**Education report 2018**

Education Representative to Scottish Council: I am the newly appointed education rep to the Scottish Council. I have attended two meetings this year.

**State of play for Education in Scotland:**

The three Universities in Scotland provide under-graduate and post graduate courses in Diagnostic Imaging and Radiotherapy & oncology as well as post graduate provisions at all 3 universities. Some allow you to undertake single modules for CPD at PG level. Numbers of graduates is of interest as it appears there is a shortage in radiographers in Scotland and the rest of the UK, with the band 5 vacancy rate reported as 22% (the highest in the UK) in this report <https://www.sor.org/sites/default/files/document-versions/scor_census_of_uk_diagnostic_radiographic_workforce_2017_report_-_final_version.pdf>

**GCU – information supplied by Claire Currie, Karen Brogan, Elaine Gardiner and Margaret Spalding**

BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Imaging information available here <https://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/courses/details/index.php/P01640>

This programme has a total of 238 students with the largest cohort of Level ones yet at 70. 52 graduates in the summer, at least 51 have jobs, presumably as radiographers with one progressing to MSc DI. Two of the students won Imaging, Therapy and Practice student papers prizes, with 1st and joint 4th place. Currently working towards re validation next year and have had CoR recent approval of QEUH, West Glasgow ACH and Stirling ACH as placement sites.

MSc Diagnostic Imaging information available here <https://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/courses/details/index.php/P02406/Diagnostic_Imaging>

Recruits international students to the full time programme. Recruits home students to individual modules within the suite, such as MRI principles and practice and CT principles and practice. Students can take modules as stand alone CPD or combine with other modules in the suite towards PgC, PgD or MSc Advanced Practice.

MSc Medical Ultrasound information available here <https://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/courses/details/index.php/P01014/Medical_Ultrasound>

There are 45 students on the programme this year, the majority (64%) are NHS radiographers. The programme also attracts students from private practice and the 3rd sector. An example of the modules offered are obstetrics and gynaecology, general medical ultrasound and defined area of practice, where the content is tailored to the individual needs, such as breast, MSK or vascular imaging. The majority of students step off at PgC, however there is a trend to progress to PgD or MSc (27% of current cohort). GCU are pleased to be hosting the BMUS event next year on the 22nd March 2019.

BSc Radiotherapy and Oncology information available here <https://www.gcu.ac.uk/study/courses/details/index.php/P01641>

The BSc (Hons) RT&O programme has 30 level ones. In the summer 25 graduated and at least 18 of them are employed.

**RGU – information supplied by Lesley Leishman**

BSc (hons)Diagnostic Radiography information available here

<https://www.rgu.ac.uk/study/courses/975-mdrad-diagnostic-radiography>

Replacement of the BSc (Hons) with the 4-year undergraduate Master of Diagnostic Radiography (MDRad) – it was validated/approved earlier in the year and we the first cohort of 35 will start in September.  The new curriculum will allow the students to extend their competence, knowledge and skills beyond those required of an entry-level practitioner in order to enhance employability and future career progression.  Students will have the opportunity to enhance their knowledge in the areas of leadership, partnership working, service redesign, quality improvement, public health and health promotion, inter- and multi-professional team working, population health and research.  There is no change to entry requirements and no change to clinical placements, in terms of duration or level assessed, as the students will still enter the workforce as band 5 novice practitioners; the ‘enhancement’ will be in their academic underpinning.

19 students graduate BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography in July and all of them secured employment within the profession - 11 in Scotland (3 in placement sites visited routinely by our students; 8 in central belt), 7 in England and 1 in Ireland.

 The PgCert Diagnostic Image Reporting have 8 graduating this December & 2 (hopefully!) in 2019 (they chose to do the 2 year course).  Did not recruit a viable cohort this year so we are currently not running.  There are other standalone M level modules sitting in the Postgraduate Studies Framework running well.

The DipHE Radiographic Studies for Assistant Practitioners and have a current cohort of 12 (4 Scotland, 2 England and 6 Northern Ireland).  6 due to graduate in December – they all completed 1 year and chose to exit with the CertHE as they are based in general imaging departments so did not require to complete the 2nd year (which is based on specialist modalities).

**QMU**

No response from QMU programme lead. QMU offer a MSc Diagnostic Radiography (Pre registration) information available here <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study/2018-postgraduate-courses/msc-diagnostic-radiography-pre-registration/>

BSc (Hons) Diagnostic Radiography information available here <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/2019-undergraduate-courses-folder/bsc-hons-diagnostic-radiography/>

PGT MSc Medical Imaging (MRI/CT) information available here <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study/2019-postgraduate-courses/msc-medical-imaging/>

PGT MSc Mammography information available here <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/postgraduate-study/2018-postgraduate-courses/msc-mammography/>

The website for MSc Radiotherapy (Post registration) states: This course is no longer available.

The website for PgDip/MSc Radiotherapy and Oncology (pre-registration) states: This course is currently under review. Further information regarding 2019 entry will be available shortly.

BSc (Hons) Therapeutic Radiography information available here <https://www.qmu.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-study/2019-undergraduate-courses-folder/bsc-hons-therapeutic-radiography/>