

Health Professions Council – 7 October 2009

Reports from Council representatives at external meetings

Executive Summary and Recommendations

**Introduction**

The attached feedback form has been received from Neil Willis, reporting back from a meeting at which he represented the HPC:-

**Decision**

The Council is requested to note the document.

**Background information**

None

**Resource implications**

None

**Financial implications**

Provision has been made in the 2009/2010 Council budget to cover the daily allowance and travel and subsistence costs for those members attending meetings to represent HPC.

**Background papers**

None

**Appendices**

Copies of feedback form

**Date of paper**

24 September 2009

Name of Council Member	Neil Willis
Title of event	Institute of Biomedical Sciences, Council Meeting
Date of event	4 September 2009
Approximate attendance at event	32
<p>Issues of Relevance to HPC</p> <p><u>Structure of the new Council</u></p> <p>The IBMS Council has a continuing interested in all aspect of the HPC and were particularly interested in the structure, composition and remit of the new Council.</p> <p><u>Modernising Scientific Careers</u></p> <p>A report from Annual General Meeting of the Heads of University Centres of Biomedical Science (HUCBMS) regarding MSC was discussed and at that meeting the Chief Scientific Officer, Prof Sue Hill outlined plans for the education and training requirements for Healthcare Science Practitioners (HCSP) and Healthcare Scientists (HCS). The CSO proposed a three year degree program followed by evidence of competence (similar to Certificate of Competence) for HCSP and three year program at "M" level followed by evidence of competence (similar to the Certificate of Attainment) for HCS. Funding has been sourced for a pilot Scientific Training Program in Medical Genetics, however the awarding bodies, for evidence of competencies, have not been identified.</p> <p><u>HPC Approval visit</u></p> <p>The IBMS has prepared all the necessary documents and organised the personnel required for the HPC approval visit following the decision to classify the IBMS as an Education Provider. The HPC Education and Training department has scheduled the approvals visit at the IBMS head office, for 14 November 2009.</p>	
<p><u>Key Decisions Taken</u></p> <p>The IBMS would like continue to work closely with the HPC in all matters related to Modernising scientific Careers particular on matters associate with the setting up of the Awarding Body for Healthcare Scientists and Healthcare Science Practitioners.</p>	