

## Update on the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme (from Jonathan Valabhji, the National Clinical Director for Obesity and Diabetes at NHS England)

The launch of the NHS Diabetes Prevention Programme was announced at The Diabetes UK Professional Conference by Simon Stevens, CEO of NHS England. Evidence-based reviews of real-world translations of randomised, controlled diabetes prevention trials were undertaken by Leicester University, after a competitive tender, and will be published over the course of the summer. The Clinical and Expert Reference Group, which I chair, has adapted the evidence into a service model which will inform an invitation to tender, subject to further input from a User Representation Group, and subject to further modification following testimonials delivered by a number of academic and provider units.

For phase 1 of the Programme (through to March 2016), we will work with seven demonstrator sites, announced at Programme launch, to test the practical application of various aspects of the service model, including case finding. Eligible participants will have already been identified as having non-diabetic hyperglycaemia (the current term for the middle category of glucose tolerance) through the NHS Health Check Programme or through prior opportunistic testing. Up to 10,000 eligible people will be enrolled on the Programme during this current financial year.

An invitation to tender will be issued to identify suitable providers and allow the procurement of the behavioural intervention, based on the service model, for phase 2 of the Programme. Phase 2 will constitute the first stage of a national rollout during the 2016/17 financial year, and will involve 10,000–30,000 behavioural interventions for people with non-diabetic hyperglycaemia. The learning from phases 1 and 2 will inform further adaptations and refinements of the service model, which will be used as we work with providers to achieve full national rollout. The behavioural interventions, focusing on weight loss, physical activity, and diet quality, will be inten-

sive – at least 13 face-to-face interactions over at least 9 months, in group settings of at least 1 hour duration. A formal evaluation to assess that the Programme is indeed preventing type 2 diabetes is being established.

## ABCD executive changes

Dinesh Nagi takes over as General Secretary from Patrick Sharp who has kindly agreed to stay on the committee to lead our type 1 diabetes work stream and to assist with ABCD's contribution to 'Medical Care', RCP London's web-based guide to medical specialities.

Karen Adamson has been co-opted to assist Dev Singh in implementing the ABCD Consultant Mentorship Scheme in Scotland, and contributing to our education and development programme. She will also liaise with the Scottish Colleges. We welcome two new committee members, Marc Atkin and Allison Gallagher, to the executive committee.

## NICE type 2 diabetes guidance – again

ABCD's response to the second consultation on this guideline can be found on the website. The publication date has yet to be announced.

## Rowan Hillson Insulin Safety Award 2015

The Joint British Diabetes Societies for Inpatient Care (JBDS-IP) is inviting professionals to submit entries to this competition to find the best UK initiative aimed at preventing severe hypoglycaemia in hospitals. This JBDS-IP project is being led by Umesh Dashora, Debbie Stanisstreet, and Erwin Castro. Please send entries to [christine.jones@nnuh.nhs.uk](mailto:christine.jones@nnuh.nhs.uk).

**Application deadline:** 1 September 2015. See Prof Mike Sampson's announcement at [http://www.diabetologistsabcd.org.uk/JBDS/JBDS\\_hypo\\_initiative\\_2015.doc](http://www.diabetologistsabcd.org.uk/JBDS/JBDS_hypo_initiative_2015.doc).

## ABCD affairs (from Rob Gregory)

The Joint ABCD-WEDS meeting in Cardiff was a successful venture and an enjoyable

event. In future the best abstracts will be selected for oral presentation at the meeting instead of the winners of the SpR Training Award, who will still receive a prize for their presentation at the annual SpR Meeting. Our next conference is the autumn meeting at the Royal College of Physicians of London (RCPL) on 5–6th November. Finally, Peter Winocour and I have arranged a joint RCPL meeting "Managing complex long term conditions and multi-morbidity" on 18th February 2016, so put that date in your diary too.

The safe use of insulin training module is now available on payment from Virtual College Healthcare as part of an expanded National Patient Safety Training Suite ([http://www.healthcareea.co.uk/patient\\_safety\\_training\\_suite](http://www.healthcareea.co.uk/patient_safety_training_suite)). As another option, Primary Care Diabetes Society and Training, Research and Education for Nurses on Diabetes-UK have collaborated to produce an eLearning module 'Six Steps to Insulin Safety' that is free to access at [www.cpd.diabetesonthenet.com](http://www.cpd.diabetesonthenet.com).

