



# The GPIAG Respiratory Leaders Mentorship Programme

A unique educational opportunity to experience the American Thoracic Society Conference 15<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> May 2009, San Diego or the European Respiratory Society Conference 12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> September 2009 Vienna whilst gaining mentorship from experienced respiratory practitioners and an ongoing programme of support and development.

We are looking for up to 6 healthcare professionals at each conference (general practitioners, practice nurses, specialist nurses, physiotherapists, pharmacists) who wish to enhance their respiratory knowledge and develop their leadership roles in primary care.

Candidates will be selected on the following criteria:

1. Candidates should be a practising clinician working in primary care or across the primary /secondary care interface and must a full member of the GPIAG and/or ARNS
2. Candidates must have a demonstrable record of interest in respiratory medicine such as attendance at least one national respiratory meeting (eg GPIAG, ARNS or BTS) ,diploma or other further education certificate in a respiratory related discipline. Note: preference will be given to those candidates who do not have regular experience of attending major international respiratory conferences.
3. Candidates must be committed to developing as a leader in primary care respiratory medicine i.e. working beyond practice level to influence, develop or deliver respiratory services in (providing written evidence in the form of a CV and short application)
4. Candidates must provide clear aims and objectives for participating in the programme and have a clear commitment to completing the programme including specific evaluation reports.
5. Candidates will be required to provide a letter of support from their practice or PCT in case of GP principal or line manager in other cases

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## Course Tutors

### **Dr Steve Holmes (GPIAG education lead)**

Steve is a GP in Shepton Mallet and Associate Director in GP Education in Severn. He is on the programme board of the COPD Clinical Strategy, co-chair of IMPRESS, is a regional Chair of the BLF and is a Council member and Professional Development Board member in the RCGP. He has taught on change management and leadership at Masters levels for seven years and is involved on the executive of the BTS / SIGN Asthma Guideline Group. Steve also has involvement with revalidation plans for the medical profession and is a GP appraiser.

### **Ms Ruth McArthur (GPIAG nurse member and GPIAG education committee member),**

Ruth is a practice nurse with a specialist interest in allergy and respiratory conditions. She is National Training Co-ordinator in Scotland for Education for Health Allergy, Asthma and COPD Trainer for Education for Health. She is also a member of the following groups: BTS/SIGN Asthma Guidelines steering group, SAG BTS and the NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (QIS) COPD standards committee

### **Ms Jane Scullion (Chair, British Thoracic Society Nurse Advisory Group)**

Jane is a member of the BTS Council, Nurse Consultant in Leicester and a trustee at Respiratory Education UK. She has an honorary senior lecturer's post at De Montfort University in Leicester teaching both undergraduates and postgraduates. Jane has an interest in competencies and workforce planning and is currently a member of IMPRESS.

**Dr Iain Small (Chair, GPIAG Executive)**

Iain is a GP in Peterhead, north east Scotland. He is Clinical Lead of the Grampian Respiratory Managed Clinical Network, and the Grampian Children's Asthma Task Group. He is a Trainer for Education for Health, an Honorary Lecturer in the Centre for Academic Primary Care, University of Aberdeen, and serves on Quality Improvement Scotland's Standards for COPD Group. He sits on Asthma UK Scotland's Professional Advisory Group, the Editorial Board of the Primary Care Respiratory Journal, and is a GP advisor to the British Journal of Primary Care Nursing.

**Course Objectives**

- a. To broaden horizons in respiratory medicine through participation in a major respiratory conference
- b. To benefit from the experience of the course mentors in terms of own career development, skills, knowledge and the experience needed to drive service improvement in the NHS
- c. To network and develop contacts that assist in the support and development of current role in practice
- d. To disseminate latest respiratory research/knowledge by presenting a summary of the conference proceedings to colleagues upon return

**Pre-conference work**

Successful candidates will be required to undertake some pre-course work to develop clear realistic objectives and prepare a plan of how learning outcomes will be disseminated locally

**Conference work**

During the conference successful candidates will be expected to attend at least four learning sessions spaced over the conference – the times of which will be agreed at the first meeting. There will also be an expectation that the successful candidates will (at ATS) contribute to serving tea at the British Meeting Point and attend networking sessions as available.

**Post Conference work**

The course will be evaluated in the short and medium term and all successful candidates must commit to completing all evaluation material within specific timelines.

Initial evaluation will be based on achievement of aims / objectives. Medium term evaluation will ask delegates to reflect back on the impact the conference has had on their career development. Long term evaluation may be determined by the continuing commitment and impact of the participants within the respiratory field.

**Are you interested in applying?**

Applicants must submit a formal application form (download at [http://www.gpiag.org/resp\\_lead\\_applic\\_form\\_2009.doc](http://www.gpiag.org/resp_lead_applic_form_2009.doc)) and, in addition, provide a statement of learning, statement of learning objectives, a curriculum vitae and a letter of support from the applicant's line manager.

**What is included in the award?**

Flight costs, accommodation, conference registration fees and mentorship as outlined above.

**Download application form here:**

**[http://www.gpiag.org/resp\\_lead\\_applic\\_form\\_2009.doc](http://www.gpiag.org/resp_lead_applic_form_2009.doc)**

**Closing date for applications- 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009**

**Successful applicants for ATS Congress will be notified in February 2009**

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