

Supporting Laboratory Medicine in Low-Income Countries
Royal College of Pathologists. Friday 28th May 2010

Programme

This workshop will explore how the College can contribute to a nationally-coordinated approach to support laboratory medicine in the developing world. The workshop brings together pathologists, scientists and other health professionals with an interest and experience in laboratory medicine in low-income countries.

9.00 - 9.30	Coffee	
9.30 – 9.45	Introduction	Archie Prentice <i>Chair, International Committee, RCPATH</i>
9.45-10.30	SESSION 1 : Sharing expertise Experiences – individuals’ and organisations’ perspectives about what works and what doesn’t work	1. Allison Beattie <i>Department for International Development</i> 2. Pia McCrae <i>Tropical Health and Education Trust</i> 3. Frank Carey <i>Scotland-Malawi pathology link</i>
10.30-11.30	Coffee and group discussions	Task setting: Imelda Bates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is your experience of supporting pathology services in developing countries? • In your experience what worked well for producing sustainable improvements and why? • What did not work well for producing sustainable improvements and what could have been done differently? • What common lessons can learn from your group discussions?
11.30-12.15	Lesson learning and summing up	Imelda Bates
12.15-1.00	Lunch	
1.00 – 1.45	SESSION 2: Available UK resources What is available in the UK for supporting pathology services in low-income countries? (funding, people, organisations etc)	4. Jen Duguid <i>RCPATH Malawi link and DeLPHE Ghana/Malawi project</i> 5. Sebastian Lucas <i>KCL School of Medicine, British Division, International Association of Pathology</i> 6. Clive Ingleby <i>Voluntary Service Overseas</i>

1.45 – 2.45	Group discussions	<p>Task setting: Ken Fleming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What resources are you aware of in the UK for supporting pathology services in low-income countries (e.g. funds, people, organisations)? • For each of the resources you have identified, what are the challenges to mobilising them and how can these be overcome? • What resources would be useful but are not available in the UK?
2.45-3.15	Lesson learning and summing up	Ken Fleming
3.15-3.30	Tea	
3.30-4.00	<p>SESSION 3: Actions for RCPATH</p> <p><i>Group discussions</i></p> <p>How can the College foster a coherent approach across the UK to resourcing pathology programmes in low-income countries.</p>	<p>Task setting: Chas Chowdrey</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each group should list 4 actions for the College that will foster coherent resourcing of support to pathology services in low-income countries across the UK • Rank these actions in order of importance bearing in mind the need to avoid duplication of effort with other organisations
4.00-4.30	Lesson learning and summing up	Chas Chowdrey
4.30-4.45	Summing up and the way forward	<p>Imelda Bates</p> <p><i>International Committee, RCPATH</i></p>

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