The new Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for Diabetes is the Rt Hon Keith Vaz MP. ABCD looks forward to working with him. We gratefully acknowledge the significant contribution made by his predecessor as Chair, Adrian Sanders, who was not re-elected to parliament at the general election.

The Diabetes Think Tank met on 30th June and learned that there is talk of a Diabetes Strategy or Diabetes Action Plan for England. This is an unexpected opportunity to make improvements in diabetes care, and the Think Tank debated what the most important components of the strategy should be. Better integration of services and a national survey of patient experience were high on the list.

## RCP Specialist Service Reviews (announced by Dinesh Nagi)

Dr Peter Belfield, Medical Director for Royal College of Physicians (RCP) Invited Service Reviews, would be pleased to hear from ABCD members who meet the criteria who might be prepared to assist with such reviews. Please contact Michelle Wong ([michelle.wong@rcplondon.ac.uk](mailto:michelle.wong@rcplondon.ac.uk)) if you are interested. More information can be found at:

[http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Documents/RCP\\_ISR\\_leaflet\\_May2015.pdf](http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Documents/RCP_ISR_leaflet_May2015.pdf); for job description see: [http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Documents/Job\\_Description\\_ISR\\_clinical\\_reviewer.pdf](http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Documents/Job_Description_ISR_clinical_reviewer.pdf)

## Service provisions in secondary care (announced by Peter Winocour)

The RCPL has launched a guide on making sense of the key to service provision in secondary care. See:

[http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Documents/Commissioning\\_secondary\\_care\\_guide.pdf](http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/Documents/Commissioning_secondary_care_guide.pdf)

## Academic sub-committee news

Jyothis George is planning a meeting for new investigators as an ABCD event, as part of our strategy to encourage academic diabetologists. Travel grants of up to £1,000 are available for SpR members of ABCD who have had an abstract accepted for presentation at an overseas meeting. Details are on the ABCD website.

## Communication news from Andy Macklin

Andy Macklin will be working on modernising ABCD's communication and information systems to support all we do more efficiently and cost-effectively. This will include updating the membership database and website architecture. The ABCD committee approved a modest budget for this.

## IDegLira now approved

IDegLira (Xultophy®) is now licensed for the treatment of adults with type 2 diabetes mellitus in combination with oral glucose-lowering medicinal products when these alone or combined with a GLP-1 receptor agonist or basal insulin do not provide adequate glycaemic control.

## Tariff and Commissioning Group

Garry Tan from Oxford has been nominated by the Joint Specialty Committee for Endocrinology and Diabetes of the RCP on the Tariff and Commissioning Group, hereafter known as the Expert Advisory Group on Commissioning.

## Specifications for a National Insulin Pump Network

In conjunction with Emma Willmot and Peter Hammond, Rob Gregory has produced a specification for a National Insulin Pump Network

### ABCD tweets

Here is a flavour of what you can expect in the ABCD tweets and retweets: there are usually one or two each working day, carefully selected to be relevant to the membership. See the full archive at <http://twitter.com/ABCDiab>.



ABCD Diabetes retweeted:

Prof Jane Speight @janespeight

@drpratkc @flatustube @parthaskar @theGBDOC

Hypo rates not correlated with A1c but fear of hypos is a great motivator of higher A1c.

View the conversation at <http://tinyurl.com/oz5cvda>



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Cell Symposium on Exercise Metabolism : "Voices," in the field of exercise biology:

View the conversation at <http://tinyurl.com/oo6lwdp>



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SGLT2 inhibitors: increased risk of DKA. Test for raised ketones if acidosis symptoms, even with near normal glucose (<http://tinyurl.com/p29getz>)

View the conversation at <http://tinyurl.com/of5fl7q>



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@drpratkc Systems failure at several levels? Any severe hypo should get proper attention.

See also: [http:// tinyurl.com/pnofyl4](http://tinyurl.com/pnofyl4) @theGBDOC



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Number of previous DKA admissions is associated with risk of death in the following 5 years. All after discharge. (<http://tinyurl.com/q5am8uc>)

The CQC have agreed to incorporate inpatient diabetes as a specific high risk area in Acute Trust inspections. <http://tinyurl.com/pw9khkm>

to fill the void left by the demise of NHS Diabetes. This is likely to go live in 2016.

