

**Posture & Mobility Group, NTE Sub-committee**  
**Minutes of Planning Meeting for NTE 2011**  
**January 13<sup>th</sup> 2011**  
**Warwick University**

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**Present**

Kirsty Ann Cutler (KAC) *Chair*  
Craig Egglestone (CE)  
Olwen Ellis (OE) *Minutes*  
Dave Long (DL)  
Russell Mears (RM)

**Apologies:** Jane Chantry (JC), Simon Hukku (SH)

**1. Stands**

- i) OE requested to contact *ROHO/Sumed, Kirton, Careflex, R82, Firstechnicare (Batram), Qbitus, RJMobility and Activate* who have not booked stands OE
- ii) KAC to approach *Qbitus* about doing a *Foam in Place (FiP)* demo. KAC
- iii) OE reported that *Pride Mobility* have asked for a discount because they have booked 6 stands. Agreed that the offer of a stand minder free per stand is already a bonus for 2011. OE

**2. Wake-up Session adjudication**

*BES, Matrix Seating and Consolor* were selected for the 3 individual Wake-Up sessions, with the following to be offered a shared platform, and given 15 mins per company presentation: *Otto Bock, Sunmed and Pride Mobility*. Therefore 4 sessions running parallel. Those not offered a platform: *Assistive Partner, Helping Hand, Decupré/Rainbow and Leckey* to be offered a poster presentation space in the Arts Centre foyer, but will not be included in the poster competition OE

**3. Free Papers and Posters**

- i) Disappointing number of free paper and poster submissions this year. However quality generally high., and the following 9 to be offered the free paper slots in the order here: OE

**THURSDAY**

**FP1:** *Provision of Buggies/Wheelchairs for Behavioural Control*  
**FP2:** *Development of a proportional, force platform based and cost effective foot operated control device for a powered wheelchair*  
**FP3:** *Development of a fully mobile, strain gauged seating system for the assessment of forces imparted on the Mygo™ seating system by children with special needs through daily activity*  
**FP4:** *Wheelchair stability: development of a portable easy to use test system*  
**FP5:** *Propulsion efficiency and upper extremity longevity – a review of handrim options and related research*

**FRIDAY**

**FP6:** *What aspects do wheelchair users want to be involved in when choosing their wheelchair?*  
**FP7:** *Planning wheelchair service provision in MND: implications for service delivery and Commissioning.*  
**FP8:** *Correlation of Interface Pressure Mapping measures using clinical data*  
**FP9:** *You've given me wheels, now pimp my ride: A qualitative study of wheelchair users functional and identity needs.*

- ii) One submission only for poster, which was accepted:  
**P1:** *Further Development of a System to Measure Wheelchair Stability and Improve Wheelchair Performance* OE  
**Subsequently the following was offered a poster presentation, but declined and will submit for platform again in 2012.**  
**P2:** *The development of a positioning system useful to the patient: multidisciplinary and multi-professional approach supported by clinical instrumental procedures.*

One submission rejected: *Sit up and learn to live independently!*

**4. Programme.** Sharon Smith (SS) from Warwick Conferences joined the meeting.

- i) *Ice Breaker* – SS confirmed that this could take place in the exhibition halls. Request ideas from companies on how to run the event, with prize. Sponsoring company pays for drinks as well. OE
- ii) *Opening Plenary* – agreed that in order to cover the costs of teleprompter and additional needs of speaker, this opening session would be suitable for sponsorship. £500. OE/RM
- iii) *PS3 – Control Systems:* CE to approach Carl Crump in Bham and Jim Lucas of Dynamic Controls as well at Melanie Matthews at PGD. RM to contact Jo McConnell at Otto Bock. CE/RM
- iv) DL to contact James Hollington re website launch. DL
- v) *PL2* – OE to contact Marc Defour to get confirmation. OE

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- vi) *After dinner speaker* has been invited. Mike Brace of Paralympics Association. OE to chase. OE
- 5. Other housekeeping**
- i) SS asked for numbers for wheelchair adapted rooms asap: many of the student wheelchair users now keep their rooms over Easter, and availability is therefore limited. OE
- ii) **Internet access:** Wi-fi is now available in Butterworth, with log in code required. Some Wi-fi hotspots in Mead, near lift end, but hardwire is recommended for stands in the gallery. Cables are available at reception for delegate rooms. OE/SH
- iii) **Posters:** SS confirmed that the posters can go in the Arts Centre foyer again, as there will be so few this time.
- iv) SS to provide info re entertainment for after gala dinner.
- v) KAC to discuss 12 week deadline. OE to sign late licence forms. KAC/OE
- vi) KAC to meet SS to discuss menus, KAC
- 6. Prizes:**
- i) KAC wants to add a Golden Caster award to the list of prizes. KIV KIV
- ii) OE to sort out the scoring sheets for free papers and posters OE
- iii) Are we doing Last Man Standing? all
- 7. Dates and arrangements for 2012**
- i) **11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012**
- ii) Mike Hare to be invited for Aldersea Lecture with Wendy Murphy moved to 2013. KIV
- iii) Confirmed that Mary Massery be invited for 2012 Opening Plenary. Full package plus up to £550 for air fare from US. DL
- 8. Next meeting**
- i) no need to meet to select bursars – can be sorted by email All
- ii) teleconference in March to organise chairs of sessions and other jobs for committee members attending. OE