



NIVAS Annual General Meeting, Bristol, 10 June 2015

NIVAS Board

Jackie Nicholson, Chair

Andrew Bodenham

Andrew Barton

Beverley Carter

Gemma Oliver

Linda Kelly, Secretary

Nicola York, Treasurer

Tim Jackson

Membership

There are currently 165 individual members and 16 corporate members. Membership fees remain at £30 per year for individuals, which entitles them to free attendance at study days and access to the content in the members' only section of the website in addition to other benefits. The Board is pleased with the multiprofessional nature of the membership and aims to grow the membership of pharmacist and other allied healthcare professionals.

Achievements

Facilitate communication with NIVAS members to garner opinion, share innovative and expert practice, and evaluate topical issues:

- Two successful and well evaluated study days took place in 2014:
 - *Central Venous Access Devices Symposium*, Leeds Trinity University, Leeds (31 delegates and eight sponsoring companies)
 - *Peripheral Vascular Access Symposium*, The Oxford Belfry Hotel, Oxford (46 delegates and 10 sponsoring companies)
- NIVAS was invited to run a workshop on both days of the London Nurse Show 2015 taking place from 31 March–1 April 2015:
 - *The patient IV journey—from insertion to maintenance of IV devices*
- As part of NIVAS' partnership with Vein Train, a Peripheral Cannulation study day will take place in London on the 12 October 2015. Members are encouraged to save the date
- Over the past year, the NIVAS website received 3,975 unique visitors with an average visit time of 2 minutes and 16 seconds. Most visitors were from the UK followed by the USA, Brazil and India

Members made the following suggestions for the website:

- Steer the forum to more definitive answers and encourage contribution by more members, potentially through social media such as Twitter
- Add a step-by-step Twitter guide for members with a list of the Board members' Twitter usernames to encourage engagement
- Communicate any updates to the website via Twitter

IV therapy supplement in the *BJN*:

- The IV supplement needs more authors and contributions. A "Writing for publication" session was held at the NIVAS 2015 conference to encourage the divulgence of opinion, expertise and experience of delegates
- Articles for the *NIVAS newsletter* were equally encouraged and were suggested as a starting point for those looking to gain writing experience

Provide expert advice and develop fora in infusion therapy and vascular access:

- There is opportunity to develop NIVAS regional networks. The Board would support members who wished to establish regional networks

Treasurer

There is currently £23,000 in the NIVAS bank account. Succinct Medical Communications retains the profits from the NIVAS conference and provides year-round support.

Closing comments

Jackie thanked the members for their attendance, suggestions and comments. She also thanked Succinct Medical Communications for their support throughout the year and for organising the 2015 conference.