## Mortality and Morbidity Project

In this project a relatively small number of themes have emerged that explained a depressingly large number of harms. ABCD has written to Trusts highlighting the number of insulin prescribing, and administration errors resulting in harm and asked them to review their processes. ABCD recommends the award winning prescription charts on its website [http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/JBDS/insulin\\_chart\\_winners.pdf](http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/JBDS/insulin_chart_winners.pdf). The next step is to ask each participating trust to identify a theme to address, decide for themselves how to address it, implement an action plan and evaluate it. There will be a session dedicated to the project at the 2016 Diabetes UK Professional Conference.

## ABCD nationwide audits

A nationwide canagliflozin audit will be launched shortly to accompany the ongoing nationwide dapagliflozin audit. Please start collecting data patient names and data of your

patients on canagliflozin in readiness. Forms for data collection can be found at:

[http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/SGLT2/ABCD\\_Canagliflozin\\_Audit\\_Visit1\\_Form.pdf](http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/SGLT2/ABCD_Canagliflozin_Audit_Visit1_Form.pdf)

[http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/SGLT2/ABCD\\_Canagliflozin\\_Audit\\_Follow\\_Up\\_Form.pdf](http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/SGLT2/ABCD_Canagliflozin_Audit_Follow_Up_Form.pdf)

The two audits give us a unique opportunity to increase our understanding of the new SGLT2 class of agents in real world use. Bob Ryder gave a demonstration in Cardiff of how to use the online tools to analyse one's own data and his presentation is available at <http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/HowToABCDAudits.pdf>. All members are encouraged to join the audits.

<http://www.diabetologists-abcd.org.uk/n3/n3.htm>

## UK diabetes care better in international comparison

QualityWatch has produced a report of 3rd July comparing health parameters in 27 countries. More positively, the analysis found that the UK performs better than most on diabetes, saying that the numbers of potentially preventable admissions for diabetes and admissions for lower extremity amputations are relatively low.

<http://www.qualitywatch.org.uk/international>

## Diabetes consultants' work load distribution

Partha Kar discusses a model consultant job plan which may satisfy the needs of integrated diabetes care. Please feel free to provide feedback on this proposal.

[http://www.diabetesandprimarycare.co.uk/media/content/\\_master/4221/files/pdf/dpc17-3-116-8.pdf](http://www.diabetesandprimarycare.co.uk/media/content/_master/4221/files/pdf/dpc17-3-116-8.pdf)

## Diabetes UK publishes new findings on the prevalence of diabetes

According to new figures, the number of people with diabetes in the UK is now an all-time high at 3.9 million and 42 per cent of people with type 2 diabetes do not feel empowered to manage their diabetes. Details at:

[https://www.diabetes.org.uk/About\\_us/News/39-million-people-now-living-with-diabetes/](https://www.diabetes.org.uk/About_us/News/39-million-people-now-living-with-diabetes/)

## Care Quality Commission (CQC) diabetes inspections

Thanks to the efforts and perseverance of Mike Sampson Rob Gregory and Daniel Flanagan, from July 2015 all Acute Trusts will be asked

to give an overview of inpatient diabetes care at their Trust in the provider information request (PIR). This could include inviting Trusts to make statements on the presence (or absence) of an inpatient diabetes nurse service, the provision of mandatory insulin training, the recording of insulin errors, and on provisions made as an organisation to adapt to the needs of people with diabetes.

It is possible that a CQC inspection that looks specifically at inpatient diabetes might sharpen Trusts' focus on training issues and inpatient risk for people with diabetes. Alan Sinclair is undertaking a parallel work with CQC on diabetes in care homes.

## A quality assured local education course in East Sussex

A local diabetes specialist nurse and dietician designed Skills for Adjusting Diet and Insulin in East Sussex (SADIE) aims to meet the educational needs of people with type 1 diabetes. Attendees show improved quality of life and an average HbA<sub>1c</sub> reduction of 0.5% (5.5 mmol/mol) at one year.

