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President's e-newsletter – August 2017



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President's Messages of the Month

Welcome to the August e-newsletter.

Time out for national work – joint letter

A [joint letter](#) urging all NHS employers to look favourably on requests from doctors applying for professional leave in order to undertake national work was recently sent from Professor Terence Stephenson, Chair of the General Medical Council, Sir Bruce Keogh, Medical Director for NHS England and the Chief Medical Officers for England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales.

The work that our members (both doctors and scientists) undertake on behalf of the College contributes enormously to the quality and safety of patient care, education and the safety and effectiveness of both local and regional health services. You may wish to draw your employer's attention to this letter if it is proving difficult to get time away from work for College or other business.

College elections

If you haven't already done so please cast your vote for the roles of Vice-President, Registrar and members of College Council by **25 August**. You should have received an email with details of how to vote from the Electoral Reform Services (ERS) at the beginning of July. If you have not received the email, please contact elections2017@rcpath.org.

I hope you have a good break if you're getting away over the next few weeks and that things aren't too hectic if you're not.

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COLLEGE NEWS

New Trainee Welcome Day - 30 August 2017

The College is holding a welcome day for new trainees who commence pathology training this August.

The day is for trainees in chemical pathology (including metabolic medicine), histopathology and medical microbiology and virology (including joint training with infectious diseases). Further information and a registration form is available on the College website: [New Trainee Welcome Day](#). Trainees who started training prior to August are also welcome to apply. However priority registration will be given to newly appointed trainees.

Demonstration of the LEPT System

Deaneries/Local Education Training Boards LETBs are reminded that demonstration of the Learning Environment for Pathology Trainees (LEPT) system can be arranged. The LEPT system is for medical trainees (specialty registrars) in chemical pathology and histopathology. It is a web-based system for workplace-based assessment and multi-source feedback, which also includes an e-portfolio to support the Annual Review of Competence Progression process. For further information or to make arrangements for a demonstration, please contact assessment@rcpath.org.

Cellular Pathologist Audit Evaluator

The College's Clinical Effectiveness department is recruiting new cellular pathology audit evaluators.

Fellows actively participating in the RCPATH CPD scheme, interested in clinical audit and undertaking high-quality clinical audits, should consider applying.

Successful applicants will be responsible for evaluating whether the criteria and standards of audits for certification are met appropriately. For more information and how to apply, visit [Cellular Pathology Audit Evaluator](#).

Examination Performance Reports

As part of its continued commitment to transparency around examinations, the College has published an [examination performance report](#) for the Spring 2017 diet showing pass rates broken down by specialty, by UK and Overseas centres, and by attempt. The report builds on the recent release of information about the cost of training. Further diets will be added in due course. Members are reminded that if they have sat an exam in the last four years as a UK medical trainee, they can [apply for tax relief](#) on their exam fees.

Retired Fellows' Lunch

Tickets are now available for the Retired Fellows' Lunch on 10 October 2017. This lunch is open to all fellows formally registered as retired with the College. It will be held at Villandry, 12 Waterloo Place, London SW1Y 4AU.

This is an opportunity for retired fellows to meet old friends and perhaps make new acquaintances. It follows on from the successful lunches held previously. Tickets are priced at £60 for a three-course lunch with wine. Please visit: [Retired Fellows' Lunch](#).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Competitions

- Just a reminder that the College's [Medical Undergraduate Essay Competition](#) is now open. This year's topic is: *The role of IT in pathology*. The winning entry will be published in *The Bulletin* and the winner will receive a prize of £200.
- We are also inviting entries for our [Art of Pathology Competition](#). This year's theme is *Patterns in Pathology*. The competition is open to entrants of all ages. The winner will receive £50 and have their work displayed on our website.

For more information and how to apply please see [our website](#). Please share with anyone you think would be interested in applying.

National Pathology Week 2017 - 6-12 November

This year's National Pathology Week is themed *Pathology in the Community*. Please see the College website for up-to-date information on this year's events and how to get involved. If you [register your own event](#) you could win £100 in our event registration prize draw.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

College signs memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the Egyptian Military Medical Services

Last month, the College strengthened its relationship with Egypt through the signing of a MOU with the Egyptian Military Medical Services (EMMS) in Cairo. The signing took place during the College's first International Pathology Summer School, which was organised in partnership with the Armed Forces College of Medicine (AFCM) and the Egyptian Committee of Pathology Training (ECPT). Under the MOU, the College, EMMS and AFCM will work together to improve standards, training and the practice of pathology and laboratory medicine in Egypt.

International Pathology Day 2017 – 15 November

This year's International Pathology Day will be held on Wednesday 15 November. If you are planning any activities or events for IPD 2017, we would like to hear from you!

Please get in touch with the International Team at international@rcpath.org

International Trainee Support Scheme - Become a Mentor

The International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS) provides structured support, advice, mentoring and guidance to overseas doctors and scientists who are planning to sit the College's FRCPath Part 1 and Part 2 examinations. The scheme has been piloted with doctors from Egypt, India, Iraq, Sudan and Pakistan who are intending to take the histopathology fellowship examinations and we will soon be recruiting a second intake for 2017-18/19, which will be open to doctors from all countries.

Scheme Mentors will be 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. If you are interested in becoming a mentor please complete our online form: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/itss-mentor>

Dr Peter Southall & family complete the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 Challenge!

Many congratulations to Dr Peter Southall and his four sons, William, Edward, Adam and James ('#TeamSouthall') who completed the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 on Sunday.

#TeamSouthall cycled a total of 500 miles to raise money in support of the College's efforts to help Mubende Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda to establish a blood donation and transfusion service.

