



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

President's e-newsletter – October 2016



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President's Messages of the Month

Welcome to the October e-newsletter. The focus this month is on public engagement, with plenty of opportunities to get involved in National Pathology Week and other activities to highlight the importance of pathology with a wide range of audiences. I would also appeal to you to use your vote to help select the College's next president. It is important that the successful candidate has a mandate from the members they will represent.

National Pathology Week: 7-13 November

There's still time to get involved in NPW, either as an individual or as part of a team. Why not hold a lab open day, set up a stand in your hospital foyer or give a talk at a local school? This year's theme is *Pathology: prevention, diagnosis, treatment*, celebrating the central role that pathology plays at all stages of a patient's journey.

You can [download resources](#), [register your event](#) and [order promotional materials](#) to help you organise and enhance your event.

You can also join in by changing your social media profile picture to a photo of you wearing a lab coat. Tweet us [@RCPATH](#) #NPW2016 or post on our [Facebook page](#).

Vote for the next President

Voting is now open for the next College President to take up office at the end of my term in November 2017. You should have received an email from the

Electoral Reform Society with details of the five nominees with links to their personal statements and responses to questions suggested by members. These are also available at Presidential Vote (log-in required) but you will need the link and password supplied in the ERS email to vote. A reminder will be sent to members who have not voted several days before the deadline of 12 noon on Monday 24 October 2016.

Please ensure you make your voice count by casting your vote! The name of the next president will be announced following the College AGM in November.

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COLLEGE NEWS

RCPATH End of Year Review - 1 July 2015 - 30 June 2016

Prepared by the College's Senior Management Team (SMT), the [End of Year Review](#) aims to capture and highlight the range and volume of activities undertaken by College staff to achieve the College's strategic aims and objectives.

[Path To Success Training Day](#)

12 November, Copthorne Hotel, Newcastle

As part of National Pathology Week, the School of Laboratory Medicine, Health Education North East and the College's Trainee Advisory Committee have organised a training day for F1s/F2s/CMTs.

The day will include:

- Pathology battle
- How to improve your diagnostic skills

- Workshops - quality improvement, communication & media, going out of programme, resilience and preparing your application

To book your place please go to <https://fast.ncl.ac.uk/training/book/1498/>

Membership discounts – 20% off all Cambridge University Press (CUP) pathology titles

CUP has increased its RCPATH membership discount on all pathology titles from 15% to 20%.

Visit [Cambridge University Press](#), choose your books and enter the promotional code RCPATH.

For other discounts on pathology titles, visit [RCPATH publication discounts](#).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers from any speciality to facilitate the following events:

Exploring 'The Big Five'

Saturday 3 December 2016, Kettering General Hospital

An event aimed at prospective and current medical students, as well as foundation year doctors. The organisers are looking for volunteers to deliver talks and hand-on practical sessions that explore the role of pathology in medicine and the science behind *The Big Five* organs of the human body. Volunteers are needed for the following sessions:

- Introductory plenary talk covering the importance of understanding pathology in medicine
- Running specimen workshops on the brain, heart, lungs, skin, GI system
- Second plenary talk covering a career in pathology
- Head judge for the day's competition.

If you are interested in taking part, or know someone who may want to participate, please contact: amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org

SciBArS event in the North West

[SciBArS](#) is an informal talk where scientists present their work or research to an adult audience and then lead a discussion. The North West branch of SciBArS is looking for pathologists to talk for no more than 30 minutes at their pub events in the region.

14th Schools Science Conference

Wednesday 26 April 2017, University of Westminster, London

The organisers of the annual Schools Science Conference are looking for volunteers to host pathology stands at the conference on 26 April 2017. The stands are an opportunity to engage students aged 13-16 with different careers in science. If you are interested or know someone who might want to attend, please contact sharon.gage@srgprojectmanagement.co.uk

Free Science Communication Training

Thursday 23 March 2017, Royal College of Psychiatrists, London

Booking has opened for the next session of the College's Science Communication Training. Run by Karen Davies from 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

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Infectious Diseases TV doctor at Pathology is Global 2016 - Tuesday 1 November 2016

Dr Xand Van Tulleken will be speaking at this year's Pathology is Global symposium at the Royal Society of Medicine, London UK.

[Dr Van Tulleken](#) has presented numerous TV shows for the BBC and Channel 4 and was at the forefront of Ebola research, appearing on US networks and speaking about the crisis on Al Jazeera, MSNBC, FOX5 and the BBC world service. He has also been a health reporter for CNN International.