SADIE has recently been certified by the Quality Institute for Self-Management Education and Training (QISMET). Achieving QISMET certification provides formal recognition and quality assurance for local services, providing a 'gold standard' for providers and commissioners.

## Inhaled insulin on sale in America

Afrezza® (Sanofi) inhaled insulin is now available for use at mealtimes by people with type 1 and type 2 diabetes in the USA. The insulin, delivered as a dry powder by a portable inhaler, is not approved for children, people with chronic lung conditions, DKA and smokers.

## New care models

ABCD members are encouraged to get involved with the transformational work in 29 Vanguard sites, most notably Greater Manchester. To see if your area is on the list check <http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/futurehns/5yfv-ch3/new-care-models>.

## Interesting recent research

### A rapid-fire collection of interesting recent developments in diabetes

#### SGLT2 inhibitors and the risk of diabetic ketoacidosis (submitted by Drs Dev Singh and Caroline Day)

Published evidence of varying quality is available on the use of metformin, GLP-1 agonists and SGLT2 inhibitors in type 1 diabetes either used singly or in combination.<sup>1</sup> Ketosis and diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA) may be missed because SGLT2 inhibitor adjunctive therapy may maintain an effective glycaemic state, in the face of insulin deficiency in patients with type 1 diabetes. Peters *et al* described 13 episodes of euglycaemic DKA or ketosis in nine individuals (seven with type 1 diabetes and two with type 2 diabetes) associated with SGLT2 inhibition in the USA in a presentation at the ADA 2015 meeting, since published in full in *Diabetes Care*.<sup>2</sup> The absence of significant hyperglycaemia in these patients delayed recognition of the emergent nature of the problem by patients and providers. According to the European Medicines Agency, a total of 101 cases of DKA in patients treated with SGLT2 inhibitors in both type 2 and type 1 diabetes had been reported worldwide in EudraVigilance as of 19 May 2015. Putting aside the potential for diabetes type misclassification, this clearly extends this concern to type 2 diabetes where DKA may develop in particular circumstances.<sup>3</sup> An alert has been issued by MHRA.<sup>4</sup>

1. Henry RR *et al*. *Diabetes Care* 2015;**38**:412-19; doi: 10.2337/dc13-2955.
2. Peters A, *et al*. *Diabetes Care* 2015; doi:10.2337/dc15-0843
3. EMA: [http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/human/referrals/SGLT2\\_inhibitors/human\\_referral\\_prac\\_000052.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac05805c516f](http://www.ema.europa.eu/ema/index.jsp?curl=pages/medicines/human/referrals/SGLT2_inhibitors/human_referral_prac_000052.jsp&mid=WC0b01ac05805c516f)
4. MHRA: <https://www.gov.uk/drug-safety-update/sgl2-inhibitors-canagliflozin-dapagliflozin-empagliflozin-risk-of-diabetic-ketoacidosis>

#### Intensive blood glucose control leads to poor outcomes and more hypos in North America (but not in the rest of the world) compared with standard glucose control

A systematic review and meta-analysis of randomised, controlled trials compared the effect of intensive versus standard glucose control on outcomes. Intensive control was associated with more all-cause mortality, cardiovascular mortality and severe hypoglycaemia in North America but not in the rest of the world.

Sardar P *et al*. *J Am Heart Assoc* 2015;**4**. pii: e001577; doi: 10.1161/JAHA.114.001577.

#### New genetic form of obesity and diabetes discovered

Researchers at Imperial College London identified a

genetic defect in making a protein, carboxypeptidase-E, in an extremely obese young woman with type 2 diabetes, learning difficulties and reproductive problems.

Alsters SI *et al*. *Plos One* 2015; doi: 10.1371/journal.pone.0131417.

#### Combined use of antidiabetic and antidepressant drugs is associated with higher risk of myocardial infarction

This registry-based study shows that the combined use of these drugs is associated with a higher risk of myocardial infarction compared to either type of drugs used alone.

Rådholm K *et al*. *Diabet Med* 2015; doi: 10.1111/dme.12822.

