

JUNIOR MEMBERS FORUM 2011

9 00 am Saturday 9 April to 4 00 pm Sunday 10 April 2011

Chairman of the Forum: Dr Andrew Collier

The Forum, which takes place in informal surroundings over a weekend, provides an opportunity on the Saturday to listen to expert speakers and join in a symposium and group work. A semi-formal dinner is held on the Saturday evening and is preceded by a reception.

On the Sunday, Forum members can take an active part in influencing BMA policy and learn the basic rules of medico-political debate while exchanging views with doctors in other branches of medicine and gaining an insight into fields outside their own.

The Forum is open to elected or nominated BMA members from all disciplines within 12 years of provisional registration or within 11 years of the first full registration with the GMC, and medical student members.

SATURDAY SYMPOSIUM – “Medicalisation”

Three or four speakers will address the meeting on a wide range of issues around the above subject of the Forum.

The addresses will be followed by general discussion and in the afternoon members will break into working groups to discuss topics relating to the theme of the Forum “Medicalisation”.

SUNDAY - Medico-politics

This is a medico-political day. The Chairman of the Representative Body will address the meeting on the current medico-political situation.

Motions on any subject arising from the previous day’s symposium, or related to the practice of medicine and tabled by Forum members are debated. This part of the Forum is often seen as an informal training ground for young doctors of all disciplines in medico-politics and it frequently leads to participation in the activities of the Association’s Representative Body, Council and major committees. It offers an opportunity to exchange ideas and gain an insight into the affairs of other sections of the profession. Here too members can seek support for their views from colleagues (in addition to their branch of practice committee channels) and thus influence Association policy.

The Forum resolutions are referred direct to the Annual Representative Meeting (ARM), where BMA policy is determined, or to the appropriate annual branch of practice conference. There are seven such conferences representing all doctors in each branch of practice: junior doctors, hospital seniors, general practitioners, doctors in public health medicine, medical academic staff, staff and associate specialists and medical students. The branch of practice conferences are held in London during March, April, May and June and in 2011 the ARM will be held in Cardiff from 27 to 30 June 2011.

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