



British Pharmaceutical Students' Association

The official student organisation of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

## **BPSA Policy Statements from 66<sup>th</sup> BPSA Annual Conference, Kingston**

This Association Believes That....

- The BPSA should investigate running a science poster competition for pharmacy students of all year to show their work. This should be held at either science conference or annual conference.
- The new electronic care records should contain a section for pharmacists to add any information that they deem necessary.
- Accredited checking technicians (ACTs) should share joint responsibility with the pharmacist for dispensing errors that occur while they are checking prescriptions.
- All community pharmacists should have more autonomy when running the pharmacy for which they are responsible whether the pharmacy is independent or part of a Pharmacy chain.
- The local and national pharmacy associations of the UK should play a bigger role on the international forum.
- The BPSA should investigate moving towards an online PDC scheme.
- The BPSA should look into feasibilities to support the liaison Secretary for EPSA and contact person for IPSF financially to attend conference abroad to represent the BPSA.
- The pharmaceutical industry should improve advertisement of their summer placements.
- If feasibly possible the BPSA should have a paid position or positions on the executive.
- Dentists should move towards computerized prescriptions and cut down on handwritten prescriptions.
- All registered pharmacists should be considered as “responsible” pharmacists

- Complete direction should be put on all prescriptions and the phrase “as directed” should not be used alone.
- Schools of pharmacy should promote encourage and aid facilitation of international exchange programmes.
- Grammatical and spelling errors within the BPSA regulations should be amendable by the regulations working party, as long as this does not change their meaning, without consultation with or and approval by BPSA members.
- It is the opinion of this meeting that the Society should seek to encourage preregistration training providers to increase the opportunity for preregistration trainees to undertake cross- sector placements.
- Preregistration employers should include a section on the preregistration form to ascertain whether an applicant has taken part in Professional Development scheme during their studies, such as the BPSA PDC Scheme.
- The BPSA should actively improve its relationship with National representatives and reward them for their achievements.
- The BPSA Executive before the end of the current executive year, 2007/2008, should call a special general meeting that should consist of executive, HLMs, National Representatives, and others deemed appropriate by the executive – to discuss the future of the BPSA in relation to the current changes in the profession.