

Young Urology Researchers Committee
17th April 2016 (Gold Coast) - Meeting Minutes

Present: Nathan Lawrentschuk, Esha Gopee, Sonja Cabarkapa, Jonathan O'Brien, Todd Manning, Shannon McGrath, Cristian Udovicich, Daniel Christid, Claire Pascoe, Jada Kapoor, Arveen Kalapara, Ryan Newbold, Michael Bozin, Jonathan Lo, Ken Chow

Apologies: Julie, Paul

Opening (Nathan Lawrentschuk):

Role of the Committee - to collaborate as a group to continue furthering Urology research, and helping each other publish; led by junior doctors/researchers, but with support and mentorship from consultants on multiple editorial boards and wealth of experience (eg Nathan, Declan etc)

Positions voted in unanimously:

President – Todd Manning
Vice President – Dan Christidis
Treasurer – Shannon McGrath
Secretary- Jada Kapoor
Scholarships Officer – Jonathan Lo
Chief editor – Paul
Chief illustrator – Michael Bozin
Chief statistician – Nathan Papa
University of Melbourne representatives – Sonja Cabarkapa/John O'Brien/Julie
Austin representative – Ryan Newbold
Monash representative – Esha Gopee
St Vincent's representative – Claire Pascoe
Western representative – Cristian Udovicich
Peter MacCallum representative – Michael Bozin
Alfred representative – Arveen Kalapara
Royal Melbourne representative – Ken Chow

Other Business:

1. Collaboration platform - Google docs for research log (running list of each project and status) and meeting minutes, Dropbox for uploading databases. Access to be shared following this meeting by President/Vice President.
2. Unpublished research project available – testicular vasculitis case series (4 or 5 cases at the Austin); if more cases at other hospitals, can combine to write up a bigger case series. Note that European Urology accepts submissions for case series of the month (not case reports alone)

3. Need to explore what data is available at private hospitals (eg Epworth and St Vincent's Private)
4. Journals have a current need for more reviews, especially with good methodology (PRISMA)
5. Gain insight from each other's knowledge regarding referencing softwares, eg Endnote, Papers, Scopus etc
6. Look into grants and scholarships available (eg Avant)
7. Statistics assistance available in hospitals (eg Nathan Papa – Austin), email Statistics Australia – unpaid, acknowledgement/authorship expected

Next Meeting: date and location to be advised by President

Agenda for next meeting:

- current research projects status update
- new research ideas
- hospital representatives to discuss and share databases available to them following approval of consultants involved
- committee logo by chief illustrator
- scholarships officer to advise of available grants
- other housekeeping