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BAPEN has a new Chair Dr Tim Bowling takes over Chairmanship of BAPEN from Dr Mike Stroud at 2011 Conference

Statement from Dr Tim Bowling, incoming Chair of BAPEN:

"I am delighted to be taking over the Chair of BAPEN from Mike Stroud, who has done a superb job over these last 3 years and has the wholehearted appreciation and thanks of the Association.

BAPEN has played a significant role in ensuring that nutritional care has never been higher on political, professional and public agendas. BAPEN has helped achieve this through its wide range of activities relating to screening, the development of educational tools for 'MUST' and its collaborative associations with many clinical, NHS, and Department of Health groups across different areas of practice and commissioning.

Over the next 3 years of my Chairmanship, there are four main areas that I together with my Executive Team of BAPEN agree require attention whilst maintaining the momentum on our current activities and further enhancing our position as the key opinion leader in this sector.

1. Revitalising and expanding our membership so that BAPEN represents a robust community.
2. Overhauling the current structure of committees and communications, which do not currently function as well as they could, supported by an enhanced and expanded website.
3. Responding to the changing NHS and social care landscape by expanding our regional and local networks and activities across all four nations of the UK.
4. Development of every day guidance to all health and care practitioners in order to support the provision of excellent nutritional care in hospital, care homes and the community.

I am tremendously privileged to be Chairman of BAPEN. It offers great challenge and I am very much looking forward to this."

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Full details on the BAPEN Conference 2011 are available at http://www.bapen.org.uk/ce_annual_conf.html.

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Requests for complimentary journalist places at Conference welcome. Dr Tim Bowling available for interview.

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