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Pathology: the science behind the cure

## President's e-newsletter – December 2017



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### President's Message of the Month

Welcome to my first e-newsletter as President.

I am delighted to be starting in my new role. The Royal College of Pathologists is home to an amazing and diverse range of experts, and it has been a real pleasure to see the skill, talent and commitment of colleagues in a wide range of settings, meetings and events in my first couple of weeks.

Together we are in a unique position to offer help and advice and to champion research, innovation and the great advances that pathology can make in prevention, diagnosis and treatment to deliver patient care.

I also want to use the opportunity that I have as President to build on the work of my predecessors in raising the profile of the College and of pathology in government, industry and healthcare. Pathology faces far-reaching challenges – organisational change, rising workloads and issues with

recruitment. I will work hard to make sure the voice of members is heard as well as encouraging and supporting the next generation of medical students and trainees to choose a career in pathology.

Please do get in touch if you have any queries or suggestions.

I'd also like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and happy new year.

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## **COLLEGE NEWS**

### **The Royal College of Pathologists' response to the Chief Coroner's Annual Report 2016-2017**

The College welcomes the Annual Report of the Chief Coroner, His Honour Judge Mark Lucraft QC. You can read the College's full response at [Chief Coroner Annual Report](#).

### **New Chairs appointed - England and Scotland Regional Councils**

- Professor Kate Gould takes up the role of Chair of the England Regional Council following Dr Suzy Lishman who demits office.
- Professor Peter Johnston takes up the role of Chair of the Scotland Regional Council following Dr Bernie Croal who demits office.

### **Local College Representatives – England Regional Council (several vacancies)**

The College is looking to appoint Local College Representatives (LCRs). The role involves exchanging information between your hospital/Trust colleagues and your England Regional Council Regional Advisor. Fellows or Affiliate Members are encouraged to self-nominate for posts to take up office immediately. Senior Trainees will not be excluded from applying but consideration will be needed as to whether they can commit to the role over a period of time. Further information about the role at [Local College Representatives](#).

### **Research Excellence Framework 2021**

The College has been chosen as an organisation to nominate candidates to be panel members for the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021. Applicants wishing to be nominated by the College are invited to submit their application for consideration. Further information and an application form is available on the College website at [REF 2021](#). If you wish to submit an application for consideration by the College, please read the information, download and complete the application form, and return it to Joanne Brinklow - [joanne.brinklow@rcpath.org](mailto:joanne.brinklow@rcpath.org) - by no later than midday on Wednesday 13 December 2017.

## **PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT**

### **Furness Prize for Science Communication – Nominations open!**

Nominations are invited for the College's annual science communication competition, [The Furness Prize for Science Communication](#), which aims to cultivate awareness amongst pathology trainees about the importance of public engagement, and to reward and recognise trainees who have undertaken sustained high-quality science communication activities. Candidates may nominate themselves or be nominated by a colleague who is familiar with their work. The closing date for nominations is 10 January and the winner will be presented with their prize cheque of £200 and a certificate, at our New Fellows Ceremony on 1 February. Full details, including the form to apply, are on the [website](#).

### **National Pathology Week 2017 – Round-up**

[Look Back at National Pathology Week](#) is a short round-up of highlights from NPW, which this year focused on pathology in the community. Members all over the UK ran a diverse range of events and the January Bulletin will feature reports from a selection of these, as well as articles covering the College's own activities. We are keen to hear from anyone who ran an event but did not register it on our website so we can get a true picture of participation across the country. If you ran an event during NPW (which ran from 6 to 12 November, although if your event was held slightly outside of these dates, we would still like to hear from you), but didn't register it with us, please email [publicengagement@rcpath.org](mailto:publicengagement@rcpath.org) and provide details of where, when and what you did for your event.

If you have an event coming up in the future, don't forget to [register it](#) so we can help promote it on the website and on social media.

### **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

#### **International Pathology Day 2017**

Last month we celebrated [International Pathology Day](#). The College hosted a roundtable discussion focusing on the role of pathology in implementing the World Health Organisation's (WHO) 2017 [Cancer Resolution](#). Organised in partnership with [The Pathologist](#) magazine, the roundtable brought together a panel of experts to discuss how to ensure that national cancer plans adequately address the provision of effective, affordable and sustainable pathology services as part of the global effort to strengthen and improve cancer care. You can now watch the [recording online](#). Also visit the [website](#) and the hashtag #PathologyDay to see how others celebrated all around the world.

