



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

## President's e-newsletter – February 2017



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### President's Messages of the Month

#### Frontiers in Laboratory Medicine 2017

It was great to see so many of you at the [Frontiers in Laboratory Medicine](#) meeting in Birmingham this week. I particularly enjoyed the lively discussion about pathology reconfiguration which will be the theme of the April Bulletin.

#### College statements

In case you missed them, the College has commented on several issues recently:

We issued a [statement](#) backing a letter from the Royal College of Physicians to the Prime Minister setting out concerns about NHS capacity and resources to meet rising demand.

The College issued a [statement](#) welcoming [Sir Keith Pearson's review of revalidation](#), particularly the focus on how the process can support doctors' personal development and continuous improvement in their practice.



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We also [responded](#) to a Care Quality Commission report which found that the NHS is missing opportunities to learn from patient deaths and that too many families are not being listened to. The College statement highlighted the importance of the new role of [medical examiners](#) to improve the investigation of deaths with the benefits this brings for both bereaved relatives and future patients.

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## **COLLEGE NEWS**

### **New pre-consultation process for the review of Cancer Datasets and Tissue Pathways**

The College datasets on cancer and tissue pathways are in the process of being updated. Now is the opportunity for you to suggest any areas for further guidance or submit new evidence that may be relevant for inclusion.

The *Dataset for tumours of the urinary collecting system (renal pelvis, ureter, urinary bladder and urethra) (2nd edition)*, is currently open for pre-consultation suggestions. Deadline: 19 February 2017. Visit [Review of Cancer Datasets and Tissue Pathways](#)

### **Chemical Pathology & Metabolic Medicine - Future Training Survey.**

The College and the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) are seeking the views of chemical pathology and metabolic medicine consultants, trainee doctors, scientists and related specialist organisations, regarding future training requirements and workforce development in the specialty. A survey is available for all chemical pathology fellows and registered trainees to complete at [Future Training Survey](#). Deadline - 5pm on Monday 13 February 2017.

## **National Undergraduate Histopathology and Molecular Pathology**

### **Introduction**

**10-11 April, St James's University Hospital, Leeds.**

**Funded by the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland in partnership with the Royal College of Pathologists – Free to register**

This course gives medical undergraduates the opportunity to network and meet junior and senior clinical academics in pathology. It is a great way to get students interested in a career in pathology. Please circulate to all medical students in your hospital/university and encourage them to attend - [Histopathology and Molecular Pathology Introduction](#)

### **Dr Neera Patel Travelling Bursary**

The College administers the Dr Neera Patel Travelling Bursary, set up in memory of Dr Neera Patel FRCPath who was a cellular pathologist specialising in breast pathology. Neena sadly died in 2015 and her family would like to support trainees in her memory.

The bursary is aimed at a histopathology trainee enrolled in a recognised UK training scheme who hopes to develop an interest in breast or head & neck pathology, to enable their participation in a national or international meeting.

The recipient should demonstrate how they will benefit from attending the conference by providing a brief outline of the conference and how it will help their career development. Details are available at [Cellular Pathology Bursaries](#), The deadline for applications is Friday 17 March 2017.

## **GET INVOLVED AT THE COLLEGE**

### **Vacancy for Honorary Librarian**

As the College is about to start construction of its new headquarters at [Alie Street](#), which will include a new library, a successor to Dr Mike Addison is required. A job description and details of how to apply are available at [Honorary Librarian](#). The closing date for applications is Friday 24 February 2017.

### **Clinical Lead for Academic Activities and Chair of the Academic Activities Working Group**

Applications are invited for the new role of [Clinical Lead for Academic Activities and Chair of the Academic Activities Working Group](#). Applicants must be Fellows of the College and should submit their CV with a brief summary of their relevant experience and interest in the post by 6 February. Applications and requests for further information should be submitted to [Nigel Pollard](#), Head of Corporate Services.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

### **Free Science Communication Training**

**Thursday 23 March, Royal College of Psychiatrists, London**

Places are still available for the College's Science Communication Training. Run in partnership with the Science Museum, the day is an excellent opportunity to learn how to work with different audiences and create events to meet specific

aims and objectives. For more information visit [Science Communication Training](#). E: [amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org](mailto:amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org)

### **Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme**

Applications are invited for the Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme. The College is offering grants of up to £1000 for interactive and engaging projects that promote the importance of pathology to various audiences. The deadline for applications is Monday 5 June 2017. For more information, visit [Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme](#) or contact the Public Engagement team at [PEG@rcpath.org](mailto:PEG@rcpath.org).

### **Outreach opportunities – volunteers needed**

We are looking for volunteers to facilitate the following public engagement events:

#### **Your Body, Your Consent?**

**Thursday 16 March, Hunterian Museum at the Royal College of Surgeons, London**

We are seeking volunteers to facilitate an ethics debate with a small group of A-level students on issues surrounding donation, consent for autopsies and the Human Tissue Act. The workshop will take place at the [Hunterian Museum](#) and is an excellent opportunity to enhance your communication skills and engage a young audience with pathology. If you are interested, please contact [Amaka Nwagbara](#).

