

Sudan Doctors Union - United Kingdom and Ireland

SPRING MEETING

LONDON APRIL 2010



Since 1976



SDU (UK&I) held its Spring Meeting in London on the 17th and 18th April 2010. We were keen to continue the work we started back in 2005 regarding improving training and healthcare delivery in Sudan.

Our guest speakers were Prof. Zein Karrar; President of Sudan Medical Council (SMC),

and Prof. Osman Taha, President of Sudan Medical Specialty Board (SMSB), who accepted our invitation and, fortunately, arrived from Sudan only a few hours before UK airports were closed because of the ash cloud.

Prof Zein Karrar addressed the morning session on the first day and shared with us his views of the future role of the Sudan Medical Council and his expectations of the support from the Sudanese doctors in the UK and Ireland.

In the afternoon session Prof Osman Taha outlined the plans of Sudan Medical Specialisation Board for the training of doctors in Sudan, including development of new specialties in Sudan. Both sessions were followed by open

and honest discussion, where several recommendations were made. The discussions continued the next day where the Training and Accreditation Partnership Programme (TAPP), discussed in more details later in this issue, was created.

In the evening of the first day, we had a presentation from Mrs Patricia Parker (OBE) from Kids4Kids, a charity organisation working in Darfur.

On the second day of the meeting we had a presentation from Dr Bushra Hereika, from SHAWG, a charity organisation working with victims of AIDS in Sudan.

We also invited two of the Trainees from Sudan, Dr Ahmed Alabwabi and Dr Nahid Mohd. Al-Hassan to represent the trainees, but unfortunately they were not able to attend for reasons beyond our control.

Overall we had positive feedback; both from our distinguished guests and from our colleagues from

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SATURDAY 17/04/2010

12:00 – 12:30 Registration and lunch
12:30 – 13:00 SDU welcome

13:00 – 15:00 **Accreditation, regulation and CPE**
Guest: Prof. Zein Karrar, President SMC
Chair: Mr Ahmed Alabwabi
Co-Chair: Dr. Mahmoud Elustine

15:00 – 15:30 Break- Tea & Coffee

15:30 – 17:30 **Post-Graduate training**
Guest: Prof. Osman Taha, President SMSB
Trainees from Sudan
Chair: Dr. Ahmed Gassim
Co-Chair: Dr. E. St. Cronin

17:30 – 19:00 Dinner

19:00 – 19:30 "Aids for kids"
(www.kids4kids.org.uk)

19:30 – 21:00 Dinner
21:00 – 01:00 Party

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SUNDAY 18/04/2010

08:00 – 10:30 SHAWG
(Sudanese HIV/AIDS Working Group)
www.shawg.org

10:30 The Holy Family
Chair: Dr. Nasir Mansour
Co-Chair: Mr. Hisham Hassan

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UK and Ireland. They all felt it was a well organised and successful meeting.

We look forward to seeing you all in our Autumn Meeting (October 2010) where the details of TAPP will be discussed further through the specialists groups.

Coming Events

SDU(UK&I) Dublin Meeting

SDU has arranged for a general meeting in Dublin on: Saturday 5th June 2010, from 1:00pm to 6:00pm.

Venue will be:

Louis Fitzgerald Hotel,
Newland Cross,
Naas Rd,
Dublin 22.

Tel. no. 014033300

SDU Autumn Meeting (October 2010)

Venue (in Midlands, UK).
Dates to be confirmed.

SDU-UK&I STRIKES PARTNERSHIP WITH SUDAN MEDICAL COUNCIL AND SMBC (TAPP)

After consultation with its members, with Prof Zein Karrar and Prof Osman Taha, SDU in its Spring Meeting established partnership with both the Sudan Medical Council and the Sudan Medical Specialty Board. This will be known as Training and Accreditation Partnership Programme (TAPP), which will coordinate and channel contributions of the Sudanese Doctors in the Diaspora, and in particular the 2000 or so doctors living in the UK and Ireland, to support the accreditation and training in Sudan. The SDU will establish data base of all doctors abroad, Consultants and non-consultants, who are interested in working with the Sudan Medical Council and the SMBC in both areas of training and accreditation.



