCME, who has been appointed Academic Lead for Postgraduate Taught Programmes.
Grant for dementia study

Congratulations to Esme Moniz-Cook, Professor of Clinical Psychology at the University of Hull and Consultant Clinical Psychologist at Humber NHS Foundation Trust, who is part of a team awarded an NIHR five year Programme Grant of £1,999,845 with University College London (Jan 2012-Dec 2016) – VALID: Valuing Active Life in Dementia.

The aim of this programme is to adapt, develop, evaluate and implement an occupation based intervention to promote independence, meaningful activity and quality of life for people with dementia and their carers living in the community.

Kissed the Blarney Stone?

Students and Junior Docs: do you enjoy a good argument? Why not take part in the Royal College of Surgeons’ Annual National Debating Competition? Details here:

HYMS 10th anniversary

HOW time flies! Next year HYMS will celebrate its 10th anniversary and plans to mark this milestone will soon be under discussion. If you have any creative ideas that you’d like to suggest, no matter how big or small, please email them to emma.edmunds@hyms.ac.uk so they can be considered with those already received.

Anyone for cricket?

The Scarborough-based Brompton Cricket Club is looking for staff and students interested in playing Saturday cricket. The club has teams of different ability levels, currently playing in the Beckett and Derwent Valley leagues, as well as one evening league team. The club is based at Findar Sports Hall in the town and potential members are welcome to visit or email club secretary Robin Siddle (robin.siddle@hotmail.com) for more information.

If you have any contributions for this internal bulletin, please send them to val.parker@hyms.ac.uk