

ACIP AGM PRESENTATION

Before I say anything further about myself, I would like to thank Robert and John for their leadership. ACIP is an extraordinary association, which owes much of its current strength and diversity to their energy and their enthusiastic roles as secretary, vice president and latterly joint presidency. They have each given of their time and energy unstintingly and we all owe them a debt of gratitude. I personally also thank them, and the rest of the committee, for supporting and encouraging my nomination as the next president.

Of course, I am not Robert or John (as you may have noticed!). Therefore, although I very much intend to carry on their good work, my methods and style will obviously be different from theirs.

I very much feel that ACIP is an organisation which benefits from group - committee decisions. I intend to delegate roles, whilst of course retaining my own input and shouldering the responsibilities of president.

I want every member to feel they have a voice - and one which will be listened to with respect. I do feel the present committee works well as a team. We have fostered a good working relationship and, in spite of inevitable disagreements at times, we usually reach an accord! We very much look forward to welcoming new, replacement members from amongst those who have nominated themselves. The results of our choice will be made public at an EGM next month.

We, as a committee, do not intend to make drastic changes to ACIP. The annual programme of events and classes will continue as before. As has always been the case, if anyone has any ideas of extra things they wish to see happen, please let the committee know - and preferably have some ideas yourself of how to organise your proposed event!

There is scope for reinforcing and enlarging the role of the support group. I would like to see this made more formal, especially when it comes to involvement in the larger social events.

We also intend to ensure full transparency and communication with members; that all decisions made by the committee are clear, concise and made available for your perusal. (Although you do have to read emails and even the posted committee minutes!).

But, above all, we should all remember that ACIP should be fun for all those who are part of it. It's the reason why we are all here, so let's continue to make it enjoyable.

Once again, thank you to John and Robert; to the committee for their support; and to all of you who have voted for me. I hope you will forgive any mistakes I may make along the way, and I will do my best to fulfill the role of president of ACIP.