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Dear Colleague,

Firstly, may we wish you a very happy New Year. We hope that 2009 will continue to be a productive and exciting time for the Society. We are planning more of the regional meetings which were such huge successes in 2008 and will inform you of the venues and dates when they are confirmed.

Our Annual Scientific Meeting this year will be held at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Nottingham and will run from Thursday 1st to Saturday 3rd October. The theme this year is 'Making Change Happen'. Registration details will be on our website shortly – www.pccs.org.uk.

There will also be meetings throughout the year for our Specialist Interest Groups, namely the GPSI Forum, the CVNL Forum, the Anticoagulation Working Party Group and our newest group, the CVPG for Pharmacists with a special interest in cardiovascular disease. Any "full" (subscription paying) member of the PCCS is entitled to join these special interest groups at no extra cost. If you would like to apply please contact the office at office@pccs.org.uk.

With regard to membership, we find the easiest way to keep in contact with our members is via e-mail. If you have moved, changed jobs or updated your e-mail address during 2008 please would you let us have your preferred e-mail address so that we may keep you informed of all forthcoming events and meetings – this is particularly important for members of the special interest groups. To confirm we have the correct details for you please send an e-mail to office@pccs.org.uk and we will amend our records.

We are delighted to announce that MSD/SP have kindly provided an unrestricted grant for us to up-grade our website. This will mean we can provide much more in-depth information and interactive facilities. We also hope to provide educational courses via the site and will keep you informed of our progress. Please email us with any ideas you have of the sort of information you would like to see on the website. The current site provides information on events taking place all over the country along with links to other relevant organisations. There are also message boards and forums which have proved valuable to members wanting to ask advice and information from colleagues. Why not take a look?

If you would like to view the most recent annual accounts, please visit the website and follow the link.

With our very best wishes for a prosperous 2009.

Yours faithfully

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