

'Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'

ASPC's objectives:

- Raising the standards of surgical services in Primary Care by:
- Innovation
- Promotion
- Education
- Professional Support
- Audit

2007-2008 COUNCIL:

President: R Dhumale

Secretary: M Wordsworth

Treasurer: P Sharpe

Membership: J Tisdale

Meetings: S Mukherjee

Education: V Kumar

This is our very first ASPC newsletter! It took a while getting here, but we are here at last. As many of you know, ASPC is a fledgling organization and rapidly growing its wings. Department of Health are supportive of 'Care Closer to Home' and few of our member's innovative models were chosen as 'Demonstration Sites' for the project, concluding with success. The details of the project were published in October 2007 and can be viewed on the DH web-

site - Gateway ref: 8419. We have also been 'high lighted' in the recent Royal College of Surgeons Bulletin No



Captive ASPC members at 2007 Conference

9 Vol 91 November 2008 issue. Numerous other publications by the Council have pro-

moted our cause and details of these publications can be found on the ASPC website. We are also delighted to announce that our web forum should be 'up and running' - allowing members to discuss and debate their clinical issues. This will also be a good medium to disperse evidence based knowledge. The web forum will be password protected and will be for ASPC members ONLY.

2nd Annual ASPC Conference

Date: 21st March 2009

**Venue: Ettington Chase Hotel,
Banbury Road,
Stratford on Avon**

Theme: 'Training & Accreditation' issues

Book early and see you there!



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Election to ASPC Council : 2009 – 2011

ASPC founding members have worked very hard for the past two years - in their own time and at their own expense to raise the profile of the organization. I am grateful for their time, effort and commitment. Unfortunately, Sam Mukherjee is stepping down from the Council next year, and we will miss his wit and dry sense of humour. I am sure we all will see him at future conferences and national meetings and of course look forward to hear his views on the ASPC web forum to advise us on clinical and PCT issues.

ASPC Council have decided to increase the Council membership to seven - and in view of their decision - invitation to stand for election is being sent to all ASPC members. The **two** new Council members will commence office from 22nd March 2009 for a duration of two years.

Nomination forms are enclosed with this newsletter and applicants are advised to post their interests to :

**M. Wordsworth, 35-43
Lincoln's Inn Fields,
London, WC2A 3PE.**

Applicants should enclose a brief biodata and their reason to serve in the Council.

For details of forthcoming courses, publications, documents etc.. please visit our website:

www.aspc-uk.net