VetPath News – Autumn/Winter 2015

News from the Specialty Advisory Committee on Veterinary Pathology

The 9th edition of VetPath News contains important information! In particular note that the new veterinary anatomic pathology curriculum is now “live” and trainees and sponsors should be referring to it as they develop their training. Please also have a look at the new RCPPath website.

We will be recruiting a new Chair for the SAC before the end of 2016 so please give some thought to applying. Contact Cheryl Scudamore for further information.

Curriculum Report

A working group of the Royal College of Veterinary Pathologists Specialty Advisory Committee on Veterinary Pathology has now, for the first time, established a formal curriculum for the veterinary pathology examinations in large domestic animals, small domestic animals and laboratory animals. The curriculum, which sets out the core knowledge required by trainees taking the examination in each of those species groups is available here: https://www.rcpath.org/resourceLibrary/veterinary-pathology-curriculum---september-2015.html.

Subsequent to the launch of the curriculum, which took place in autumn 2015 following ratification by College Council, there will also be two changes to the structure of the examination, namely that the post mortem examination that is currently performed as part of the examination will be assessed in candidates’ workplaces before entry to the examination and secondly that candidates will be required to provide a log book with numbers of biopsy, post mortem and cytology examinations undertaken at each stage in their training. These changes are intended to be in place for candidates enrolling for the examinations to take place in autumn 2017. Further details will follow after the next meeting of the specialty advisory committee on veterinary pathology in January 2016. The principal point of contact for the veterinary pathology examinations remains Dr Alys Bradley in her role as chair of the veterinary examinations: alys.bradley@crl.com.

Professor K Smith

New RCPPath website

The RCPPath website has been completely updated. With such a large project not all the information and links will be completely correct at the start. Please have a look at the new site and if you can’t find any information, believe any of the links are missing or want to suggest alternative content please contact me c.scudamore@har.mrc.ac.uk.
Examinations Diary

The Spring 2016 Part 1 exams will be held on Tuesday, 22nd March 2016.

The Autumn 2016 Part 1 exams will be held on Tuesday, 20th September 2016.

The College website has a link for Examination information which is: https://www.rcpath.org/trainees/examinations/examinations-latest-news-and-calendar.html

On the right-hand side of the web page, there is an ‘Exam Dates Spring 2016’ tab. In due course there will be an Autumn 2016 tab.

Results of the most recent Part 1 and Part 2 Examinations

Congratulations to the following candidate who passed Part 1 in Veterinary Clinical Pathology:
Dr Alina Bodnariu

and congratulations are extended to the following candidates who attained their Part 2 in Veterinary Clinical Pathology and are now Fellows of the College:

Miss Carola Campora
Mr Pedro Miguel de Sousa Serra
Mrs Alison Farr
Mrs Philippa McLaren
Dr Timothy Williams

Fellowship by published works:
Dr Adrian Philbey (Vet Path) of the Roslin Institute

CPD News

New specialty CPD advisor appointed

Stephen Cahalan has been recently appointed as Specialty CPD Advisor on the Specialty Advisory Committee on Veterinary Pathology. This is an amended role following changes in the College’s CPD advisory system which involves contributing to College policy development, advising College members on appropriate CPD activities, and supporting the development of novel College CPD opportunities. The advisor also acts as an intermediary between the College and its Fellows.

Stephen is a 2005 graduate of University College Dublin Veterinary School. He spent 4 years in general practice, and started his anatomic pathology residency in Dublin in 2010. In 2012 he moved to the RVC, London, where he completed his residency training.

In Autumn 2014, he became a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Pathologists and passed his FRCPATH part 2 exams. He currently works for Bridge Pathology Ltd, Bristol, as a diagnostic pathologist. His research interests are in embryology and neuroscience. He can be contacted at stephen@bridgepathology.com or stephencahalan@outlook.com
Upcoming CPD events 2016

Mouse Models of Disease Conference – Feb 9th – 11th, 2016, Hinxton, Cambridge

The British Society for Toxicological Pathology (BSTP) and the Wellcome Trust are co-organising a Mouse Models of Disease Conference at the Wellcome Genome Campus, Hinxton, Cambridge from the 9-11 of February. Registration open until 10th January. 
https://registration.hinxton.wellcome.ac.uk/events/item.aspx?e=488 /

The first day of this meeting provides and introduction to mouse pathology useful for residents and experienced pathologists new to mouse pathology. The second and third days will look at the way pathology is used in conjunction with other techniques to investigate respiratory and gastrointestinal tract disease models
This meeting has been CPD approved by the Royal College of Pathologists (17 credits).

BSTP – Image Analysis Workshop – Feb 23rd, 2016, Granta Park, Cambridge

The BSTP is organising a one day workshop on image analysis on Tuesday 23rd February 2016 in Cambridge, UK

On the agenda are: ‘Fundamentals of image analysis’, ‘Image analysis and multiplexing (IHC, ISH)’, problems in image analysis and case studies. The BSTP AGM will be held during this meeting.
Further information, including online registration details will be available shortly.
Places will be limited – to reserve a place, please contact the BSTP Secretariat as soon as possible bstpoffice@aol.com

Changes on the Vet Path SAC

Veterinary (Clinical) Pathology Representative

Dr Joy Archer demitted her role as Veterinary (Clinical) Pathology Representative on the SAC in 2015. The SAC has now nominated a successor from the applicants to this post. Dr Kathleen Freeman, RCVS Specialist in Veterinary Pathology (Clinical Pathology) and European Veterinary Specialist in Clinical Pathology brings considerable experience as an examiner to the role. With Kate English, the Vet Clin Path Specialty Adviser, will be seeking to create a curriculum in veterinary clinical pathology.

