



PCCS CHAIRMAN'S REPORT 2008

I am pleased to report another successful year for the society. Two major developments were the invitation from the Department of Health Vascular Team for the Society to become a major stakeholder in the vascular risk prevention initiative, Putting Prevention First and the closer involvement of the Society with the RCGP via membership of the Association of Primary Care Societies. As such we represent the college on all cardiovascular issues.

As part of our consultation exercise regarding vascular checks we ran five meetings in Glasgow, Leeds, Birmingham, Manchester and London with Medical Management Services which resulted in the publication 'Putting Comprehensive Cardiovascular Risk Management into Primary Care'.

The PCCS has become one of 35 cardiovascular charities which make up the CardioVascular Coalition. The CVC is developing a 'white paper' to follow up the CHD NSF with a plan of recommendations for developing cardiovascular care in the second decade of this century.

In April we were involved in a very successful 'Anticoagulation in Practice' meeting in Birmingham. Our first Welsh National meeting was held in Cardiff in May and we plan to repeat this model with regional meetings in England. In June we held a joint symposium with the British Society for Heart Failure at the BCS conference in Manchester.

Our involvement with NICE and the BHF continues.

The CVNL and GPSI groups continue to thrive. Both groups held their own meetings during the year.

Tragically Gill Brown died earlier in the year. We all lost a lovely friend who made a huge contribution to the society over many years. In respect of Gill we now offer two sponsored places at the Annual Scientific Meeting. At this year's ASM in Chester the sponsorship was extended to Annie Bradley Ingle and Yvonne Leighton. The theme of this year's meeting was cardiovascular disease and deprivation.

Mark Davis and myself stood down from the board and as a result of the election two new board members were selected, Ann-Marie Johnson and Chris Arden.

A new constitution was accepted at the AGM.

Jan Procter King becomes Chair for two years and Kathryn Griffiths Chair-elect. Stewart Findlay remains treasurer and Ahmet Fuat is the secretary.

Terry McCormack 26 September 2008