

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

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

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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) 11th, 12th and 13th 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