

## DIARY DATES:

### Training course

#### Manchester

- Nov 2-4, 2011

### RSM Allergy Day

- May 23, 2012

### ESCD

#### Malmo, Sweden

- June 13-16, 2012

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# British Society Cutaneous Allergy

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## Baseline series updated

The committee has recently reviewed results collated through the BSCA database and as a consequence of trends in allergen positivity made the following recommendations:

**Primin:** to delete and move to plant series as a consequence of low frequency of reactions and frequent lack of relevance

**Propolis:** deleted and moved to face series as it was not thought to add value when used as a screening allergen

**Methylisothiazolinone 0.2% aq:** added. This allergen is now used on its own in personal care products. Several studies have shown that the current MCI/MI mixture misses relevant

positive results and that the 0.02% concentration results in false negative results.

**Amerchol LI01 50% pet:** added. The debate about lanolin allergy continues. Several members felt that the addition of amerchol aided diagnosis when there were consistent reactions between lanolin related allergens

To improve sensitivity and reduce risk of false negative reactions the concentrations of 2 allergens have been increased without appearing to increase the risk of irritancy.

**Formaldehde 2% aq**  
**Bromonitropropanediol**

0.5%

New additions should soon be available through your local supplier of Chemotechnique allergens



Mark Wilkinson

## Meetings update

### Trainees course

November 2-4, 2011

Any late enquiries to:  
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### RSM Allergy Day

May 23, 2012

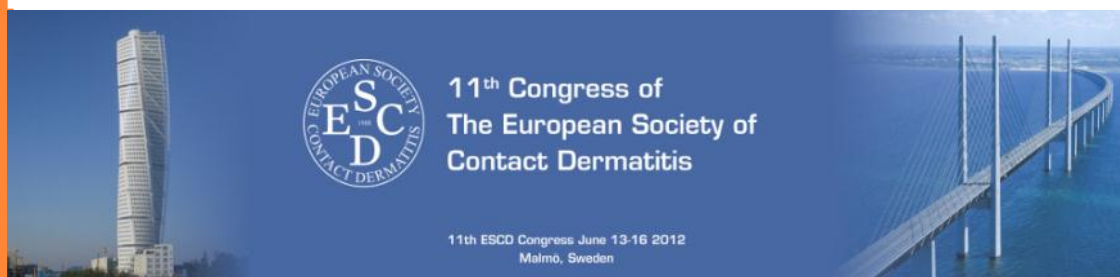
In conjunction with the Clinical Immunology and Allergy section

of the Royal Society of Medicine and British Society for Allergy & Clinical Immunology we are contributing to this event with the morning devoted to skin disease. With contributions from a variety of sources the day should prove interesting and provide insight into other ways of managing allergic skin disease

### Annual Meeting

July 3, 2012

Due to be held in Birmingham in conjunction with the British Association of Dermatologists meeting our guest speaker is Dr Jim Taylor from the Cleveland Clinic, USA who will talk on an aspect of occupational skin disease.



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## Links with the BAD

The committee was delighted to hear that the BAD has decided to support the attendance of the guest speaker at our annual meeting by giving free registration and financial support similar to that for speakers at the main meeting.

Feedback from the annual meeting in July was very positive. It was felt that it would be helpful to avoid clashes

between special interest group meetings with similar themes. This has been discussed with the BAD but it was felt that some degree of overlap was impossible to avoid. We will continue to liaise with other groups to minimize any conflict

We have also made a request that refreshment facilities are available close to the meeting

room to enable members to return to the meeting following the break

If you wish to make any suggestions please let us know at:

[bsca@btinternet.com](mailto:bsca@btinternet.com)

## Future plans

### Update 2012

Plans are moving forward for an update course in September 2012.

### ESCD 2016

UK members of the ESCD are considering a bid to host the European meeting in 2016.