

## **President's E-newsletter – April 2015**

### **President's Messages of the Month**

This month I would like to highlight an opportunity to get involved in the work of the College, encourage you to invite medical undergraduates to a pathology summer school and let you know about this year's Clinical Excellence Awards round.

### **Assistant Registrar**

We are seeking nominations for the post of Assistant Registrar to take up office from July 2015 until November 2017.

This is a vital position at the College, supporting both my role as President and all aspects of the College's work.

The role also involves close collaboration with the Registrar and includes lead responsibility for workforce.

The Assistant Registrar is also a Trustee of the College, helping to decide how it is run and ensuring it is doing what it was set up to do.

Any Fellow is eligible to apply. Please visit [Get involved at the College](#)

### **Pathology Summer School**

The College, in partnership with the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology and the Pathological Society, is holding a second annual summer school for UK medical students interested in finding out more about the role of pathology and how pathologists contribute to important advances in healthcare in the UK and beyond.

The school offers students a unique opportunity to hear first hand what it is like to train and work as a pathologist.

It will be held at St. Hilda's College, Oxford on August 21 and 22. Attendance for successful applicants is free, and includes accommodation, meals and two days of activities.

The closing date for applications is 24 April. Visit [Pathology Summer School](#).

Last year's summer school was over-subscribed with medical students from almost all UK medical schools attending. I am sure this year's event will be just as successful.

### **Clinical Excellence Awards**

The Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) has confirmed that this year's round will go ahead and is likely to start in mid-April. If you are applying for a new award or renewing a current award, you are advised to make a start on your application now.

I will send a separate email to all Fellows as soon as more details are known. Please bear in mind that the deadline for those wanting College support of their application will be several weeks before the final ACCEA deadline to allow time for regional and national ranking and obtaining citations.

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## COLLEGE NEWS

### **Trainee Research Awards 2015 – now open**

Applications are sought for The Royal College of Pathologists' Research Committee 2015 [Research Medal Awards](#). The awards are open to trainees who are first author or first joint author on a single original published research paper. Research for the submitted paper must have been undertaken and published whilst the candidate was registered as a trainee. Deadline for applications: 6 July 2015.

Full details of the submission process and eligibility criteria are available on The Royal College of Pathologists' website: <http://www.rcpath.org/research/specialty-research-medals/submission-process.htm>

### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Annual return**

Please submit your 2014-15 CPD return via the [online portfolio](#) by 30 June 2015.

### **Multi-Source Feedback (MSF) Assessments**

Year 3/5 trainees are reminded to initiate their MSF assessments via the Learning Environment for Pathology Trainees (LEPT) system. More information available [here](#).

## PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

### **National Pathology Week: 2–8 November 2015**

National Pathology Week will take place this year between 2-8 November. It is never too early to start planning your events. Visit [www.ilovepathology.org](http://www.ilovepathology.org) for inspiration and ready-made resources. We will add more materials as the year progresses. [Register your events](#) via the website to be eligible for free promotional materials and help us beat last year's event total.

### **International Pathology Day – 18 November 2015**

Organisations from around the world will be joining us in promoting pathology globally as part of International Pathology Day. This will take place on Wednesday 18 November 2015. Visit [I love Pathology Website](#) for more information and ideas on how you can get involved.

### **Volunteering Opportunities – we need you!**

We are looking for volunteers to facilitate our forthcoming public engagement events:

### ***Blood and Bugs at the Schools Science Conference 2015***

Following a successful run of [Blood and Bugs](#) events in 2014, we will bring the exciting activities to the Schools Science Conference on 22 April 2015 at the University of Westminster.

### ***Art-pathology workshop, with scientist-turned-artist Dr Lizzie Burns:***

- 19th May – Maidenhead, ideally microbiologist needed – Oldfield Primary School
- 21st May – Witney, ideally microbiologist needed – North Leigh Primary School
- 8th July – London, ideally histopathologist needed – St Marylebone CE Secondary School

If you are interested in taking part please contact Amaka Nwagbara, [amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org](mailto:amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org). For more information, please visit: [Public Engagement Opportunities](#)

### **Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme 2015**

Applications are now open for the Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme 2015. We are offering grants of up to £1000 for interactive and engaging projects that promote the importance of pathology to audiences such as school students, medical students and health professionals. The deadline for applications is Monday 8 June 2015. For more information visit [Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme](#) or contact the public engagement team at [PEG@rcpath.org](mailto:PEG@rcpath.org)

### **Free science communication training - Thursday 25 June 2015, Southampton**

Places are available for this science communication training session in Southampton. Run by Karen Davies from the Science Museum, the session will provide an excellent opportunity to gain experience in organising events and working with different audiences. Places are limited and will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For information on the terms and conditions visit [Science Communication Training](#). To book your place or for more information please contact Amaka: [amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org](mailto:amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org) or 020 7451 6717.

