Unconfirmed Minutes of MoDA Curriculum Consultative Committee

A meeting was held at 11am on 22 May 2009 in the Seminar Room, Department of Pharmacology.

The following were present: Robert Henderson (Chair), Lesley MacVinish (TC Secretary), Zoltan Saraya (Course Organiser), Margery Barrand, Ruth Murrell Lagnado, Rik Van Veen (current MoDA lecturers)

Clinical School Rep: Kevin O’Shaughnessy  
Vet School Rep: Mike Herrtage

Apologies: Robin Hiley

1. Minutes
   The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2009 were approved.

2. Matters arising
   None

3. Replacement of CRH lectures while on sabbatical.
   As CRH will be on sabbatical during the coming year, JME will take over his MODA lectures.

4. Review of course content
   KMO commented that the MoDA course could be updated to reflect current clinical practice and gold standard treatments. A discussion about the scope of the course and the limited availability to deliver essential core knowledge ensued. Extra lectures (see AOB) would allow for expansion into current therapeutics but at present the number of lectures allocated to MoDA means that mechanisms rather than therapeutic strategies must remain our focus. KMO agreed to look at the handouts to allow guidance/advice to lecturers.

5. AOB
   Options Courses
   ZS had been at the MVST committee meeting where the future of Options Courses was discussed. Each MVST IB Course Organiser was asked to consult their teaching committee to discuss what they would do if the lecturing slots became vacant. It was agreed that Pharmacology would have no difficulty filling the se slots as the lecture timetable is currently highly constrained

6. The next meeting will be held on 23 May 2010.
Unconfirmed Minutes of NST1B Pharmacology Curriculum Consultative Committee

A meeting was held at 10am on 22 May 2009 in the Seminar Room, Department of Pharmacology.

The following were present: Robert Henderson (Chair), Lesley MacVinish (TC Secretary), Rik van Veen (Course Organiser and current NST IB lecturer), Dermot Cooper, Colin Taylor, Steve Hladky, Zoltan Sarnyai, Ruth Murrell-Lagnado, Tai-Ping Fan (current NST IB lecturers).

Apologies: Robin Hiley, Jenny Morton

1. Minutes
   The Minutes of the meeting held on 23 May 2008 were approved.

2. Matters arising
   None

3. Replacement of CRH lectures while on sabbatical.
   RMH will take over CRH’s cardiovascular pharmacology lectures while CRH is on sabbatical. In order that RMH’s lecturing schedule is not over-congested in the Lent term these cardiovascular lectures will now take place in Easter Term for the academic year 2009-10. This change will mean that the Langendorff practical will to move to Lent term (swap with Unknown Drug practical) so that the practical runs in tandem with the lecture series.

4. Review of course content
   The content of the course was regarded as satisfactory

5. AOB
   None

6. The next meeting will be held on 23 May 2010.