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## SDU-UK Academic Office Newsletter

### CPD Accreditation:

- We would like to first share with our membership the great news of our success in securing CPD accreditation.
- SDU-UK is now accredited as a CPD Training Provider.

**\*Invitation to members: Please liaise with the Academic Office regarding any training courses/ workshops/ events you would like to provide, either here in the UK or in Sudan\***

### 5th of May SDU-UK & SJDA Event:

- We have actively collaborated with SJDA in organising the Spring Event in Manchester on the 5th of May. This included joint drafting of the programme and securing speakers and facilitators for the wide range of interesting sessions, as well as securing 6 CPD points for the day.
- Our membership has been very welcoming and receptive to our invitation to join as trainers and facilitators on the day.
- Dr Sara Abdelgalil and Professor Baraka will judge the oral and paper presentations as an academic panel.
- Dr Helen Crimlisk has kindly accepted our invitation to give the keynote QII presentation.
- Our very own Dr Nada Elhag together with Dr Mayada Abu Affan, Mr Haitham Dagash and Mr Alrashied Ahmed Hassan will facilitate the



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workshops on managing complaints, personal effectiveness and preparing for a consultant post respectively.

- Dr Suhier Elshowaya, Dr Hisham Hamdalla, Dr Inaam Abdelhadi, Dr Rawya Kamal & Dr Fatima Abu Amna will have a lively debate comparing the merits of working as a consultant in the UK, the Gulf and Sudan. This session will be chaired by Dr Sara Abdelgaail.

**\*PLEASE HURRY & REGISTER FOR WHAT WILL BE A GREAT ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL EVENT\***

Sudan Medical Doctors' Training Support:



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- The SDU-UK Academic Office met with Professor Alzain Karrar and Dr Alkhatim Alyass, of the Sudan Medical Council in January 2018 in Khartoum.
- Discussions focused on doctors' training needs and how best the SDU-UK Academic Office can provide their support.
- Training needs identified were: Training the Trainer, Leadership, Safety & Quality Improvement, and Clinical Governance.
- The Sudan Medical Council are keen to have biannual training events. We plan to hold our first training event in the 2nd week of August.

**\*CALL TO MEMBERS: please contact the Academic Office if you are available to support the training event this August or on future dates.\***

## UK Medical Specialities

- The SDU-UK Academic Office has corresponded with all the individual Medical Royal Colleges early this year. We highlighted our keen interest to build on the long-term relationships with the Colleges, in the training and support of Sudanese doctors, both here in the UK and in the Sudan.
- We expressed our wishes to explore future training opportunities and joint working to improve the quality of health service provision in Sudan. The training of doctors and allied healthcare staff is an integral part of this process.
- We are pleased with the positive responses we have received from The Royal College of Emergency Medicine through their International Officer, Victoria De Witt, as well as The Royal College of Anaesthetists through Maria Burke, their Global Partnership Manager.
- Furthermore, we are delighted to announce that the Pathology Specialist Diaspora Group have signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Royal College of Pathologists, the Khartoum Ministry of Health and SOBA University Hospital to tackle antibiotic resistance in Sudan. We would like to commend the hard work done by Dr Hussam El-mugamar & Dr Afaf Elhag in progressing this achievement.



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- The Academic Office, has in response to communication from the Royal College of Anaesthetists, liaised with Dr Awatif Mohammed from the Sudanese Society of Anaesthesiologists. She identified the high mortality rates in maternal and paediatric anaesthetic intervention and the need to develop Anaesthetic sub-Specialities Training in Sudan.
- Unfortunately, we have not been successful in getting a response from the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC), despite repeatedly writing to the president of the Academy, Mr Henderson.
- Members may remember that a Memorandum of Understanding was signed in 2014 between the SDU-UK, the AoMRC and Sudan Specialisation Board.



- A lot of great collaborative work was done under the auspices of the MOU and we were hoping to revive the MOU which expired 2 years ago.
- The Academic Office remains keen to engage with the BESAM group and is hopeful to expand on the work it had initiated.
- It is clear that the individual Colleges through their international departments welcome initiatives to engage in collaborative work with their members.

**\*We would like to urge the Medical Specialities' Groups in the SDU-UK to engage with their members in the UK & colleagues from Sudan to progress these initiatives for the benefit of health care training and provision in Sudan\***

### **Sudanese Diaspora Community:**

- The Academic office joined the University of Khartoum International Women Day event early this month and received requests for health awareness talks on Addiction and Sexual Health.
- We will liaise with the Sudanese Community Centre with regards to organising dates for future events.

**CALL TO MEMBERS: Please contact the Academic Office (Sara Beleil & Nada Elhag) if you would like to contribute.**

The Academic Office will continue to update members with a regular newsletter. Please do not hesitate to contact us with your comments.

We look forward to your suggestions.



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