To register for this event, please visit [Pathology is Global](#)

International Pathology Day (IPD) 2016 – 16 November

To coincide with IPD, the College will be hosting an international roundtable in partnership with The Pathologist magazine. Chaired by Fedra Pavlou, Editorial Director at The Pathologist, roundtable participants will discuss the strengthening of pathology education and training in low and middle-income countries. The discussion will be streamed live over the internet and pathologists all over the world will be able to participate via the roundtable's webinar platform. To register your interest for this event, please email international@rcpath.org

If you are planning any activities or events for IPD 2016, then we would like to hear from you! Please get in touch at international@rcpath.org

Global Health Challenges 2017

We are pleased to announce that the College has secured places on next year's Prudential Ride London-Surrey 2017 (Sunday 31 July 2017) and Land's End to John O'Groats Cycle Challenge (29 August – 10 September 2017).

For more information and to register your interest, please email Gemma Hooley, International Administrator gemma.hooley@rcpath.org

Update from Team RCPATH

The team will be departing on their Sahara Desert trek later this month to raise funds to support the delivery of some of the College's international global health activities. You can follow their progress using the hashtag #TeamRCPath on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

Become a mentor! - International trainee support scheme

The College is piloting a new scheme aimed at supporting overseas doctors and scientists who are planning to sit the College's fellowship examinations.

The International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS) will provide structured support, advice, training and guidance to overseas doctors and scientists who are planning to sit the College's FRCPATH Part 1 and Part 2 examinations. The scheme will be piloted amongst doctors from Egypt, India, Iraq, Sudan and Pakistan who are intending to sit the College's Histopathology Fellowship examinations.

A key component of the scheme will be Scheme Mentors who will be matched with trainees. If you are interested in becoming a mentor, please visit [ITSSMentor](#), Closing date for receipt of applications: Friday 28 October 2016.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

National Infection Training

Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 October 2016

To be held at CIWEM, 106-109 Saffron Hill, London, EC1N 8QS

The aim of this two-day meeting is to give trainees the opportunity for consultant-led, interactive teaching to equip them with knowledge and skills for specialist medical microbiology and virology practice. This event will be of benefit to those preparing for their Medical Microbiology and Virology FRCPATH Part 1, Part 2 or Year 1 OSPE.

Neuroimmunology update for Neurologists and Immunologists

Friday 11 November 2016

To be held at The Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 66-68 East Smithfield, London E1 1AW

The day aims to provide an update on the pathogenesis and treatment of several immune-mediated neurological disorders including autoimmune encephalitis, paraneoplastic syndromes and MS. Full programme to follow shortly.

An update on infections during pregnancy - A Joint RCOG/RCPath meeting

Monday 14 November 2016

**To be held at The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RG**

A number of pathogens can infect pregnant women and harm the fetus or lead to the loss of the pregnancy. Current knowledge and awareness of the screening, prevention and treatment of some of these infections among healthcare professionals is variable. In addition, practice and recommendations are constantly changing, eg pertussis vaccine in pregnancy. This one-day course is aimed at trainees, obstetricians, midwives, GPs, sonographers and neonatologists. It will provide a comprehensive update on the management of

infections during pregnancy, including screening, diagnosis, prevention, complications and treatment.

Advances in Transfusion Medicine

Thursday 24 & Friday 25 November 2016

10 CPD credits both days

The Royal Society of Medicine, 1 Wimpole Street, London, W1G 0AE

This two-day meeting organised on behalf of the College brings together experts from various clinical disciplines with leaders in transfusion science to provide a broad overview of current key developments informing evidence based practice. Also included as part of the programme is the College Foundation Lecture emphasising the increasing importance of blood group genomics and application to clinical practice.

Clinical Trials for Pathologists

Friday 9 December 2016

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

This is a one-day course for pathologists who are interested in contributing to, or developing, leadership skills in clinical trials and translational research. The course will consist of a mixture of lectures, small group discussions and interactive 'break-out' sessions with faculty members.

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).

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) – Recruiting new Trustees

The Board of Trustees provides governance of the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges and meets four times a year in London.

The AOMRC is seeking two Trustees to join the Board which comprises a Chair, another Trustee, two Academy members elected by the Council, the Chair of the Council and the Honorary Treasurer. Previous experience as a Trustee is essential. For more information see [AoMRC Trustees](#)

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

For a list of external conferences see:

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

[**Autopsy Update Day**](#)
[**16 November 2016**](#)

[**2017 Winter Meeting of the Pathological Society**](#)
[**19-20- Jan 2017**](#)

[**British Society for Immunology and Dutch Society for Immunology Joint Congress 2016**](#)
[**6- 9 –December 2016**](#)

[**ACB Microbiology Professional Group Annual Scientific Meeting**](#)
[**10 November 2016**](#)

[**Paediatric and Neonatal Transfusion - Your questions answered**](#)
[**2 February 2017**](#)