It's not too late to donate! Visit their [donation page](#).

Histopathology Trainee to trek across Iceland for the College!

Based in the Severn Deanery, Dr Connie Szecei is a second year histopathology trainee who will be swapping her laboratory and microscope for the volcanic lava, snowy mountains and hot springs of Iceland later this month!

Connie will be taking part in a 5-day, 53km (33 miles) trek across Iceland in support of the College's global health challenge fund. Her journey will start on Wednesday 30 August and if you would like to follow her progress as she prepares to take on this Nordic challenge, please visit the College website for updates and [Connie's fundraising page](#):

NEW PUBLICATIONS

- [Tissue pathways for urological pathology](#)
- [Code of conduct for expert witnesses](#)

DOCUMENTS FOR CONSULTATION – LOG-IN REQUIRED

- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of mesothelioma](#)
- [Revalidation and External Quality Assessment \(EQA\) guidance](#)

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

National Infection Update 2017

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.

Cytopathology Study Day

Monday 18 September 2017

CPD: 5 Credits

To be held in in the General Classroom, Hodgkin Building, KCL, Guy's Hospital, Great Maze Pond, London SE1 9RT

This one-day meeting will discuss a selection of specimen types with challenging morphology and the role of emerging terminologies and ancillary tests. Reporting terminologies for salivary gland and thyroid are among the highlights of the meeting. Microscopy sessions will include these as well as a range of other cytology samples including breast, pancreas, EBUS, urine and serous fluid cytology. This study day is aimed at trainees and consultants in cytopathology, particularly those newly qualified or interested in updating their knowledge.

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 focusing on accurately reporting data items that are clinically relevant in a particular case.

Gastrointestinal Pathology: Diagnosis and recent advances

Wednesday 22 November 2017

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

CPD Credits: 5

This is a one-day course, comprising an update and review of gastrointestinal (GI) pathology. It should be suitable for specialist GI pathologists, consultants with a GI pathology interest, and relatively senior trainees. The speakers include two internationally recognised and highly distinguished experts, Dr Robert Odze from the United States and Dr Karel Geboes from Belgium. Also on the programme are several very experienced UK-based GI pathologists. Emphasis is on the histological diagnosis and classification of non-neoplastic and neoplastic disease, and on clinicopathological correlation.

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.

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).

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Serious Hazards of Transfusion (SHOT) – Annual Report – 2016

The College is a key affiliate of SHOT, a UK-wide organisation, established in 1995 to collect and analyse anonymised information on adverse events and reactions in blood transfusion from all healthcare organisations that are involved in the transfusion of blood and blood components.

SHOT publishes an annual report which identifies any risks and problems and makes recommendations to improve patient safety, helping to reduce and manage any serious adverse issues with blood transfusion. The 20th [Annual Report](#) covering 2016 was published in July 2017.

Judicial Appointments Commission - Become a tribunal medical member

The Social Entitlement Chamber is looking for approximately 200 new medical members to bring their expertise to appeals arising from decisions made about disability benefits. Doctors from all backgrounds can apply.

Medical members sit alongside a tribunal judge and sometimes, a disability-qualified member. All tribunal members contribute to the decision about the benefit being appealed. [Please visit Tribunal medical member](#)

The Faculty of Medical Leadership and Management (FMLM) – New campaign – the Enlightened Side

FMLM has launched a campaign, the [Enlightened Side](#), to encourage doctors, dentists and students to realise the benefits of developing excellence in medical leadership.

Developing medical leadership is emphasised by the GMC in both the new Generic Professional Capabilitiesⁱ and *Leadership and management for all doctors* (2012).

FMLM's aim is to encourage doctors, dentists and students to recognise the importance of leadership and to find out more about the support on offer to enjoy greater, more fulfilling career opportunities and better outcomes for everyone – patients, teams and for themselves.

National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) Senior Investigators - 11th annual competition launched

Funding will be awarded for three, four or five year appointments upon recommendation of an independent selection panel. Selected Senior Investigators will receive a discretionary research award of £15,000 per annum payable to their employer. Research Capability Funding (RCF) payments of £75,000 per annum are also made to the Senior Investigator's associated NHS organisation to accompany the appointment. The award is designed to fund activities that support Senior Investigators' research.

Leading researchers funded by the NIHR and who are employed by an NHS Trust, university or charity based in England, are encouraged to apply. NIHR

Research Professors reaching the end of their term are also invited to apply; providing their term ends by 01 April 2018.

For more information, please visit: [NIHR website](#) Closing date is 1pm on Wednesday 23 August 2017. Notification of outcome March 2018.

Also see the [guidance for applicants](#) for details on eligibility and criteria and how to complete the application form online.

Annual RCPATH Dermatopathology Study Day

The Annual RCPATH Dermatopathology Study Day is being postponed until next year as the Symposium of the International Society for Dermatopathology is being held in the UK this year in Glasgow from 28-30 Sep 2017. Please see www.isdp2017.com for programme and registration. This symposium has been approved for up to 27 RCPATH CPD credits.

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [7th Acute Leukaemia day -Dilemmas and Daily Challenges](#) – 22 September 2017
- [Autopsy Update Day](#) – 23 November 2017
- [British Society for Immunology Congress 2017](#) – 4-7 December 2017
- [The St Mary's one-day course In Histopathology of the Bone Marrow](#) – 11 September 2017
- [The British Association of Urological Pathologists: Kidney, Testis and Penis Pathology Course](#) – 23-24 November 2017
- [Irish Society of Surgical Pathology](#) – 20-21 October 2017