## **INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

### **Last notice to book!**

- **Postgraduate Specialty Training, Examinations & Assessment in Pathology & Laboratory Medicine (Cairo, Egypt), 18-19 April 2015**

This two-day conference has been jointly organised by The Royal College of Pathologists and the Egyptian Committee for Pathology Training (ECPT) to share expertise, practical guidance and advice to those involved in the training, assessment and examination of pathology trainees. Further details and booking information can be found at: [www.specialtytraining.eventbrite.com](http://www.specialtytraining.eventbrite.com)

- **Trainee Development Day: Histopathology (Cairo, Egypt), 17 April 2015**

This development day has been jointly organised by The Royal College of Pathologists and the Egyptian Committee for Pathology Training (ECPT). Trainees will learn about specimen handling and reporting standards for tissue pathways and cancer datasets. They will also receive guidance on preparing for the FRCPath Part I examinations in Histopathology. Further details and booking information can be found at: [www.traineeday.eventbrite.com](http://www.traineeday.eventbrite.com)

### **Get Involved: International opportunities**

#### **Myanmar**

The College is working with the Myanmar Society of Pathologists and the medical university in Yangon on an education programme to raise the standard of pathology practice and to help Myanmar pathologists prepare for the FRCPath examinations.

The education programme will comprise fortnightly lectures on various aspects of anatomical pathology over a weekend. Fellows will fly into Yangon on the Friday evening and spend the Saturday and Sunday morning giving lectures and conducting slide seminars. Meals, ground transportation and accommodation will be provided in Myanmar.

The programme will commence from 25-26 April and every fortnight thereafter. College Fellows, particularly those based in the Asia-Pacific region, who are interested in joining the teaching faculty should contact the International Department:

[international@rcpath.org](mailto:international@rcpath.org)

### **Russian-speaking pathologists**

The College is currently exploring possible collaboration initiatives in eastern Europe and in particular, the former Eastern Bloc countries. We would like to hear from any Russian-speaking pathologists and clinical scientists interested in working with the College to improve pathology training and laboratory services in this region. Please contact the International Department in the first instance. Email: [international@rcpath.org](mailto:international@rcpath.org)

### **COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES**

#### **Chair, Intercollegiate Committee for Haematology**

Applications are now invited for the post of Chair of the Intercollegiate Committee for Haematology (ICH), taking up office from June 2015 until the Annual General Meeting, November 2017.

The ICH was established between the Royal College of Pathologists and the Royal College of Physicians (London) and provides essential links between both Colleges and the specialist societies – the British Society for Haematology, Association of Clinical Pathologists and other colleges. Visit: [Get involved in the College](#)

#### **Speciality Advisory Committee (SAC) on Forensic Pathology**

Applications for the following SAC posts are invited from College Fellows specialising in forensic pathology.

- Lead for Workforce and Recruitment
- Lead for Training and Professional Standards

Details of the postholders' responsibilities can be found in the SAC Terms of Reference available on the [College website](#)

If you would like to apply for one of the posts, please email your CV and a short statement (one side of A4 maximum) detailing why you are a suitable candidate for the post to [charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org](mailto:charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org) by 24 April 2015.

### **COLLEGE CONSULTATIONS**

[www.rcpath.org/fellows/discussion-documents](http://www.rcpath.org/fellows/discussion-documents) (log-in required)

- Guidelines on staffing and workload for paediatric and perinatal pathology departments – an annex to the 2012 College Guidelines on staffing and workload for histopathology and cytopathology departments (3rd edition). Open for consultation until Monday 13 April 2015.
- Veterinary pathology curriculum – open for consultation until Friday 8 May 2015.

### **COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA – full details at**

<http://www.rcpath.org/meetings/college-conferences>

#### **Future of medical training in chemical pathology and examination**

##### **Changes to FRCPath**

**Thursday, 23 April 2015**

**Venue: Radisson Blu Manchester Airport, Manchester, M90 3RA**

This meeting will discuss the future of medical training and examinations for

chemical pathology trainees. It is aimed at Speciality Advisory Committee members, College Specialty Training Committee (CSTC) members, examiners, training programme directors and trainees.

**When the cause of death is in the brain**

**Friday 8 May 2015**

**To be held at The King's Fund, 11 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN**

This symposium will concentrate on neuropathological practice as it may present to a pathologist working under a legal authority to determine a cause of death. It is aimed at histopathologists who undertake general coronial autopsies, histopathology trainees and neuropathology trainees. Practitioners will also be informed about the post-mortem framework and diagnostic recommendations from The Royal College of Pathologists and will be able to apply these to their practice in making a determination of a cause of death when it is in the brain.

**Emerging zoonoses and AMR - a one health approach through multidisciplinary collaboration**

**Friday 15 May 2015**

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

High levels of antibiotic resistance are emerging worldwide. This is jeopardising our ability to treat common infections in animals and humans. In order to address this global threat, a concerted effort between the medical and veterinary professions is urgently required. This programme draws upon one of the goals of the UK five year Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Strategy (2013 to 2018) to improve the knowledge and understanding of AMR through collaboration between human and veterinary medicine.

