 ACPA bulletin

***Happy New Year***

 ***for 2014***

**ACPA Annual Meeting 2014**

Our next two day meeting will be held in conjunction with the BASK in Norwich, 8th and 9th April 2014.

We will have a varied programme including practical sessions for hip and knee assessment. NJR update, setting up actual & virtual clinics and External speakers. We will also be joining the main meeting for some sessions there will be the usual option to attend sessions in either meeting.

Registration will be via a link from the ACPA or the BASK website. Accommodation/ ACPA dinner and meeting information will be available on the website soon. We hope to see you there. We will also be showcasing areas of good practice and innovation, if you would be happy to invite colleagues into your organization please let us know so that we can identify you on our map. By attending the annual meeting as a member you will save on the full meeting price to check what you can save please check BASK or ACPA web site.

**Also**

**The BHS meeting** Exeter cathedral 6th & 7th march.

ACPA Members registration link:

<https://conceptmeetings.com/getdemo.ei?id=42&s=6ucdu287T>

ACPA Non-Members registration link:

<https://conceptmeetings.co/ei/getdemo.ei?id=42&s=6ucduchjd>

 Main Meeting page:

<http://www.britishhipsociety.com/mainmeeting>

**Feedback from the Biomechanics**

**course - Leeds dec 2013**

This course has been in existence for a number of years but it was opened up to ACPA members for the first time in 2011.

Clare-Louise Sandell an ACPA committee member has provided some feedback (see page 2.

**ACPA provides**

* Networking opportunities
* Study days & conferences
* Information on Prosthesis
* Job opportunities
* PowerPoint presentations
* Support & Friendship
* Opportunities to showcase your work
* Opportunities to present at meetings

**Image interpretation course - Liverpool** we hope to run another image interpretation course in September 2014. This course has proved very popular in the past. Further information in the next bulletin and on the ACPA web site.

**National Joint Registry –**

 NJR 10th Annual Report can be found at [www.njrcentre.org.uk](http://www.njrcentre.org.uk)

**WANTED**

**business case examples** for members to see on the members area of the website to share resources and ideas. To Lindsay Smith smith@unforgettable.com before 31st jan 2014

**Upper limb**  information or help that we can give to colleagues working within upper limb. Please contact us with any innovation or updates via Jill.pope@rlbuht.nhs.net

**Telephone follow up** memberswith experience of telephone follow up please share your experience with us via the website. clairestevens@nhs.net

**Membership renewal forms are on the website. Membership Remains £30 for the year.**

**The Leeds Biomechanics Course 2013.**

This year’s biomechanics course was well attended with a quarter of the delegates being members of ACPA.

Sessions were presided over by biomechanics, microbiologists and Consultant surgeons. The biomechanics of the foot, ankle, knee, hip and shoulder were discussed alongside presentations of gait analysis techniques and laboratory measuring techniques.

Additional sessions then covered the issues of wear, Lysis and aseptic loosening associated with implant design and function. How implants are manufactured and the changes to manufacturing that have taken place as a result of the long term outcome studies were presented.

This course was well designed and focused on all types of joint replacements. There was a lot of technical information relating to gait analysis and the impact on wear of polyethylene, ceramic and metal bearing surfaces. Discussions with ACPA members that attended all found the course to be highly relevant to their clinical practice as well as being thought provoking. Be prepared for the take home information which is an extremely extensive A4 lever arch file of comprehensive notes from the presentations.