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**Minutes of the 25th meeting of AMICU, held at
The Woodhey Hotel on Friday 12th December 1997
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Present: 16 Consultants 11 Juniors

Dr Harper	Dr McMillan	Dr Jayson
Dr Nagaraj	Dr Wenstone	Dr Griffiths
Dr Masterson	Dr Scott	Dr Hankin
Dr Ledson	Mr Choy	Dr M Atherton
Dr Vangikar	Dr Mostafa	Dr Lewis
Dr Graham	Dr Hawkins	Dr Chambers
Dr Shearer	Dr Hayes	Dr Natraj
Dr Jones	Dr Horton	Dr Mannar
Dr Baines	Dr Rodanant	Dr Walker

24/97 Minutes of last meeting
Accepted as a true representation of the last meeting.

25/97 Matters arising

19/97 Dr Fred Mostafa gave a resume of the career of Dr Tony Gilbertson as a Consultant in ICU in the Mersey Region. Dr Gilbertson set up the first ICU in Merseyside and established the first ICU training posts for anaesthetists in this area. Many of the anaesthetists trained by Dr Gilbertson now run ICU's around the world. A selection of Dr Gilbertson's honors include: Director of ICU at RLUH (1981-87), President of the section of Anaesthesia of the Royal Society of Medicine, examiner for the Royal College of Anaesthetists, President of the Royal Society of Medicine, Chairman of the Medical Board at RLUH, Chairman of the RLUH ethics committee (at this point the Secretary was unable to keep up!). His many publications included the first UK description of SCARRF. Dr Gilbertson retired from active duty in June 1997. He was nominated for Honorary membership of AMICU by Dr Mostafa and seconded by the whole meeting (although Dr Griffiths was first with his hand up). He was duly elected as the first Honorary member of our association.

22/97/3 Dr Joanne Ryan (Bolton) is the new Chairman of the regional IC Audit Group. She would welcome suggestions for topics suitable for regionwide ICU based audit.

22/97/4 There was concern expressed that the plans to centralise paediatric intensive care may be detrimental to the overall provision of paediatric care in the peripheries.

22/97/6 There had been no nominations for the officers of AMICU. Dr Jayson expressed his view that he had served long enough as an officer of AMICU (6 years as Secretary and 2 years as Chairman) Dr's Shearer and Griffiths said they would be prepared to stay on as Secretary and Treasurer respectively. It was announced that Dr Jayson would therefore appreciate nominations for the position of Chairman of AMICU before the next meeting in March 1998. He intends to stand down at that meeting and a new Chairman to take up post.

26/97 Dr Jim Lewis's talk

Dr Lewis (Consultant Chest Physician from London, Ontario, Canada) was introduced by Dr Dave Graham (Consultant Chest Physician, Whiston). Dr Leis then gave a fascinating 35 minute talk on the role of surfactant in the development of ARDS. This was followed by 25 minutes of questions

27/97 Annual Registrars Prize

The Registrars prize was contested by:

Dr Steve Jones (SpR in Critical Care at Whiston) who presented a case history entitled "An RTA in ICU"

Dr James Ledson (SpR in Anaesthesia at RLUH) who presented a case history entitled "An acute confusional state"

Mr Alfred Choy (SpR in general surgery at Fazakerley Hospital) who presented the results of a study into "The use of non-invasive ventilation in post-operative respiratory failure"

The judges for the competition were: Dr Griffiths, Dr Shearer and Dr Hankin.

Mr Choy was deemed the winner and was presented with a cheque for £150 by Dr Jayson

28/97 Chairmans Address

28/97/1 Mrs Jean Faugier (Regional Director of Nursing) has taken over from Richard Popplewell as Chairman of the Regional ICU working group. This is the first time a regional director has been involved in the Regional ICU group.

Mr Popplewell has taken over the chairmanship of a new Service Specification Group which is intended to produce a service specification for ICU in the North West. Other members of the group include Dr Neil Fergusson, Dr Moira Shelly, Dr Ian McCartney and representatives of the purchasers.

28/97/2 The ICNARC steering group is due to meet again at the start of January 1998. There has been a plea from ICBIS to ensure that ICBIS transfer forms are used on ALL ICU transfers. Please contact Claire O'Connor at North Manchester Hospital if you don't have any forms.

28/97/3 Insurance cover for transporting ICU patients is the responsibility of individual Trusts. Ian McCartney at N. Manchester is reportedly very happy with the arrangements they have with their Trust. Dr Jayson will contact Dr McCartney to get more details. Meanwhile, it is suggested that each Unit discusses with it's own Trust to qualify their arrangements.

28/97/4 Regional Advisor.

Dr Fergusson and the PG dean have had their first STEC (ICU) meeting. At that meeting it was decided that all clinical directors of ICU's in Merseyside should be

invited to become members of STEC(ICU). The next meeting was planned for Feb. 3rd 1998. Dr Mostafa asked that it should be recorded that he felt the Regional Advisor in ICU (Dr Fergusson) should attend more AMICU meetings. Dr Shearer asked whether AMCU should formally be represented at STEC(ICU) meetings. Dr McMillan felt that this was not necessary but that the committee should be made aware of, and take notice of, the views of AMICU. Dr Mostafa pointed out that the chairman of AMICU is a member of STEC(Anaesthesia) and should therefore also be a member of STEC(ICU). No decision was made on this point.

29/97 Date of next meeting

Friday 27th March 1998. 2pm Woodhey Hotel. Agenda to be arranged.