

Dear Members

Many thanks to all of you who have written, emailed or stopped me in the corridor to congratulate me on my new role. Your good wishes are much appreciated! It's hard to follow such a great role model as Mair, and I hope she will be enjoying a well-earned break from RCPCH business now that her term has come to an end. Every conversation with a College representative that I've had since taking over has started with a discussion about what a great job she did - Da iawn Mair!

#### **Joint WPS/RCPCH Wales and IPA meeting**

We will be having a 2-day clinical meeting with the Irish Paediatric Association in the Clayton Hotel, Galway from Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December to Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We can now confirm the flights that we will be taking from South Wales. Flybe have a direct flight from **Cardiff to Dublin flight no BE4525 on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 3.45pm** and returning on **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December from Cork to Cardiff on the 2.20pm flight BE4574.**

Members from North Wales are welcome to join us on the following flights from either Manchester or Birmingham:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Depart from Manchester at 3.15pm - Land in Dublin at 4.15pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Depart from Cork at 2.50pm - Land in Manchester at 4.25pm

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Depart from Birmingham at 2.45pm - Land in Dublin at 3.55pm

**Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** Depart from Cork at 2.50pm - Land in Birmingham at 4.25pm

If you would like to book these flights please visit: [www.skyscanner.net/](http://www.skyscanner.net/)

Alternatively, from North Wales there are 3 ferries a day direct to Dublin. We may be able to synchronise with the 2.10pm sailing that gets in at 5.25pm and the Sunday sailing of 2:50pm back to Holyhead may offer similar possibilities as I think the ferry and airport are only 20 minutes apart by road.

**The WPS will provide coach travel in Ireland for members on these flights therefore please confirm if you require a seat on the coach to Lisa Roberts by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October.**

The call for abstracts and registration will open on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August** with the deadline for abstract submission being **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October**. We hope you can join us in Ireland.

#### **WAGE meeting – Paediatric Gastroenterology.**

Another meeting you may be interested in is the paediatric GI meeting on - Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 in Llandrindod Wells. Good speakers and topics please see the [WAGE website](#)

#### **St David's Day Conference 2019 and Celebrating Trainees event**

Will be held in February 2019 in Cardiff, the theme being: **Fetal Life to Adulthood: Mental Health & Development**. This will be combined with our Celebrating Trainees event at the end of this meeting. This event was launched to showcase trainee achievements and opportunities for trainees.

#### **RCPCH Wales Executive Committee**

The RCPCH Wales Executive Committee currently has 3 vacancies, a South-East Wales representative, an academic advisor representative and a North Wales regional lead. We will pick up the issues of unified patient advice leaflets/protocols and All Wales electronic growth charts the next meeting which takes place in September. If you wish to apply for these posts please visit the nominations page on the [RCPCH Website](#).



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WELSH PAEDIATRIC SOCIETY**

I wish you a very pleasant summer holiday!

Best Wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Tuthill', with a horizontal line underneath.

**Dr David Tuthill**

**RCPCH Officer for Wales / Welsh Paediatric Society President**