

British Association of Neuroscience Nurses (BANN)- 2006 Report

BANN has had another successful year with a steady membership.

The annual conference and annual business meeting was held in October 2005 in Edinburgh. The programme was very varied with a theme of Leadership for the morning keynote speakers. Presentations included specialist roles, clinical and education issues. The workshops were very well attended with some hands – on practice and experience for non-invasive ventilation and a step-by-step neurological and cranial nerve assessment sessions which were excellent whatever your level of experience.

The social activities included a visit to the new Scottish parliament building. This started with a glass of a wine and a short talk by a Scottish Member of Parliament. We found out that she has Parkinson's disease, which made our visit more meaningful.

There was meeting for the neurosciences national benchmarking group at the weekend. The idea is to set up more localised groups of units to set benchmarks, as this would reduce travelling time and expenditure.

The development of the knowledge skills framework in line with the changes to the pay structure for all staff continues. A submission was made to the committee that this would be an appropriate time to develop National Neuroscience Nursing competencies to support this framework.

The Association's Headlines magazine now has a new and improved look which is helping to market the association.

The British Journal of Neuroscience Nursing is now coming to the end of its first, successful year. The journal will now be monthly. Submissions from colleagues in the WFNN would be welcomed. If you are interested in writing something or would like more information about the journal please contact me at the address below.

Our Annual conference in 2006 will be held in Southampton.

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