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## President's e-newsletter – April 2017



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### President's Messages of the Month

Welcome to the April e-newsletter.

#### Elections

Several Officers and elected Council members reach the end of their terms of office in November. Elections to fill these posts will be held over the next few months. You will receive a separate email with more details from the Registrar but do please think about putting yourself or a colleague forward for one or more of the positions.

#### Women in Pathology

I am working with the other Colleges and the Medical Women's Federation to highlight the contribution that women have made to the different specialties. Each College has been asked to nominate both historical women who were pioneers, and contemporary women who are leading the specialty or have recently retired. If you would like to nominate a woman in either category, please email [wip@rcpath.org](mailto:wip@rcpath.org) with a short explanation of why you think your nominee deserves recognition.

#### Medical Examiner delay

The Department of Health recently announced that the implementation of medical examiners will be delayed from 2018 to 2019. You can read my full response here: [medical examiner statement](#)

### **Five Year Forward View**

NHS England has recently published an update on the [Five Year Forward View](#): Areas of particular relevance to pathology include a focus on cancer, patient safety and strengthening the workforce.

### **Long-Term Sustainability of the NHS**

The House of Lords Select Committee, chaired by Lord Patel, have published their [report on the sustainability of the NHS](#): This encourages the government to initiate cross-party talks and a national conversation about the future of the health and care system.

I hope you enjoy the long weekend and get a chance to spend some time with your families.

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With best wishes.

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## **COLLEGE NEWS**

### **Alie Street, Hoardings**

Rainbow-coloured artwork Inspired by bacteria, viruses and cells, created by local primary school children from [English Martyrs Catholic Primary School](#) is being used to decorate the hoardings of the building site of the new College premises.

Pupils from the school which is located just behind Alie Street, originated the pathology-related artwork which was commissioned by the College. The hoardings are being used at the construction site Alie Street, which will be the new location of the College's purpose-built premises when building work is completed in late 2018. [Alie Street hoardings](#).

### **New RCPATH Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Mentoring Scheme**

The scheme will provide support to College members who are seeking to develop or improve their CQI skills through leading quality improvement initiatives in their workplace. The scheme will work by matching individuals with experienced CQI mentors whose expertise best fits the member's goals.

Both parties will work together until the CQI activity has been completed. The aim of the mentoring scheme is to provide members with expert support, helping to build new skills, develop new leaders in CQI and improve the quality of pathology practice. - [See CQI Scheme](#)

### **Working group on cancer services - recommendations for the use of staging systems**

The Working Group on Cancer Services has reviewed its recommendations for the use of staging systems. The document provides recommended dates for changing to TNM edition 8.

Please see [updated recommendations](#). The document will be regularly updated to include new information as it becomes available.

### **CPD returns**

The CPD year for 2016/217 ended on 31 March

Please submit your return for this period before 30 June 2017 via the [CPD online portfolio](#).

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

### **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 event:

#### **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 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)

For more information, please contact [theresa.hudson@rcpath.org](mailto:theresa.hudson@rcpath.org)

### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

#### **International Regional Advisors - Europe & Western Pacific**

Two vacancies have arisen within the College's International Advisor Network for International Regional Advisors for the Europe and Western Pacific regions.

Having recently received the title of International Collaboration of the Year for its [LabSkills Africa](#) initiative at the Times Higher Education Awards in 2016, this is an exciting time to be a part of the College's international work.

As well as representing the College, you will act as a strategic voice for our Fellows and members in the region. This important role will also oversee the development of a network of Country Advisors and strategic institutional partnerships and global health projects aimed at building the capacity of laboratories in the Europe and the Western Pacific region.

Appointments will be for a term of three years in the first instance, commencing November 2017. [Please see recruitment information pack.](#)

To apply for this position, please send a completed expression of interest form together with an abridged CV (no more than 6 sides of A4) to Gemma Hooley, International Administrator (email: [international@rcpath.org](mailto:international@rcpath.org)).

Closing date for receipt of expressions of interest: Monday 15 May 2017

Interviews will take place on: Week commencing 5 June 2017

Interviews via Skype and/or teleconference will be arranged for overseas candidates

If you would like to discuss the role informally, please contact Rosemary Emodi, International Manager (email: [rosemary.emodi@rcpath.org](mailto:rosemary.emodi@rcpath.org)).

#### **Country Advisors**

The College is inviting expressions of interest from fellows and members who would like to work alongside its International Advisors as [Country Advisors](#) within the Americas and Western Pacific regions.

As a Country Advisor you will act as a key point of contact for members, both in their relevant country and in the UK. You will support the work of the International Advisor for the region by implementing regional priorities at country level, identifying opportunities for engagement, project collaborations and membership development. See [terms of reference](#). The deadline for receipt of expressions of interest is: Monday 15 May 2017.

### **Engagement with China**

The College is currently working to establish a forum to discuss the work of its Chinese members and Fellows. The forum under the leadership of [Dr Gary Tse, International Regional Advisor for South East Asia](#), would discuss emerging issues for pathology education, training and practice in China as well as looking to establish relationships with pathology institutions and key stakeholders. Any fellows and trainees interested in participating in this forum should contact the International Department in the first instance (email: [international@rcpath.org](mailto:international@rcpath.org)).

