



Faculty of Dental Surgery – AGM Report

Specialty Fellowship Examinations' Executive

Report from SFEE, held in RCS Ireland on 11th December 2017

Main issue was the report by Yvonne Hurst who was tasked in June 2016 to review all 6 ISFE exams for being fit for purpose. Her final report suggested a variety of potential changes, some of which could be easily introduced others might require more time to introduce. A small working party, chaired by the current Chair of the Chairs' Group (Chairs of each ISFE Exam Boards) will meet to discuss this, with help from Yvonne Hurst if/when required. The 4 Deans will also provide key questions to help/direct their work.

Other matters included the cost of the exam and the lack of reserves within SFEE, cost borne by RCPS. Agreed by all Deans that each will contribute £7,000.

Move towards pan specialty assessment of management and critical appraisal.

Report on SFEE – 4th June 2018

SFEE is the Specialty Fellowship Examinations' Executive that looks after all the ISFE examinations and is administered by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. It is always chaired by the Dean of the Dental Faculty of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow.

The main issues were:

Quality assurance of the ISFE exams:

The award of CPD points for examiners' time spent working on standard setting the examinations, the GDC consultation on Specialty Education;

A financial report to consider costs of running the exams, the effect on reserves and costs of the exams and a review of the policies and procedures for the ISFE Board;

Elections of the Convenor of the ISFE Chairs' Group (Professor Craig Barclay) confirmed as new Chair to replace Professor B Chadwick, following interview;

A report was also received by the nominee for Professor Chadwick, Dr C Jones.

All ISFE examinations have now been assessed by Yvonne Hurst. Although the draft report was available at the December 2017 meeting of SFEE, it had not been possible for the demitting convenor to arrange a meeting of the other ISFE Chairs. It was agreed that all the 4 Deans will meet with the ISFE Chairs and the new convenor of the Chairs' Group in early September to consider the changes required to create a more uniformed specialty exam and to rationalise management and critical appraisal in a pan specialty approach.

Deans considered the erosion of the reserves and concluded that (in comparison to other high stake exams, such as the ORE/LDS/ICE) the Colleges should not be bearing such a high proportion of the

costs. There was an acknowledgement that the cost of the exams (and, in particular, any resits) should be set at a more realistic level.

It was noted that the composition of many of the Examination Board/ Panels have been allowed to drift over time and that there had been a loss of uniform College representation. This will be reviewed, to align with that currently existing for the Tri-collegiate Membership Examinations. The next meeting of SFEE will be in December 2018, under the invitation of RCS England.

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