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Chair's Report Review of the Year 2024-2025 for AGM 16th May 2025

This has been another year of significant change in medical education nationally. We have kept up-to-date with these changes and anticipate significant impacts on our practice. In the last year we have responded to concerns of members around national issues including the medical degree apprenticeship and allocation of foundation posts. We continue to raise issues and concerns where we can. We have contributed to the medical training review and have had input into the organisation of national educational meetings especially DEMEC.

We continue to run a successful program of leadership development for our members. CorBLIME continues to be successful and places are in short supply. We have increased capacity by adding another course in the South East. Those who attend this course often form their own informal community of practice and go on to our other more in-depth explanations of the educational themes including finance, motivation and influencing and coaching and mentoring within the MorBLIME suite.

This year has been the first year we have supported two research projects with funding to investigate themes of our choice. This year we have look forward to hearing about support for supervisors. We have put out another call this year looking in more detail at this very important area.

Again for the first time at our annual meeting we will give out 7 awards including the medical education team of the year, director of medical education of the year and medical education manager of the year, co-sponsored with NAMEM.

We maintain links with international colleagues in North Carolina and plan to host another fellow in 2026.

We are doing an ongoing program of work along with former council member Adam Malin to update documents.

As ever we are grateful to our officers and representatives including Sara Evans who has represented us indefatigably at foundation related meetings and together with Shum Dev organised a successful and well attended foundation sharing event. Marwan Bukhari, Ilana Langdon and Helen Cattermole have attended English Deans and interpreted the various obscurities of their agendas very effectively. Sarah Rafferty has organised council meetings dealt with agendas and even turned them into CPD!

Special thanks this year must go to Marc Davison who is stepping down after at least 6 years very effectively dealing with our finances. His report speaks for itself. I hope you will find time to think him in person when you next can.

Finally this organisation would not exist or succeed without its permanent offices including our Executive Manager Anita Rodgers and her colleague Michelle Atkins. Their input has been invaluable in all areas of our work particularly in driving forward our objectives and in organising our educational offering. We are also of course indebted to Dr Simon Frazer for his involvement in the delivery of our various courses and in his contribution to our vision and strategy for the future. We look forward to working with him again next year and continuing our productive relationship.

With thanks to all concerned and anyone I may have missed (with apologies) and looking forward to another successful and a challenging year.

Dr Stephen Lord Chair, Medical Education Leaders UK