

Seventeen AOUK ORP trauma and AOUK CMF faculty gathered with Lisa Hadfield-Law for a productive weekend meeting in Oxford.

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the future of ORP courses in the UK and how to ensure that participants would continue to choose an AO ORP course over alternatives. We examined what we considered makes AO courses unique and how best to market them in a competitive field.

It is our firm belief that every practitioner working with trauma patients in the operating theatre should have the appropriate training. Our courses are planned and led by experienced theatre practitioners who are well aware of current issues in clinical practice and involve expert surgeons and other professionals who have been trained specifically to teach on AO courses. We want participants to leave our courses with a sound understanding of not only how a procedure is done, but also why – the confidence this brings greatly enhances their practice and therefore directly improves patient care.

Time was also given to discuss and plan faculty and chairs for future courses. Pauline Johnston will take on the position of vice-chair of the ORP group this year and assume the role of chair next spring when Judy Orson steps down.

The social side of the weekend was not overlooked! A group dinner and time in the bar provided some much deserved relaxation and a chance to catch up with old and new friends.

Judy Orson

AOUK ORP Specialty Chairman