

WMPA Secretary's Report

Last year saw the WMPA meetings moved to on-line which was a new venture for the WMPA. The Autumn 2020 meeting was an Update in Renal Medicine on Wednesday 9th December 2020. The lectures were well received and feedback was excellent, and we have to thank Dr Andrew McLeod for chairing this new platform so well. All the educational talks scored above 4 and the George Whitfield Lecture "Health impacts of climate change: Flood, flame, famine and fighting?" delivered by Prof Hugh Montgomery, Chair of Intensive care medicine, and Centre for human health, performance, London, was extremely well received and many commented on how thought provoking the lecture was, and I think was summed up with one feedback "Particularly struck by the power of the last presentation".

In Spring, we continued with the on-line platform and had the delayed Spring 2020 meeting on Respiratory medicine. Once again we had positive feedback from the delegates with 80% of members grading the quality of the session as good or excellent. The ability to have access to the presentations after the meeting was appreciated by 90% of delegates, and comments such as "Educational update lectures were superb" were received. The George Whitfield lecture, "Managing Covid, from wards to public health" by Prof Chris Green gave us all a really interesting insight into a different perspective on Covid which was very much enjoyed by the audience.

Overall it was felt the meetings were a success, with almost 60 delegates registering and attending each meeting despite the pandemic reaching high levels. This was an obviously reduced compared to our face to face meetings, but understandable under the circumstances many were experiencing with Covid.

We continue as a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and in 2021 and thank Alice Turner for their support with this. Alice has been the treasurer since 2016 and has put an enormous amount of time and resource into the WMPA and we would like to thank her for that. We have set up with Smile on Amazon Prime which allows you to support the WMPA whilst doing your shopping so please contact us if you would like more information on how you can link your account to the WMPA.

As we go into 2022, we are looking to continue updating and improving our website, and increase our profile on social media so please don't forget to follow us on the various social platforms.

It is crucial to the survival of the WMPA to ensure the continued growth and development of our membership and we want to thank all members who have continued to support the WMPA. The last two years have been ones we won't forget, and on behalf of the committee of the WMPA, we would like to thank you all for the hard work and dedication you have all shown in fighting the Covid pandemic.

Dr Dawn Adamson (Hon Sec to WMPA)