#### **Careers Carousel, Hackney, London**

Educational charity, Inspire, is seeking volunteers to [Inspire](#) 10-11 year olds and introduce them to careers in pathology. Each carousel session lasts for 10 minutes and pupils will have a chance to meet a diverse range of Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) professionals to help them broaden their knowledge of science.

- Friday 10 March, 9.15 - 10.30, at St Scholastica's Primary School (Rectory Road)
- Thursday 23 March, 8.45 - 12.15, at Millfields Primary School (Clapton)
- Friday 26 May, 9.30 - 12.00, at Thomas Fairchild Primary School (Old Street/Hoxton)

#### **My Biology, Hackney, London**

Do you have an activity that brings your job to life? [Inspire](#) is looking for volunteers to run a 30-minute interactive session that introduces your job to students. Volunteers may bring along props, equipment, photos and examples of their work.

- w/c 6 March 2017 at St Scholastica's Primary School (Rectory Road/Clapton)
- w/c 20 March 2017 at Millfields Primary School (Clapton)
- w/c 22 May 2017 at Thomas Fairchild Primary School (Hoxton / Old Street)
- w/c 12 June 2017 at Morningside Primary School (Hackney Central)
- w/c 3 July 2017 at Colvestone Primary School (Dalston)

- w/c 10 July 2017 at St Matthias Primary School (Dalston)

### **Schools Science Conference**

#### **Wednesday 26 April 2017, University of Westminster**

We are looking for a haematologist to help deliver an activity exploring blood transfusion and clotting. You will be part of a group of pathologists inspiring students aged 14-18 and raising awareness of the effects of the clotting process on conducting donor-recipient direct blood transfusions.

### **SciBArS - Science in a bar**

SciBArS are informal talks where scientists give an insight into their work or research to an adult audience. The North West branch is looking for pathologists to take part in their upcoming pub events in the region. If you are interested in taking part, or know someone who may want to participate, please contact:

[Lorelly Wilson](#)

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **New appointment – International Advisor for sub-Saharan Africa**

The International Department is pleased to announce that Professor Adekunle Adesina has been appointed as the College's International Advisor for sub-Saharan Africa. Dr Adesina has over 32 years' experience in diagnostic pathology and global experience and involvement in pathology education. You can read Professor Adekunle Adesina's full profile on the College [website](#).

### **Save the date - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of IAP (Pakistan Division) & 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of HCSP**

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) Pakistan Division and the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of Histopathology & Cytology Society of Pakistan (HCSP), will take place in Karachi, Pakistan from 7-8 April 2017.

- Day 1 (7 April 2017) – Workshop on Bone & Soft Tissue Pathology at the Centre for Innovation in Medical Education, The Aga Khan University, Karachi, Pakistan
- Day 2 (8 April 2017) – Conference at Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi, Pakistan

A detailed programme will be published soon on the new IAP Pakistan Division website. For more details and to register your interest, please contact Riaz Sirzameen. Email: [riaz.sirzameen@aku.edu](mailto:riaz.sirzameen@aku.edu)

### **International Pathology Day 2017**

This year's International Pathology Day will be held on Wednesday 15 November 2017. Following last year's success, the College will be hosting an international roundtable to mark the occasion. The International Team would like to hear from members and fellows on what this year's theme should be. Please forward your suggestions to [international@rcpath.org](mailto:international@rcpath.org).

If you would like to receive updates on this year's event, please sign up to our [mailing list](#)

**Webinar - Global Health Challenges 2017 - Tuesday 14 February 2017 - 12:00 – 13:00pm (GMT)**

Interested in taking up a global health challenge this year? This webinar will provide attendees with detailed information about the [College's Global Health Challenges](#) taking place in 2017: London to Paris Cycle Ride, Prudential Ride London-Surrey, Land's End to John O'Groats Cycle Challenge and Iceland Trek. Attendees will have the opportunity to learn more about each challenge including logistics, what to expect and funding options. Attendees will also learn more about the College's global health work and will be able to ask questions and obtain advice directly from the College's International Administrator, Gemma Hooley.

The webinar will take place on Tuesday 14 February 2017 at 12:00pm – 13:00 pm. Register online at [Webinar - Global Health Challenges](#)

For more information on this year's challenges, please visit [Global Health Challenges](#)

**NEW CONSULTATION**

[Guidelines on Autopsy Practice: Industrial/occupational related lung disease deaths including asbestos \(2e\)](#) – open until 17 February 2017

**COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

**Liver Biopsy in the Assessment of Medical Liver Disease**

**Friday 17 March 2017**

**5 CPD credits**

**To be held at The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB**

This course will provide a practical diagnostic approach to reporting medical liver biopsies, focusing on the importance of clinico-pathological correlation in assessing common patterns of liver damage. Recommended for senior trainees in pathology and hepatology and consultant histopathologists and gastroenterologists who are regularly involved in liver biopsy assessment (without necessarily working in a Liver Unit).