TAPP will comprise of two parts:

In Sudan:

the volunteers, when travelling to Sudan, will participate in an area of their choice in one of the following:

- 1) Lecturing, Tutorials, Seminars and Workshops
- 2) Examinations
- 3) Basic Clinical Skills



4) Master Classes

The names of volunteers, their Specialties and areas of expertise/ interest and the dates of their stay in Sudan, will be collated and passed on to the SMC and SMBC, who will fit them in the academic calendar of both councils.

In UK and Ireland:

- 1) To accommodate trainees from Sudan for Clinical Attachments and Fellowship-Type programmes
- 2) To explore, and organise, paid Training posts, up to two years, in the UK for selected and suitably qualified trainees from Sudan, in conjunction with the Royal Colleges in the UK.

Clearly, this will need a lot of work from us in the UK to liaise with the different Trusts and Royal Colleges. The SDU would like to extend the invitation to all Sudanese doctors in the UK and Ireland, members and non-members, to join this programme and register their names with the SDU.

If you are interested please fill in the form attached with this Newsletter to go on the TAPP Registry and e-mail/ post it to us on our address provided.

SDU ARRANGED SUCCESSFUL VISITS FOR PROF ZEIN KARRAR AND PROF OSMAN TAHA TO GMC AND ROYAL COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS , ROYAL COLLEGE OF PAEDIATRICIANS

They met with the relevant officers from the GMC and Royal Colleges and discussed the burning issues in relation to their programmes at the SMC and the SMSB. These meetings were followed by further discussions with the GMC and Royal Colleges as regarding TAPPS and other future arrangements.'



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New Members

Following our successful Spring Meeting in April 2010, 18 new members joined SDU-UK&I.

If you are interested in joining us, please fill in the attached Membership Form and e-mail/post it to us to our address:

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Gorleston,
Great Yarmouth,
NR3 6HD

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UPDATE: REGISTRARS STRIKE

The Registrars in Sudan were engaged in a bitter dispute with the Federal Ministry of Health over pay and poor working conditions and had to go on strike. We in the SDU closely monitored and followed the developments through our daily contacts with the Registrar leaders and their Strike Committee. We supported our colleagues in Sudan as we shared their grievances about the poor working conditions of the junior doctors, and the overall deterioration of Health Services in Sudan.

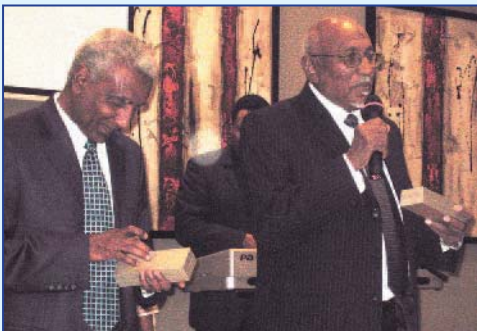
During the strike we mobilised all our resources to support them and became their voice abroad through our contacts with international bodies and organisations. We also rallied support for the striking doctors in Sudan by contacting almost all political parties and individuals, including Senior Colleagues, like Prof Zein Karrar, to reach an



amicable solution.

The strike was successful and FMOH accepted the Registrars demands and agreed to it. Although, initially, there has been some delays from FMOH to implement the agreement but it seems the situation has improved. We maintained our contacts with the Registrars leaders and will continue to support them. We also urge all doctors in Sudan to fight for the return of their elected Sudan Doctors Union (Nagaba), which remains the only legitimate and true representative of the doctors in Sudan.

We received the following e-mail from Prof Zein Karrar after his return to Sudan:



"I would like to convey my deep appreciation and gratitude for your efforts in arranging this successful meeting which was well planned and executed. We think the meeting has produced successful outcomes which we will certainly pursue.

The participants' contributions were objective and helpful and their positive attitudes and enthusiasm will certainly shape our directions towards a positive and sustainable partnership.

Our meetings with the RCPCH, RCGP&FM, and GMC-UK were extremely successful thanks to your good arrangements and coordination.

We are deeply touched by your warm reception, hospitality and care, the social evening and its family atmosphere will certainly remain memorable, may God bless you all and your families.

Please convey this message to all - best regards".