

New Investigators and Trainees – Minutes of Meeting

Saturday, June 23rd, 2012

Meeting was chaired by Dr. Tesha Monteith.

In attendance: Tesha Monteith; Rebecca Wells; Sita Kedia; Mollie Johnston; Juliette Preston; Christoph Schankin; Denise Chou; Rebecca Burch; Dan Kaufmann; Stephanie Nahas; Till Sprenger

Following a brief review of the minutes, Dr. Monteith opened the meeting with a report on activities since the previous Young Investigators meeting in Scottsdale in 2011.

- 5 people participated in a conference call to discuss an interesting case with a view to writing up both the case and the experience of using conference calls/Skype as a method for remotely located participants to share ideas. The paper will be submitted to Dr. Morris Levin, the editor of the Resident and Fellow page.
- Dr. Monteith suggested a few resources for the UCNS boards:
 - The book *Headache in Clinical Practice*
 - The International Classification of Headache Disorders
 - UCNS Curriculum site
 - AAN Practice Parameters
 - AHS powerpoint for the UCNS board review
- Dr Stephanie Nahas discussed the work of the Medical Education committee and their efforts to develop competency programs to teach Residents and Fellows more effectively. Resources are to include
 - PowerPoint slides for self-paced learning
 - Case-based lectures
 - Information on assessment questions
- Dr. Monteith reported that Linda McGillicuddy wanted to remind the Young Investigators committee that help is continually needed in reviewing articles as part of the ongoing development of AHS guidelines/practice parameters.
- It was proposed that the Committee contact the Methodology Committee to consider the development of a course to be held at the International Headache Congress in 2013. The course would cover, from both a clinical and basic science perspective:
 - How to write for publication
 - How to review articles
 - How to write a grant
 - How to mentor
 - How to network

Dr. Roberts indicated that *Headache* and the Methodology Committee are already working on the preparation of a Statistics in Headache Medicine supplement which could support the course. Additionally, *Headache* is hoping that in the future a pre-course for Residents, Fellows and indeed any interested individuals on writing and reviewing will be held annually. The course could also

embrace elements of study design to reflect the renewed commitment of the AHS to assist members in the improvement of academic standards.

- Till Sprenger recommended NITS organize a junior poster award. A junior poster tour has also been suggested at prior meetings, and could appear as part of the NITS section website.