

HUMAN REPRODUCTION STUDY GROUP 2011-2012

1. Current Membership Figure: c. 159. It is unknown how many of these are BSA members
2. SG Balance of accounts: £1466
3. Aim/s of SG: The Human Reproduction Study Group brings together academics who are all interested in the social aspects of human reproduction.
4. Review of Year: The 11th Annual Conference was held at Lancaster University in June 2012. This was the first time the conference has been held outside of Milton Keynes. A range of delegates attended the conference, including medical students, and members of the local hospitals. International speakers presented at the conference, coming from Australia and Italy.

Unfortunately, an AGM usually conducted at the BSA Med Soc conference was not held due to none of the convenors being able to attend the conference.

The JISC mailing list continues to grow and now has 159 members. It's main function tends to be for information regarding job opportunities and conferences.

Laura has spoken to BSA team to discuss the possibility of the group having it's own webpages to highlight the work being done on human reproduction by its members. Laura also contributed to the questionnaire sent out by BSA team regarding feedback on the BSA website.

5. Forthcoming events: The Annual Conference will be held on June 21st 2013 at the Open University. A Call for Papers has been sent out and abstracts will be reviewed after 30th April. In light of delegates' feedback, we will be offering longer presentation slots, and inviting delegates and speakers to put together an A4 'mini poster' detailing their current research on human reproduction to be put up and made available to those attending the conference.

The group has also decided with the South West Med Soc group to hold a joint conference in Dec 2013.

6. No public consultations with the group are known
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