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# AMICU *Association of Merseyside Intensive Care Units*

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**AMICU MEETING**  
**Friday 16 June 2006**  
at 2.30 pm  
in  
QUALITY HOTEL  
Little Sutton

**ATTENDEES:**

Dr Andrews - Whiston Hospital  
Dr Hankin - Whiston Hospital  
Dr Masterson – Royal Liverpool University Hospital  
Dr Mahambrey - Whiston Hospital  
Dr Wenstone - Royal Liverpool University Hospital  
Dr Mullen – Countess of Chester Hospital  
Dr Littler - Wrexham Maelor Hospital  
Dr Pugh - Whiston Hospital  
Dr Vangikar - Southport Hospital  
Dr Mehra - Arrowe Park Hospital  
Dr Sadera - Arrowe Park Hospital  
Prof Griffiths - Whiston Hospital  
Dr Harper - Royal Liverpool University Hospital  
Mr Brennan - Royal Liverpool University Hospital (*Speaker*)

**APOLOGIES:**

Prof. Leuwer  
Dr J Harper  
Dr R Nelson  
Dr C Harris  
Dr L McCrossen

**Introduction:**

Dr Francis Andrews, Secretary AMICU welcomed the audience and introduced the day's speaker, Mr John Brennan.

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**Presentation.**

Mr John Brennan, consultant in vascular surgery at Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospital gave an excellent presentation on endovascular aortic aneurysm repair. Mr Brennan is acknowledged as a leader in this field and has contributed a great deal to the EVAR trials in this area.

The lecture was very informative and was particularly relevant to Intensivists as it covered the use of stents in traumatic aortic injury also.

The talk was followed by a discussion and questioning lasting 15 minutes.

### **3. Regional Advisors Update**

Dr Euan Shearer gave an update presentation as to the progress on current proposals for an acute common stone training programme. Dr Shearer continues to work on these proposals but it was noted that whilst Critical Care Medicine and Emergency Medicine in the region are very committed to the common stone programme, there were reservations from Anaesthesia and Acute Medicine. Dr Shearer will keep us updated with these developments.

### **4 Business Meeting**

- 1) AMICU ballot for Chairperson. Dr Francis Andrews revealed the results of the ballot among AMICU members and Dr Richard Nelson polled 15 votes and Dr Corinne Harris polled 7 votes. Dr Richard Nelson was therefore duly elected as the Chairperson of AMICU.
- 2) Dr Andrews discussed Issues regarding the Chair of the Regional Critical Care Network Clinical Group Meeting. In the past this has been chaired by the chairperson of AMICU but recently this has not been the case. Members of AMICU were unanimous in asking the Critical Care Network to reconsider and see if the Chairperson of AMICU could also chair the Clinical Group Meeting in order to retain a degree of independence when chairing the Group Meeting.
- 3) Dr Richard Wenstone gave a brief treasurers report and said that AMICU funds were currently in the black. However, he did wish to see all AMICU consultant members paying the £25 subscription rate per annum. Direct debit forms were being made available to all members in the near future. Dr Wenstone pointed out the need for funding AMICU was because that we are paid in honorarium and other various expenses.

### **5. Any other business**

There was no further business for discussion and Dr Andrews brought the meeting to an end.

### **6. Next meeting**

Will be held on the 14 September 2006 at the Park Royal Hotel and is a joint ANWICU / AMICU meeting, further details will be sent nearer the time.

Dr Ingeborg Welters will be representing AMICU at this meeting.