



Association of Stoma Care Nurses UK

Vice Chairperson Report 2018 – Angie Perrin

This is my second year in office and it has continued to be challenging, yet an equally rewarding one.

This year, I along with other members of the ASCN UK committee attended the WCET Congress in Kuala Lumpur, where discussions were held regarding the WCETs' next proposed venue for their 2020 Congress. We are delighted that the UK has been identified as a popular location for ostomy education, so ASCN UK look forward to working more closely with our international colleagues and hosting a collaborative conference in Glasgow in 2020 with WCET. It is proposed that Maddie and I will sit on the Congress Organising Committee for this joint venture, the first meeting is scheduled for November of this year. We will keep you all posted of its progress.

Another key objective for this year after the discussions held at last years' conference was to amend the ASCN UK Constitution to ensure that all members were happy with its purpose. The revised constitution was sent to all ASCN UK members, comments were received from members and amendments made reflecting these. The Constitution was subsequently re-distributed so that members were able to take their time to read and then vote accordingly as to whether they are in favour or not, of accepting the revised Constitution. The membership voted in favour of accepting the Revised ASCN UK Constitution 2018, so this Constitution will now be adopted and reviewed again in 2020, if not before.

Earlier this year ASCN UK also sent out a survey to all members to ascertain if the ASCN UK was advancing in the right direction and to determine what further avenues could be explored by ASCN UK for its members. The ASCN UK Membership survey results have been collated and can be reviewed in full on the website.

I continue to work collaboratively with colleagues from the British Health and Trades Association (BHTA) on various issues, but primarily the Conflicts of Interest and MedTech Guidelines and how the introduction of such guidelines are going to influence our practice. I attend the BHTA's quarterly meetings offering a nursing voice & representing ASCN UK. Many of you will have met Kevin Hodges from BHTA at last years' conference, this year we are delighted to welcome Mandie Lavin BHTAs' new Director General to join us at conference to give us all an update from BHTA perspective.

Throughout the year, I have attended the ASCN UK quarterly area representatives meetings, which offer a great insight as to what is happening in each of the areas throughout the UK. These meetings are both informative and enjoyable.

Angie Perrin

ASCN UK Vice Chair

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