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GPIAG News

Respiratory Disease in Primary Care: Coming of Age The General Practice Airways Group Annual National Primary Care Conference 12/13 September 2008, Kents Hill Park Conference Centre, Milton Keynes, UK

We are delighted to announce the details of this flagship conference which you can't afford to miss! Developed by our expert organising committee, the conference offers a superb opportunity for anyone working in primary care respiratory medicine.

Registration and refreshments are available from 09.00am with sessions running from 10.00am on Friday 12th September 2008 until 1.15pm on Saturday 13th September 2008. Taking place at Kents Hill Park Training and Conference Centre, Milton Keynes, UK, the venue is easily accessible via the M1 motorway network and mainline station Milton Keynes.

Conference Programme – see http://www.gpiag.org/conferences/delegatebrochuremain_final.pdf

- Based on a **cradle to grave theme**, the conference will take you on a journey through respiratory disease from diagnosing asthma in infancy to palliative care in COPD - dealing with common and less well-known respiratory diseases seen in primary care.
- **Case histories** will run through the programme demonstrating key learning messages.
- **Keynote presentations** from renowned physicians including Professor Martyn Partridge, Professor Andy Bush, Dr Rob Niven and Dr Michael Peak together with GP and nurse experts in the field will ensure a high quality innovative programme of education and learning.
- A series of **How To... Workshops** will provide a great opportunity to learn new skills and brush up on the latest techniques for a range of practical skills and techniques. Workshops will include a certificate for participating delegates for inclusion in professional development portfolios.

Our new and exciting **Innovation Zone**, also featured at the conference, will offer opportunities to learn how others are tackling the challenges of the new NHS environment in terms of managing respiratory disease, as well as

opportunities for you to learn about new clinical and scientific developments. Offering a combination of poster areas, presentations and opportunities to meet and network with clinical and research leaders in primary care respiratory medicine, the Innovation Zone is designed to motivate and inspire you to develop your expertise in different areas.

Conference Registration - see <http://www.gpiag.org/conferences/index.php>. GPIAG members can register from as little as £225 (including conference attendance, meals and refreshments, the conference dinner, accommodation on 12th September 2007 and VAT). Non-members can register from as little as £280, which includes free membership of the GPIAG for the remainder of the calendar year.

Scientific and Clinical Poster Submissions for the Conference

We are inviting submission of the following posters for display in the **Innovation Zone** at the conference. The GPIAG is willing to offer support to those without previous experience of submitting posters:

1. Sharing Best Practice

If you have been involved in a project using examples of best practice in primary care, why not submit a poster for the conference Innovation Zone? Here you'll be able to share your experiences and discuss the outcomes of your work with colleagues. Examples could include the results of audits and other projects you have completed to improve outcomes for your patients in primary care.

2. Spread the Word

Have you presented a poster at a national/international conference recently? Is your work related to respiratory medicine? If yes, why not submit your poster to be displayed in the Innovation Zone at the GPIAG Conference.

3. Blow your Trumpet...Scientific Abstracts

If you are undertaking a research or audit project on any aspect of primary care respiratory medicine, why not submit your poster to the Innovation Zone. Here you'll be able to share clinical experiences and outcomes with other healthcare professionals who all share your interest in respiratory medicine. Subject areas include rhinitis and allergy, asthma, COPD, smoking cessation and respiratory infection. For details on submission dates, how to get help, how to submit your poster, and for guidance on artwork, together with notes for contributors, please log on to <http://www.gpiag.org/conferences/index.php>

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