Trainee Representatives

Veterinary Clinical Pathology trainee representative Dr Tim Williams demitted upon obtaining his FRCPath qualification and a smooth transition was enabled by keen interest in this post. The successful nominee is Dr Nic Ilchysyn who studied at Bristol and gained clinical experience in Sri Lanka at the University of Peradeniya, prior to spending eight years in a North Wales' veterinary practice. Nic Ilchysin obtained a residency in April 2015 and is looking forward to being a link between the College and other clinical pathology trainees.

Veterinary Anatomic Pathology - Dr Nic Ilchysyn nicivet@gmail.com

Dr Pip (Philippa) Beard demitted in November 2015 at the end of her three-year term of office. Dr Alexander Civello, a resident in Veterinary Anatomic Pathology, has been nominated to represent trainees. This is an interesting period to take on this role as the new Veterinary Pathology curriculum is being implemented and Alexander attended the Trainees’ Advisory Committee in October to raise a number of queries on behalf of both Veterinary Clinical and Anatomic Pathology trainees.

Veterinary Anatomic Pathology - Alexander Civello acivello@rvc.ac.uk
Royal Veterinary College

Christmas caption competition

Budding writers are sought to improve on our caption to this picture from the Royal Veterinary College 2015 Graduation Ceremony when Professor Ken Smith acted as Mace Bearer and RVC Principal Professor Stuart Reid entered the frame.

The suggested caption from "RVC art budget slashed" is the RCPath in-house proposal, but we hope you can beat the pros! The winning caption will be published in the next edition of Vet Path News.

RCVS News

Those of you are MRCVS will realise that the RCVS is going through a period of significant activity and change. Although some of us are members of both Colleges it sometimes feel that we are constantly battling to be heard against our medical and clinical colleagues. One way to make a significant impact would be to have a veterinary pathologist elected to RCVS Council. The call for Council nominations is now out with a closing date of 31 Sunday, January 2016 http://www.rcvs.org.uk/news-and-events/news/call-for-candidates-for-rcvs-and-vn-councils-2016-elections/.

Please consider standing and of course offering support to any Veterinary Pathologist candidates.

There is also a chance to become involved in developing the new Fellowship by becoming part of the credentials panel – applications close on Thursday, 7 January 2016 - https://www.rcvs.org.uk/about-us/work-for-us/

The RCVS has been engaged in two major projects focussing on mental health and careers Mind Matters and Vet Futures. The Mind Matters initiative project has held several meetings this year and should have its own website by the end of the year www.vetmindmatters.org. You can follow the event on Twitter @vetmindmatters or join their mailing list by contacting Lizzie Lockett l.lockett@rcvs.org.uk

The Vet Futures project has published its final report http://vetfutures.org.uk/download/reports/Vet%20Futures%20report.pdf . This report focuses on the future of the veterinary profession. The report includes a large emphasis on non-practice career pathways and we need to engage with follow up projects and strategic planning to ensure that veterinary pathology and research careers are effectively supported in the future so please consider becoming part of the follow up action group http://vetfutures.org.uk/new-vet-futures-action-group-seeks-members/

Cheryl Scudamore
Three College Fellows were recognised by the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons at the RCVS Open Day on Friday 10 July. Professor Don Kelly received his award in recognition of his lifetime of service to veterinary pathology on the national and international stage. Professor Scudamore and Professor Smith each received the award of Fellowship by Meritorious Contributions to Learning in their respective fields. Professor Scudamore said “The RCVS Fellowship is changing and it is good to know that some pathologists will be involved in shaping the future.”

Public engagement

Veterinary pathology public engagement activity appears on the new College website (www.rcpath.org) in the ‘Discover Pathology’ section https://www.rcpath.org/discover-pathology.html

Debra Fews d.fews@bristol.ac.uk is the committee’s public engagement representative.

During National Pathology Week, Debra Fews and Louise Dawson manned a stand at the College’s Pathology 19 Ways event at Barts Pathology Museum.
Future events and meetings

The British Society of Veterinary Pathology (BSVP)
For further information on any of these meetings, please contact the BSVP Secretariat – bsvpsecretariat@aol.com

British Society of Toxicological Pathology (BSTP)
BSTP Secretariat, P. O. Box 6356, Isle of Skye IV41 8WZ e-mail: bstpoffcie@aol.com
Website: www.bstp.org.uk

CL Davis Foundation for the Advancement of Veterinary and Comparative Pathology
Website: www.eurocdavis.net

American College of Veterinary Pathologists Annual Meeting
CPD Day
3 – 6 April 2016
Where: Manchester Conference Centre, Manchester
BST is collaborating with the British Toxicology Society Annual Congress 2016
http://www.thebts.org/

General information on the Specialty Advisory Committee on Veterinary Pathology is to be found on the relevant pages of the College website: https://www.rcpath.org/resource-library-homepage/committees.html

If any URLs appear split over more than one line, please copy and paste the text into your web browser.

If you have any feedback on the Newsletter or suggestions for items or College activities you wish to learn more about, please contact the Specialty Advisory Committee’s administrator: diana.maxwell@rcpath.org marking your email “VetPath News”