### **New publications**

- [Guidance for handling medicolegal samples and preserving the chain of evidence \(2e\)](#)
- [Dataset for the histopathological reporting of carcinomas of the pancreas, ampulla of Vater and common bile duct \(3e\)](#)
- [Guidelines on Autopsy Practice: Autopsy in sickle cell disease and sickle trait persons](#)

### **New consultations** – all on [Documents in Development](#)

Guidelines on autopsy practice: Fetal autopsy (2<sup>nd</sup> trimester fetal loss and termination of pregnancy for congenital anomaly) – open until 10 April

- Guidelines on autopsy practice: Third trimester antepartum and intrapartum stillbirth – open until 10 April
- Tissue pathways for urological pathology (2e) – open until 24 April.

### **COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

#### **Annual Northern Ireland Regional Symposium - NEW**

**Wednesday 10 May 2017**

**3 CPD Credits**

**The event will be held at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Belfast City Hospital Belfast BT9 7AP**

This symposium is aimed at RCPATH fellows, members, trainees, medical students and others interested in the range of pathology specialties in Northern Ireland. Delegates will hear presentations about upcoming themes in the field of pathology and share some of the great developments happening in Northern Ireland. They will hear from the President Dr Suzy Lishman and President-elect Professor Jo Martin and find out what the College activity in Northern Ireland. Trainees will have the opportunity to meet with the President and discuss any relevant matters.

**Educational Update****Friday, 12 May 2017****Radisson Blu Hotel, Manchester Airport, Chicago Avenue, Manchester, M90 3RA****5 CPD Credits**

The aim of this educational meeting is to provide updated information on changes to the future of medical training and is relevant to all those involved in the delivery of pathology training – including trainers, assessors, and senior trainees preparing to become a consultant trainer.

**RCPATH and Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP) Joint Scottish Regional Symposium - NEW****Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017****3 CPD Credits****To be held in the Lecture Theatre, Laboratory Medicine building, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow, G51 4TF**

This symposium is aimed at RCPATH fellows and ACP members, trainees, biomedical scientists and others interested in the range of pathology services in Scotland. Delegates will hear presentations from leaders from both RCPATH and ACP, along with updates on Scottish issues and training.

**[Symposium on Pathology in Wales](#)****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.

**Joint Meeting on Molecular Pathology Diagnostics – NEW****Friday 7 July 2017****CPD Credits: 6****To be held at CIPFA, 77 Mansell Street, London, E1 8AN**

The aim of the event is get a broad overview of what medical, veterinary and toxicological pathologists are doing within the field of molecular pathology, to learn from each other and to obtain updates on cutting edge data from industry and the wider scientific community. This event will be of interest to veterinary, histopathology toxicology, haematology pathologists of all levels.

**National Infection Update 2017 - NEW**

**Friday 15 September 2017**

**CPD Credits: 5**

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

This day has been devised as an infection update for those working or interested in infection specialties including microbiology, virology and infectious diseases. It is suitable for both trainees and consultants to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist practice, assessment and continuing professional development.

**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**

**Mycology laboratory diagnostic capacity survey: ESPAUR/PHE/BSMM**

This survey is designed to help Public Health England (PHE) and the British Society for Medical Mycology (BSMM) understand current mycology laboratory practice and capabilities throughout the UK, following updated BSMM standards for diagnosis of serious fungal diseases in 2015. The survey was created with the support of the UK Clinical Mycology Network (UK CMN).

The results of the survey will help to raise awareness of antifungal diagnostics, identify areas of improvement for the management of serious fungal diseases and inform national antifungal surveillance activities.

The survey may take around 10-15 minutes to complete. Please complete the [survey](#) in one sitting. The survey will close on 08 May 2017.

If you have queries about this questionnaire, please contact [AMR@phe.gov.uk](mailto:AMR@phe.gov.uk)

**Applications open for CM-Path Technology and Informatics Lead**

The National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) Cellular Molecular Pathology (CM-Path) initiative aims to improve diagnosis and treatment of cancer patients and also brings together a working group of experts from pathology and other disciplines to form four workstreams:



- **Skills and capacity** – to enhance academic opportunities and promote continuous up-skilling of the cellular pathology workforce.
- **Clinical trials** – to encourage profession-wide engagement of pathologists with clinical trials and associated research.
- **Discovery** – to focus on boosting activities in ‘hub’ centres of excellence, where pathologists have roles in investigating the biology of cancer and its treatments.
- **Technology and informatics** – to promote continuous innovation in cellular molecular pathology and pathology informatics.

We are recruiting a Technology and Informatics lead, who will be responsible for leadership of the Technology and Informatics workstream. The successful candidate will also be a member of the CM-Path Executive Group, which includes the CM-Path chairperson, all workstream leads, representatives from the RCPATH and the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland, as well as funder and consumer representatives.

Deadline for applications is 5pm Monday 17 April. For more information and to find out how to apply click [here](#), download the attached PDF or contact the CM-Path programme manager at [jessica.lee@ncri.org.uk](mailto:jessica.lee@ncri.org.uk).

**Academy of Medical Royal Colleges report**  
[Information and Digital Technologies Clinical Requirements 2020](#)

## OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists Annual Conference – 19 & 20 May 2017](#)
- [The Gloucestershire Gastrointestinal Pathology Course – 29 Sep 2017](#)
- [5th BSD Self-Assessment meeting – 3 July 2017](#)
- [Belfast Pathology 2017 – 20-23 June 2017](#)
- [The HMDS Annual Haematopathology Update Day – 30 June 2017](#)
- [Transforming the Knowledge Landscape - March 2017 – 10 March 2017](#)
- [The Sheffield Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology - 29-30 June 2017](#)







