



**MINUTES OF THE MAGNETIC RESONANCE ADVISORY GROUP (MRAG) HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016, AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOCIETY OF  
RADIOGRAPHERS, 207 PROVIDENCE SQUARE, LONDON SE1 2EW**

**PRESENT:**

Jagpal Baljit {JB}  
Stephen Boynes {SB}  
Carolyn Costigan {CC}  
Sheila Hassan {SH}  
Jenny Jones {JJ}  
Rakesh Puni {RP}  
Jacqueline Pursey {JP}  
Darren Walls {DW}  
Rachel Watt {RW}  
Chris Wright {CW} {Chair}

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Valerie Asemah {VA} {Minutes}  
Alex Lipton {AL}

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

- 1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and round table introductions were made. SCoR President, Sheila Hassan also introduced herself and was made welcome.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from David Reed, Kirsten Farrell-Savage and Prasad Vadday.

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting held 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015, were approved as a true and accurate record.

**3. MATTERS ARISING NOT OTHERWISE ON THE AGENDA**

**3.1 The role of the radiographer in MRI (minute 9.1)**

AL reminded the group that this has been published and encouraged group member to use it. She will resend to them again. SH suggested sending round to the RC and NCs to raise its profile and AL will look into promoting it again either on the website or in Synergy News.

**ACTION: AL**

**3.2 Reports from BIR Meetings – including update on EUPAD (minute 10.1)**

AL gave an update report on the BIR meetings.

3.3 ISAS standard review (minute 12.1)

AL informed the group that Kathy Slack (Project Lead) thanked everyone for their support with the review of the Standard and that it will be published later this year.

3.4 Any other business (minute 15.1)

AL reminded the group that the survey was still active and that members of MRAG should ensure that their department has completed the survey.

3.5 Any other business – PROMIS trial (minute 15.5)

To note that a meeting is scheduled for two weeks time with Prostate Cancer UK. AL will keep group updated on progress.

***ACTION:*** AL

**4. SAFETY IN MAGNETIC RESONANCE IMAGING – REVIEW UPDATE**

- 4.1 AL updated the group on the progress of the Safety in Magnetic Resonance Imaging. It was noted that Darren Walls, Rachel Watt and Chris Wright worked with AL on updating this guidance. There was a general discussion and then the group worked through the document highlighting the changes needed. Some fairly extensive changes were made which AL will action and share a final draft with the group before wider distribution to the MR BIR SIG.

***ACTION:*** AL

**5. MATTERS ARISING FOLLOWING REVIEW OF SAFETY UPDATE – including screening forms/consent etc.**

- 5.1 AL to liaise with BAMRR regarding access to an updated screening form and flow charts for other areas such as IOFB. AL to contact IPEM regarding information on the role of the MR Safety expert.

***ACTION:*** AL

**6. MR SAFETY EXPERT UPDATE AND REVIEW**

- 6.1 AL gave an update and informed the group that she had attended a meeting which discussed in more detail the competencies and knowledge requirements for this role and explored the possible means of accreditation. It was noted that IPEM have not published any updated guidance on this role other than their position statement. AL will post any updated details about this role on synapse for the group to review when produced by IPEM.

***ACTION:*** AL

**7. MRI PAUSE AND CHECK – REVIEW AND SIGN OFF**

- 7.1 The group reviewed the final draft version of the Pause and Check for MRI and following discussion the group reached agreement on further changes. AL will tidy up and send to the group asking for final comments before submitting to the editors. The group agreed that this will be available in the same format as the ultrasound version.

**ACTION: ALL**

**8. E LEARNING SAFETY PACKAGE – discussion (Barbara Nugent’s work)**

- 8.1 AL gave an update on Barbara Nugent’s work and informed the group that it is progressing quite well. She is attending a meeting with Barbara on 24<sup>th</sup> May and asked the group to review the pilot module which will be posted on synapse – comments required by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2016.

**ACTION: ALL**

**9. PROFILES ON WEBSITE**

- 9.1 The Chair reminded those members whose profile was still outstanding to please do so as soon as possible. VA agreed to double check those who are still outstanding and send them a reminder email.

**Post meeting note: only two member’s profiles outstanding.**

**ACTION: VA**

**10. REPORTS FROM BAMRR, BIR MEETINGS AND FIRST CONSENSUS MEETING ON WHOLE BODY MRI**

- 10.1 RW gave an update on BAMRR (in David Reed’s absence). Membership is doing well and continuing to grow.

- BAMRR Introductory course - Friday April 15th and Saturday 16th 2016 at Clinical Research and Imaging Centre, (CRIC Bristol), University Bristol
- UKRC - BAMRR session Wed 8th June Arena and Convention Centre Liverpool 2.20pm onwards

Session details:

Ms Eli Jovanovik, Head of Imaging Fitzpatrick Referrals

**'Paws for thoughts: MRI epilepsy in small animals'**

Dr T Blakeborough, Consultant Radiologist Royal Hallamshire Hospital

**'Hepatobiliary MRI'**

Mr. David Grainger, Senior Device Specialist,  
Medicines & Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency  
**'MHRA MRI safety guidance update'**

Please see UKRC website for more information <http://www.ukrc.org.uk>

- Conference - 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual BAMRR Conference, Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016  
Marriott Hotel, Mill Lane, Cardiff  
Please see BAMRR website for more details <http://www.bamrr.org>

10. 2 DW gave an update on the meeting he attended yesterday noting that it was very intense. He went through the questionnaire and contributed where he could. The article will be published at the end of June 2016, in Radiography.

## **11. PET MR POSITION STATEMENT**

- 11.1 AL reminded the group that it has been agreed that MRAG and NMAG will setup a working party to produce a position statement on PET MR. Two volunteers from this group are requested to join the working party which should only involve telephone and electronic communications. AL asked anyone who is interested to please inform VA.

***ACTION: ALL***

## **12. MR TRAINING AND EDUCATION DISCUSSION**

- 12.1 JJ gave a presentation on MR Training and Education and much discussion followed. It was agreed to have this as an agenda item at the next meeting.

## **13. ITEMS FOR SN AND IMAGING AND THERAPY PRACTICE**

- 13.1 SCoR is seeking a variety of articles for Imaging and Therapy Practice publication and encouraged the group to submit and to share with colleagues. To note that the guidance on submission can be provided.

***ACTION: ALL***

## **14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

- 14.1 JJ thanked the group for responding to her request on Synapse.
- 14.2 SH thanked the group members on behalf of Council for their involvement and hard work.

## **15. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

15.1 Dates of future meetings have been agreed as:

- Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2017
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017
- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2018
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018