#### Markers of low-grade inflammation at diagnosis predict worsening glycaemic control in type 1 and type 2 diabetes

In a recent prospective study, two-year increases of high-sensitivity C-reactive protein, soluble E-selectin (sE-selectin), and soluble intercellular adhesion molecule-1 in type 2 diabetes and IL-18 in type 1 diabetes was associated with worsening of HbA<sub>1c</sub>. Additionally, 2-year increases of sE-selectin were associated with decreases of prehepatic  $\beta$ -cell function in type 2 diabetes (all  $p < 0.05$ ).

Weber KS *et al. Diabetes Care* 2015;  
doi:10.2337/dc15-0169.

**No cognitive impairment with statins in a systematic review and meta-analysis**

A systematic review and meta-analysis of 25 RCTs did not show an association of statins with cognitive impairment. The FDA warning about the potential adverse effect of statins on cognition may need to be revisited.

Ott BR *et al. J Gen Intern Med* 2015;**30**:348-58;  
doi: 10.1007/s11606-014-3115-3.

**Thyroid antibodies predict gestational diabetes mellitus (GDM) in some patients**

A meta-analysis finds a significant association between thyroid antibodies in patients with thyroid dysfunction but not euthyroid state and GDM.

Yang Y *et al. Fertil Steril* 2015 Jul 4. pii: S0015-0282(15)00425-2;  
doi:http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.fertnstert.2015.06.003

**Higher prevalence of cognitive impairment in people with type 1 diabetes**

The prevalence of cognitive impairment was five-fold higher in adults with type 1 diabetes with childhood onset disease compared to those without diabetes. A relationship with poor control of diabetes, proliferative retinopathy, higher BMI and peripheral vascular disease is described.

*Diabetes Care* 2015; doi: 10.2337/dc15-0041.

**An optical “dog’s nose” may diagnose diabetes.**

Adelaide researchers are developing a laser system for fast, non-invasive, on-site breath analysis to diagnose diabetes, infections and various cancers. The system senses by-products of metabolic processes in the body that change even before symptoms of disease appear.

http://www.eurekaalert.org/pub\_releases/2015-07/uoa-on070715.php

**OZURDEX® is effective in macular oedema and gets NICE support**

OZURDEX® (dexamethasone 0.7 mg intravitreal implant) provides significant improvements in visual acuity, compared to baseline, in patients affected by diabetic macular oedema in new and refractory patients. NICE has proposed this treatment for patients due for artificial lens implant (due to cataract surgery) and who are considered insufficiently

responsive to, or unsuitable for, non-corticosteroid therapy.

Escobar-Barranco JJ *et al. Ophthalmologica* 2015;**233**: 176-185; doi:10.1159/000371770.

**Eat proteins and vegetables before carbohydrates**

Eating proteins and vegetables before carbohydrates leads to lower post-meal glucose and insulin levels.

Shukla AP *et al. Diabetes Care* 2015;**38**:e98-e99;  
doi: 10.2337/dc15-0429.

**Liraglutide 3 mg injections promote weight loss**

Liraglutide 3 mg induced weight loss in people who were overweight or obese but without diabetes (the majority had prediabetic dysglycaemia); 63% on liraglutide lost 5% of initial weight (vs. 27% on placebo) and 33% lost 10% of initial weight (vs. 11% on placebo).

Pi-Sunyer X *et al. N Engl J Med* 2015;**373**:11-22;  
doi: 10.1056/NEJMoa1411892

**Weight loss surgery more effective than banding or lifestyle measures at inducing remission**

In a paper published in *JAMA Surgery*, Roux-en-Y gastric bypass led to more patients with diabetes achieving remission (40%) than gastric banding (29%) or diet and exercise alone (0%).

Courcoulas AP *et al. JAMA Surg* 2015;  
doi:10.1001/jamasurg.2015.1534.

**Initial weight loss predicts long-term weight benefits**

New data from the Look AHEAD trial show that weight loss in the first two months of intensive lifestyle intervention is associated with long-term success eight years after the initial treatment.

Umick JL *et al. Obesity (Silver Spring)* 2015;**23**:1353-6;  
doi: 10.1002/oby.21112.

