



## Conferences & Academic Activities

The committee encourages and discusses suggestions for academic and other meetings, and facilitates their planning.

The committee has members who represent all the major specialities and liaises with members of other specialities. Michelle Merrett is the Events Manager based at the College and is assisted by the Events Co-ordinator, Clare Winter, who arranges meetings and makes all administrative arrangements and they meet twice a year.

At present the Committee meet up twice a year and is made up of the following members;

Chairman: **Dr Sanjiv Manek** (Histopathology)

**Dr Adie Viljoen** (Clinical Biochemistry)

**Dr Tom Giles** (Cytology)

**Dr Keith Robson** (Neuropathology)

**Dr Mohammad Ibrahim** (Immunology)

**Dr Nick Griffin** (Histopathology)

**Dr Bharat Patel** (Medical Microbiology)

**Dr Rishi Dhillon** (Trainee representative)

**Professor John Copper** (Veterinary Pathology)

**Mr Neil Formstone** (LAY representative)

**Dr Nat Cary** (Forensic Pathology)

**Professor Ian Franklin** (Transfusion Medicine)

**Dr Roderick Johnson** (Haematology)

**Dr Liz McCrudden** (Virology)

The term of office is three years. All representatives are asked to discuss and review all submitted events as well as discuss all other issues that may arise from these events and the department, including budget issues. Committee papers are usually dispatched about two weeks beforehand in electronic format. Committee members are reminded that until College business is released for general distribution, all Committee matters are confidential. The Academic Activities & Conference programme aims to make a direct contribution to the further education of pathologists. Meetings approved by the Standing Committee on Academic Activities & Conferences are organised by the Conference Department as:

Update meetings – bringing pathologists up to date on developments in their particular area of work;

Symposia – addressing latest research findings in a specific field.

There is also a dedicated area on the College website to Academic Activities -

[www.rcpath.org/conferences](http://www.rcpath.org/conferences) This illustrates all forthcoming programmes in full as well as an online booking form. Visitors to the site can also book and view hotels, offering a discounted rate to Members, Fellows and Trainees of the College

If you have any questions regarding the Academic Activities & Conferences Committee please feel free to contact the Events manager, Michelle Merrett on 020 7451 6740 or email: [michelle.merrett@rcpath.org](mailto:michelle.merrett@rcpath.org) who will be happy to answer your query.