



## **Chair's Report – SHINe AGM 2010**

This year the SHINe AGM broke 'out of the mould' and travelled to Aberdeen for this annual report and study day at the Suttie Centre. It has been my wish since becoming SHINe Chair that we make the effort to travel beyond the central belt.

It has been a very busy year for SHINe – the committee and groups have all been working hard for you the members. We keep in the mind what you the members want, and endeavour to bring that to you.

The main workload this year has been the development of the new website and the eSHINe group have been working particularly hard towards this. On behalf of the committee and SHINe members I want to take this opportunity to thank the group for the tremendous amount of work that has been put into this project. I would particularly like to single out Alison Bogle for leading and managing this huge change project – I think many would agree it would never have been started or completed without her determination, hard work and expertise in managing projects.

The new website was soft launched in Autumn 2009, and there are of course still details to work through. The website should ease workload for group and committee members and make the work of these groups more transparent. Eventually the blog and other web 2.0 features will come on stream and passwords will be issued to members. It is without a doubt a much better 'shop window' for outsiders to see what SHINe is about, what we stand for and how we operate. We believe it will be a great marketing tool also.

The committee have been asked repeatedly over the last couple of years for a re-assessment of the institutional members pricing structure. We understand that some of our institutions are made up of many units and in response the committee have been working on a price reduction model for institutional members. The paper will be circulated soon for comment and voting procedures will follow.

This year we had two requests from you the members for life membership consideration – Julian Hodgson and Michael Wells. We are delighted to announce that they accepted this invitation.

This coming year will be another busy year. The consolidation of the website redesign will feature highly. The outcome of the proposed model for institutional subscriptions. We have also been invited to be involved in the national e-journal subscription talks with NHS Education for Scotland – an important development in national journal health collections which has implications for SHINe.

Finally, I want to thank all committee members and group members for all the hard work that they do – on top of their ‘real jobs’. It has been another interesting year in developing and making ready SHINe for the future – I have found it personally satisfying too. However, it is with a heavy heart that I would like to officially announce that this will be my last year as Chair of SHINe and will step down at the AGM 2011. This will take my time on the committee to be 4 years and with pressures of work I feel that it is time to let others take over. The committee will be actively recruiting a new Chair and will start succession planning in earnest after the summer break.

However, in the short term I look forward to another busy and interesting year in SHINe.

Regards

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SHINe Chair