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**Government Technology: Infrastructure, Enablement & Delivery**

The Mermaid Conference & Events Centre, London.

http://www.gov-tech.today/index.php?option=com\_gtereg&subid={subtag:subid}&refcode=GT15/CA&Itemid=262

**28–30 September 2015**

**DAFNE Educator Programme (DEP)**

Northern General Hospital, Sheffield. www.dafne.uk.com

**5-7 November 2015**

**DAFNE Doctor Programme (DDP)**

Northern General Hospital, Sheffield. www.dafne.uk.com

**5-7 November 2015**

**5th World Congress on Controversies to Consensus in Diabetes, Obesity and Hypertension (CODHy), Istanbul, Turkey.**

http://www.codhy.com/2015/

**If you are looking for a specific date, sub-specialty or place for conference, one of the following sites might help –**

http://www.doctorsreview.com/meetings

http://www.endocrinology.org/meetings/world.aspx

http://www.continuingeducation.net/schedule.php?profession=Physicians

http://www.es-e-hormones.org/meetings/World.aspx

http://www.medical.theconferencewebsite.com/conferences/endocrinology-and-diabetes



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# YDEF NEWS

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YDEF are governed by their mantra of education, representation and communication. Some of the ancillary objectives are the cultivation of a healthy interaction between trainees, not just within the UK, but internationally; and the development of research within our specialty. The annual North Europe Young Diabetologists (NEYD) meeting embodies these views and provides a platform for young trainees to share their research amongst their peers. This tri-nation meeting has been going strong for over 30 years (including its previous format as the Anglo-Danish-Dutch club) and continues to be one of the more enjoyable and light-hearted/informal YDEF courses.

This year the NEYD meeting was held in the picturesque city of Bergen in the Netherlands from 27th to 29th May. Over three days and seven themed sessions, attendees were treated to presentations from each of the 28 delegates on topics ranging from physiological to psychosocial and clinical aspects of hypoglycaemia and diabetes. These were interspersed with a plenary lecture on cardiovascular outcome trials in diabetes by Prof Jørgen Rungby; and a lively and entertaining debate between Professors Henk Bilo and Rory McCrimmon on the potential value of newer diabetes therapies in type 1 diabetes.

What also sets NEYD apart from other meetings is the promotion of networking between the attendees, and this was encouraged through evening meals and daily activities outside of the presentations. The meeting closed on Friday lunchtime with the award of a prize for best presentation, which deservedly went to Aleks from Denmark.

YDEF would like to thank our sponsors at Boehringer-Ingelheim for helping organise an exciting and thoroughly enjoyable event.

Keeping with the high calibre meetings organised by YDEF, the Insulin pump course was another highlight of the year. This year we kicked off to a rousing start with Dr Pratik Choudhary challenging trainees on what constituted a good diabetes clinic. Professor Stephanie Amiel laid the groundwork by emphasising the importance of getting insulin management right before reaching for technology.

Then followed excellent talks and hands on experience for the delegates who each spent 24 hours wearing their own pump. New for 2015 was a practical session with sensors – 3 lucky, lucky SpRs got to monitor their (interstitial!) glucose in real time overnight. Running a pump service was also covered as delegates got advice on negotiating with CCGs and procurement from clinical lead consultants Dr David Hopkins and Dr Nick Oliver who have been there and done that. The always popular workshop session on the final day covered pregnancy (Dr Peter Hammond), sport (Dr Alistair Lumb) and download interpretation (Dr Pratik Choudhary).

A great time was had by all and, as always, we extend our thanks to the brilliant faculty and sponsors Roche, Medtronic, Bayer, Abbott and Advanced Therapeutics UK.

## Looking forward

Looking ahead to the upcoming events by YDEF, we plan for the European Association for Study of Diabetes (EASD) annual meeting by offering our members an opportunity to apply for the YDEF-Lilly EASD scholarships. This initiative is supported by the team at Lilly diabetes and is aimed at providing support to 10 applicants to attend the EASD meeting to present their research or to experience the wonders of an international meeting. The deadline for applications has passed and once again proved to be very popular. The selected applicants will shortly be informed of their success.

Continuing our tradition of providing novel and essential events dedicated to developing our members, we are proud to announce our new venture with ABCD. The YDEF-ABCD Consultant Development Programme is a comprehensive leadership and management course specifically tailored for final year registrars and new consultants in our specialty. Set for November this year, it promises to be another unique meeting in the armoury of YDEF (and ABCD).

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