**Cancer datasets – guiding care for the individual and the wider population**

**Thursday 30 March 2017**

**5 CPD Credits**

**To be held at Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH**

This programme aims to update pathologists with the latest changes in pathological cancer data collection.

**“Doctor I’ve been Bitten!”**

**Thursday 6 April 2017**

**To be held at Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH**

**5 CPD Credits**

**Joint event with Public Health England**

A training session for trainees and consultants, specifically within infectious diseases and microbiology, to raise awareness and understanding of a range of zoonotic diseases seen in travellers and UK residents. The common theme for the day is the association with an animal bite. Some of the more controversial aspects of Lyme disease will be discussed, as well as diseases that are commonly missed in the travelling population. The day will finish covering the mysteries of animal bites and their management when the bite itself is the issue from envenomation or consequential infection.

### **Kaizen! Rapid Quality Improvement Interventions in Pathology**

**Friday 7 April 2017**

**To be held at Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London, SE1 9NH**

#### **5 CPD Credits**

Delegates will learn about methodology for rapid quality improvement (QI), understand how to apply a rapid model for QI, how to apply QI tools and techniques to monitor and continuously improve an aspect of service delivery or patient care. The day will also help participants to develop their own QI improvement project and work out the outcomes and processes involved. This event will be of interest to all trainees, pathologists and clinical scientists working in pathology.

### **Educational Update**

**Friday, 12 May 2017, 9:30am-4:00pm**

**Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport**

This event for those involved with delivery of pathology training (trainers and assessors) and will include material on generic professional capabilities, changes in GMC standards and information on supervised learning events (SLEs).

The full programme with further details will be circulated soon

### **Symposium on Pathology in Wales 'NEW'**

**Wednesday 5 July 2017**

**To be held in the Lecture Theatre, Life Sciences Hub, Cardiff Bay, CF10 4PL**

#### **4 CPD Credits**

This symposium is aimed at fellows, members, trainees, medical students and others interested in pathology in Wales. Delegates will also be able to meet the College President, Dr Suzy Lishman, and other honorary officers to find out about the College's activity in Wales.

Full programme to follow shortly but topics such as digital histopathology – the Wales experience, haemostasis & thrombosis, medical examiners and changes to death certification, molecular pathology and pathogen whole genome sequencing will be covered.



### **Gynaecological Pathology reporting: What really matters - When and Why**

**Monday 16 October 2017**

**To be held at: The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescot Street,  
London E1 8BB**

#### **6 CPD Credits**

It is important for histopathologists to understand the clinical significance of their reports and how a data item that is critical in one clinical scenario may be entirely irrelevant in another setting. This novel study day aimed at senior trainees and consultant histopathologists will explain how gynaecological pathology data is used to guide patient management as well as discussing the significance of each data item in different clinical scenarios and specimen types. The course will enable attendees to adopt a more efficient personalised approach to histopathology reporting by focussing on accurately reporting data items that are clinically relevant in a particular case.

### **NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

#### **Survey to review into the capacity and skills in Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) in the UK**

The UK AMR Funders Forum is coordinated by the Medical Research Council and includes around 20 UK funders of AMR research. The Forum have devised a survey to help ascertain AMR capacity in the UK, specifically focussing on training and the skills that are required to perform research in the AMR field. The aim of this piece of work is to identify key skills, gaps in skill sets that currently exist or challenges that need to be addressed.

The survey consists of 15 questions and will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. Closing date: Friday 17 February 2017.

#### **Provision of advice to the UK Health Departments - Research Ethics Service (RES)**

The RES is a core function of the Health Research Authority and enables and supports ethical research in the NHS. The service has a duty to provide an efficient and robust ethics review service which maximises UK competitiveness for health research, whilst protecting participants and researchers. The Research Ethics Committees (RECs) protect the rights, safety, dignity and wellbeing of research participants.

The committees occasionally request expert advice from a specialist referee on a particular issue prior to confirming the ethical opinion for the research. The RES is looking to expand the database of individuals who would be willing to be contacted to offer expert advice – usually a few times a year.

If you are interested in being added to the database of specialist referees, please contact Charlotte Allen, RES Project & Support Manager, [charlotte.allen2@nhs.net](mailto:charlotte.allen2@nhs.net), including details of your area and sub-specialties.

The HRA is also seeking to recruit medical and dental staff including those who may have retired. Please [visit HRA Research Ethics Committees](#)



#### **OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**For a list of external conferences see:**

<https://www.rcpath.org/profession/conferences/event.html>

- [BSH 57th Annual Scientific Meeting](#) - 26-29 March 2017
- [New Understanding of Genetic Haemochromatosis](#) – 31 March 2017
- [Engineering aspects of infection control](#) – 15-19 May 2017
- [British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists Annual Conference](#) – 19 & 20 May 2017



