

AOUK ORP Faculty meeting held at Brandon Hall Hotel on Friday 24 and Saturday 25 April 2015.

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Friday.

The meeting began with a lovely lunch and time for the entire ORP faculty members to re acquaint themselves with each other.

Judy Orson started her last formal ORP meeting as Chairperson with a warm welcome and introduced two new faculty members, one for CMF and one for Trauma.

This year's meeting was aimed at educating the educators! There were some great presentations as well as the usual discussion about the up and coming courses and any expected changes or challenges within AOUK ORP.



The first presentation was given by Kirsty Baer an A&E trauma Nurse from Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham, entitled "Management of the Trauma Patient in A&E."

Kirsty gave us great insight into the A to E assessment of Trauma patients when they arrive in A&E.

This was followed by a brilliant talk and presentation from Trauma Surgeon Jonathan McGregor- Riley about prioritising injuries, positioning and involvement of the Multi-Disciplinary Team.

Within this Jonathan covered the phases of damage control, types of pelvic fractures /treatments and the use and misuse of pelvic binders.

I particularly enjoyed this lecture, it was so interesting I found myself pre-empting with lots of questions probably to the annoyance of the speaker.

We were then given time to break away and discuss the CMF ORP Course that will be running 7/8 May 2015 and plans for our next Advanced course. This was

an ideal time for our small group to get together and go through our programme to ensure we are all prepared adequately.

The evening was a social gathering with lots of networking and an excellent dinner.

Saturday

A nice early start led us into a powerful presentation from Trauma Surgeon Ben Ollivere on the subject of “Rib plating”.

This showed us the innovative work that he has been carrying out at Queens Medical Centre, Nottingham for patients presenting with chest injuries. The CMF ORP faculty found this of particular interest as the images showing the kit and equipment used for Rib plating was familiar territory as it had been adapted from the CMF kit.

A work shop followed this presentation which gave the ORP faculty members a chance to have hands on experience with the plating of Ribs.

The day ended with the formal AOUK ORP faculty meeting which was led by a report from the Board of Education meeting attended by Judy Orson and the official handover of the Chair to Pauline Johnston. Pauline thanked Judy for all of her work over the last four years before presenting her with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

Pauline went on to report a mentorship course she had attended in Davos. The feedback she gave about this was very positive. It had included different ways of supporting and being supported by faculties from other countries. She gave us new ideas to take away and use on our courses for “ice breakers” and how to discover what participants had learned from the day.

I found the weekend a really worthwhile event to attend and look forward to similar meetings in the future.