

MACP AGM 2023

6th November 2023, 6pm-7.30pm

Report:	Regional Reps/Engagement Lead
Committee Member:	Darren Smith
Date of report:	October 2023

Overview of Year

There have been some personnel changes within the regional representatives this year. I, Darren Smith have taken over from David Alderson as Engagement Lead, Lee Shimwell has taken over from Charlotte Williams in the North West, and very recently we welcome Angela Webster as a new representative for the London and South East region.

We have moved from remote events to commencing regional face to face events and have hosted a Midlands event on ‘Pain and Neuroinflammation’, and a South Central event on ‘Intradural Pathology’, utilising local expert speakers for both.

In the North West, Lee Shimwell has met with Jane Ashbrook (Liverpool Hope University) and Glen Davies (Manchester Metropolitan University) with plans to establish 3 x year events for regional members and non-members.

Progress against organisation’s strategic aims

In support of the new course at Liverpool Hope University, and current course at Manchester Met University, it is hoped that a collaboration between our regional representative, Lee Shimwell, and the 2 programme leads (Jane Ashbrook and Glen Davies, respectively) will help to build a regional network that may both support recruitment into these programmes and support the programmes themselves through clinical placement mentorship. Members in turn, will be supported with regional educational and networking events and it is hoped that high quality speakers may be recruited through this collaboration.

In the context of the MACP strategy to expand the affiliate membership category, the regional events undertaken have included at least 50% non-members, thereby promoting the MACP as a clinical interest group for all levels of MSK clinician.

Progress against sub-speciality strategic aims

- To gain additional MACP representative/s in one or more of the regions where there is an absence:

- We are delighted to welcome Angela Webster who will be the representative for London and the South East (Essex, Kent and East Sussex). This region previously had no representation.
- Current regional representatives are therefore:
 - Becks Watson – South West England
 - Rob Goldsmith – Wales
 - Vasileios Georgopoulos – Midlands
 - Lee Shimwell – North West England
 - Angela Webster – London and South East England
 - Darren Smith – South Central England
- Current vacancies still exist for:
 - Scotland
 - North East England
 - East Anglia
- Each MACP representative to host at least 1 event for their region within 12 months:
 - Midlands and South Central – achieved
 - Wales, SW Eng and NW Eng – to be arranged
- Each MACP regional event to include at least 50% non-member MSK clinicians AND for all non-members to be offered membership at the event – achieved for the events undertaken.

Key Development Plans for 23/24

Over the next year, we hope to continue to expand our team of regional representatives. It is acknowledged that this role is completely voluntary and relies on the goodwill and dedication of members who are willing to give up some of their personal time for these roles. For that, we are very grateful to Becks, Rob, Vasileios, Lee and Angela for their commitment to these roles.

We aim to co-ordinate a regional event in every area that is currently represented over the next 12 months. These will be promoted through touchnote and regional member emails.

Finally, we are planning to run a members survey shortly to receive feedback in relation to the current member benefits and fee changes.