



Faculty of Cancer Pharmacy Annual Report for 2009

Introduction – The Faculty of Cancer Pharmacy is a partnership between the College of Pharmacy Practice and the British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA). Its function is to take a lead and set standards of practice in the fields of education, training and accreditation. Its duty is to provide access to comprehensive, accredited continual professional development for members in the field of cancer pharmacy. The Faculty consists of Associates, Members and Fellows of the College who are members of BOPA. UK as well as other European and other foreign pharmacists, and pharmacy technicians are eligible to become Faculty members.

The Faculty is directed by a board of six members who in the inaugural year were either nominated or elected by the BOPA membership for a three year period. Future Board members will be elected from within the Faculty. Together with College staff the Board is responsible for running the Faculty, undertaking accreditation of courses, providing membership assessments and agreeing standards of practice within the field of Cancer Pharmacy. Through its Chair there is close co-operation between the BOPA executive Committee and the College Board of Governors. Other Board members maintain close links with The Royal Pharmaceutical Society and a number of HEIs

Number of meetings / teleconferences

The Board have met on two occasions this year, both by telephone conference plus one full meeting is planned for later this year. The Board also keeps in touch regularly by email. Minutes of the meetings can be viewed on the Faculty page of the College Website

Main activities

Maintaining and Increasing Membership:

A target of 100 members was set for 2008. Current membership is over 80

Links have been created between BOPA and College websites

Articles about the Faculty have been published in BOPA News and the College Newsletter

Competency Frameworks:

Agreed use of GLF and ACLF competency frameworks as route to Practitioner Membership and Advanced/Fellowship Awards

BOPA Competency Framework for Specialised Oncology Pharmacists agreed as supporting expert knowledge domains of CoDEG competency frameworks

Faculty members have been instrumental in the development of an oncology specific curriculum in conjunction with the Specialised Curriculum Group, this was led by Helen Taylor and Nicola Stoner.

Competency framework for non-medical prescribers working in oncology clinics published jointly with BOPA

Education and Training Events:

Four distance learning packages have been accredited by the Faculty, of these three have been published by BOPA.

The BOPA annual symposium and satellite meetings have again been accredited by the Faculty as have a number of regional meetings. This has formed a major part of this year's undertaking.

Membership assessments:

Assessment process agreed and lead assessors appointed (Sandra Melville, Geoff Saunders)

A second Membership Assessment was held in June with Nicola Stoner being awarded Fellowship of the Faculty and College

Practice Research:

Established FCP Award for best poster presented at BOPA Annual Symposium which for the second year has been sponsored by Medac-UK

Practice research stream hosted by the Faculty at BOPA symposium

Multisite audit has been established with Bruce Burnett leading the Taxotere audit

Future plans

Maintaining and Increasing Membership - Maintain a presence at the Annual BOPA Symposium

Education and Training Events - Encourage and support providers to submit their training events (study days and residential symposia) for accreditation.

Work with providers to develop educational resources to deliver minimum knowledge based competencies for aspiring faculty members

Membership assessments - Develop membership pathway for Pharmacy Technicians

Further develop links with HEIs

Board / Committee membership

Bruce BURNETT
Alastair McMURRAY
Sandra MELVILLE

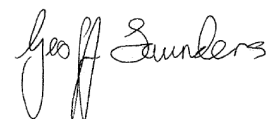
Geoff SAUNDERS (Chair)
Helen TAYLOR
Stephen WILLIAMSON

Finance: 1st January – 7th October 2009

Income		Total
Accreditation	60.00	
Donations	100.00	
Subscriptions	1336.50	
Membership by Practice	50.00	
		1546.50
Expenditure		
FCP Board travel	104.50	
FCP Board catering	20.47	
		124.97
Balance		<u>£1421.53</u>

Acknowledgements -

College Staff and Officers
Members of the BOPA Accreditation Working Group
Members of other Faculty Boards



Geoff Saunders
Chair, FCP
9th October 2009