#### **International Trainee Support Scheme - Become a Scheme Mentor**

The College has established the International Trainee Support Scheme to support international medical graduates who are planning to sit the College's fellowship examinations.

Scheme mentors are a key component of the scheme. They are matched with trainees and provide advice, guidance and support to trainees as they work to address any gaps or weaknesses in their knowledge, skills, understanding or behaviours, in preparation for the examination.

The International Department is currently looking for volunteers who wish to take part in the International Trainee Support Scheme as mentors for histopathology. Those who would like to register should complete an online application form at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/itss-mentor>

For more information please contact the International Department at [international@rcpath.org](mailto:international@rcpath.org)

## PUBLICATIONS

### **New consultations (log-in required)**

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of cancer of unknown primary \(CUP\) and malignancy of unknown primary origin \(MUO\)](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of vulval carcinomas](#)

### **New publications**

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of renal parenchyma neoplasms](#)
- [Tissue pathways for lymph node, spleen and bone marrow trephine biopsy specimens](#)

## **COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

### **First Bi-Annual UK Endocrine Pathology Society/Royal College of Pathologists Endocrine Pathology Update**

**Friday 2 and Saturday 3 February 2018**

**To be held at: Royal College of General Practitioners, 30 Euston Square, London, NW1 2FB**

**CPD credits: 8**

This meeting will be aimed at consultants with a special interest (or aiming to specialise) in endocrine pathology and will also be suitable for trainees approaching FRCPath Part 2. The faculty includes nationally and internationally recognised experts in endocrine pathology and oncology.

### **Clinical Trial Training for the Petrified: Training a New Generation of Clinical Trial Pathologists **NEW****

**Friday 9 February 2018**

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

**CPD Credits: 4**

The College is hosting the second of an annual workshop series in conjunction with the [National Cancer Research Institute's CM-Path initiative](#). This workshop will provide key information to pathologists who are keen to get involved in clinical research and will include an introduction to navigating the academic career pathway, quality assurance in clinical trials, statistics and clinical trial design. We welcome trainees and established consultants with an interest in clinical research.

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

**Friday 23 February 2018**

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

**CPD Credits: 5**

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).

#### National Infection Study Day: Emerging and neglected infections

**NEW**

**Tuesday 6 March 2018**

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

**CPD Credits: 5**

This day will focus on emerging and neglected infections and has been devised 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.

#### Guidelines for non-forensic autopsy practice (your questions and answers) **NEW**

**Friday 18 May 2018**

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

**CPD Credits: 5**

This symposium aims to provide guidance to pathologists dealing with non-forensic and Coroner's post-mortem examinations. It presents a platform for pathologists to familiarise themselves with recent published guidelines as well as providing a rare opportunity to discuss challenging cases with experts and guideline authors.

### **NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

#### **University of Nottingham - MSc by Research in Molecular Pathology – September 2018**

The MSc is designed to meet NHS and industry needs for molecular pathologists in the genomic medicine era.

The taught component of the programme will be delivered by distance learning, offering students the flexibility of being based anywhere in the world. The course also has a research component which will be delivered on site in Nottingham.

A number of bursaries are available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Those who are successful in securing a bursary will be reimbursed following registration on the course.

- Full details and how to apply at [MSc Molecular Pathology](#)
- For all enquiries please contact [MS-NMPN@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:MS-NMPN@nottingham.ac.uk)

#### **Calling Alumni of LSTM!**

The Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine is looking to get in touch with alumni to get involved in a new alumni project to help shape the future of

the LSTM Alumni community. To sign up, please fill in the following survey <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LSTMAlumniAndFriends>.

To find out more, feature as an alumni profile, or for any other questions, email [alumni@lstmed.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@lstmed.ac.uk).

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

See [external conferences](#)

- [Cleavage and trophectoderm biopsy for Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis Workshop](#) – 22-23 March 2018
- [ABCD a basic course of dermatopathology](#) – 23-25 February 2018
- [The London Haematopathology Course](#) – 7-9 March 2018
- [Breast Pathology Masterclass](#) – 5-6 July 2018
- [Foundation Course on Healthcare Infection Control](#) – 23-25 January 2018





