

Tissue Viability Society Business

The summer months usually mark a quiet time for the Tissue Viability Society, but not this year! At the end of August Dawn Roberts formally left the Society after 15 years service. The Council is certain that all members of the Society will wish her well for her future challenges. It is without doubt that the Society will miss Dawn's ability to help the Society run in an efficient and effective manner. After careful consideration it was decided that Dawn's position of Business Manager will not be advertised and an appropriate candidate sought. Rather Anne Sullivan, the TVS Administrator, will take over many of Dawn's responsibilities for the financial management of the Society with Anne reporting to the TVS Professional Adviser, Dr Michael Clark. In this manner it is expected that the Society will continue to experience careful stewardship.

One important change will be that from 2006 the TVS Office will no longer hold responsibility for the organization of the annual conference with the appointment of Healthcare Events to act as the professional conference organiser for the Society during the 2006 conference. This step was taken to reduce the burden upon the TVS Office imposed by the myriad tasks required to execute a successful event. The Council looks forward to working with Healthcare Events in the preparation for 2006 and is excited by the prospect of the new ideas that a conference organizer will bring to our annual meeting.

Not only did we lose Dawn Roberts over the past months but the TVS Office also shrank! We used to have two rooms within the Glanville Centre at Salisbury District Hospital but with the ever increasing demands for space in clinical and academic facilities resulted in the loss of the smaller of our two rooms over the summer. This reduction in working space is not considered to pose any threat to the administration of the Society.

It is with regret that the Tissue Viability Society has to inform members that the current publishing arrangements with MA Healthcare will cease after the distribution of the January 2005 issue. This decision stems from changes in

MA Healthcare's strategic direction and does not reflect upon the quality of this Journal. The partnership with MA Healthcare was warmly welcomed by the Council of the Society and the key staff we have worked with – primarily Rebecca Linssen and Edward Rusling – have contributed a great deal to the recent development of this publication. The Council would like formally thank MA Healthcare for their support and wish the company every success in its future activities. What of the *Journal of Tissue Viability* after January 2005? At this time there are a number of negotiations underway with potential publishers, and the Council and Editorial Board hope to have positive news regarding a new publisher in the next issue of the Journal.

The new-look TVS web-site went live in August 2004. This is a major development for the Society and after a warm reception for the new site there are plans for substantial expansion of the facilities offered to members through the web-site. Keep looking at the site www.tvs.org.uk over the rest of 2004 to keep up with the expansions to the information that can be accessed through the web.

The Tissue Viability Society will play a leading role once again in the forthcoming Wounds 2004 conference to be held in Harrogate on November 16 and 17. The Society will be participating in a live question time debate similar to our contribution to this conference last year. The 2003 debate highlights can be viewed at <http://www.wounds-uk.com/video qt.shtml> and we look forward to another stimulating and provocative debate this November.

Over the summer you may have encountered the TVS at two conferences – UWMEF held in Cardiff in June and the 2nd World Union of Wound Healing Societies conference held in Paris during early July. The Paris conference was attended by over 5000 delegates and TVS was represented upon the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) stand, being a cooperating society within EWMA. Our cooperation with EWMA allowed Paris delegates to obtain copies of the *Journal of Tissue Viability* so extending awareness of the Society and the journal world-wide.