This symposium will be of interest and relevance to veterinary surgeons, medical and veterinary microbiologists, infectious disease physicians and clinical and veterinary scientists.

**Date for your diary** – further details to follow shortly

<http://www.rcpath.org/meetings/college-conferences>

- Dermatopathology Study Day – Friday 4 December 2015, London.

**External events supported by the College:**

**Annual Meeting of the British Association of Gynaecological Pathologists (BAGP)**

**Friday 12 and Saturday 13 June 2015**

**Venue: The Royal College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London, NW1 4RG**

The Annual BAGP meeting provides specialist gynaecological histopathologists and general histopathologists with an update on the recent advances in the field of gynaecological pathology. This is an excellent opportunity to hear up-to-date and authoritative overviews of important and influential developments in gynaecological pathology.

This event is being administered by the conference team at the RCPATH on behalf of the BAGP. Book online: <http://www.rcpath.org/meetings/book-now>

**NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS**

### **Royal Society Wolfson Laboratory Refurbishment Grant**

This scheme is for scientists in the UK who want to refurbish or renovate their research laboratories. [Wolfson Laboratory Refurbishment Grant](#)

### **Recruitment to Clinical Excellence Awards Regional Sub-Committees**

The Advisory Committee on Clinical Excellence Awards (ACCEA) is anticipating on launching the 2015 Clinical Excellence Awards round in late spring.

ACCEA is currently seeking applications from consultants and academic GPs wishing to become members of the 13 regional sub-committees in England and the DH & Public Health sub-committee. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 22 April 2015.

Further details: <http://www.rcpath.org/the-college/college-awards-and-lecturers/awards>

### **Sanofi - Institut Pasteur Awards 2015**

These Awards will honour four scientists whose outstanding research in the life sciences is contributing to progress in global health. Please visit <http://www.pasteur.fr/en/sanofi-institut-pasteur-awards> for more details.

### **General Medical Council national training survey 2015**

The GMC national training survey (NTS) involves more than 50,000 doctors and is seen as a key measure of the quality of medical education and training in the UK.

For the first time the survey will explore the environment in which doctors are trained; how fairly doctors feel they are being treated, and if their posts help build confidence. The NTS is open to all doctors in foundation and specialty training programmes, including GP training. To take part in the survey visit: [www.gmc-uk.org/nts](http://www.gmc-uk.org/nts)

### **Developing Excellence in Medical Education Conference 26 November, Manchester**

Developing Excellence in Medical Education Conference (DEMEC) is the first joint medical education and training conference. The event is supported by the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges which will be contributing to some of the workshops.

Registration is open to all those involved in medical education and training at postgraduate and undergraduate level, medical students or trainees interested in medical education and postgraduate training. Visit <http://www.demec.org.uk/>

### **Chair and member vacancies in Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP)**

The Advisory Committee on Dangerous Pathogens (ACDP) advises the Health and Safety Executive and Ministers for the Department of Health (DH) and the Department for the Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and their counterparts in Scotland, Wales & Northern Ireland, on all aspects of hazards and risks to workers and others from exposure to pathogens.

The DH is looking for a Chair and one member for ACDP. There is no remuneration for these posts but expenses are paid. Closing date Friday 24 April 2015.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/departments/about/recruitment>

### **Share your thoughts on medical research and win an iPad Mini!**

The Royal College of Physicians London is running a survey to find out about

engagement in research and academic medicine to help inform research policy across the healthcare landscape. It's open to doctors across all specialties and career stages, including trainees and medical students. It takes 10-15 minutes to complete, and as a thank you for your time you'll go in the draw to win an iPad Mini. Visit [www.rcplondon.ac.uk/ramsurvey](http://www.rcplondon.ac.uk/ramsurvey)

## **EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST**

**For a list of external conferences see**

<http://www.rcpath.org/meetings/external-conferences>

**The All Wales Lymphoma Panel Course**

**Thursday 23 and Friday 24 April, 2015, Wales Millennium Centre, Cardiff**

Further details and Programme:

[http://www.awlp.org.uk/linked/awlp\\_course\\_2015\\_programme.pdf](http://www.awlp.org.uk/linked/awlp_course_2015_programme.pdf)

**8<sup>th</sup> British Association of Urological Pathologists kidney and bladder pathology course**

**11-12 May 2015, University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff**

See [www.baup.org.uk](http://www.baup.org.uk) or contact [Farida.Esufali@wales.nhs.uk](mailto:Farida.Esufali@wales.nhs.uk) or + 44 (0)29 2074 5316

**Joint Fourth Congress of the International Society of Forensic Radiology and Imaging (ISFRI) and 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting of the International Association of Forensic Radiographers (IAFR)**

**Who and How: The Role of Radiology in Human Identification and Trauma Investigation**

**14-16 May 2015, University of Leicester**

<http://www2.le.ac.uk/conference/radiology-2015>

**Pathology Quality Standards – SBK Healthcare Events**

**Tuesday 2 June 2015, DoubleTree by Hilton, Manchester**

Visit: [Pathology Quality Standards](#)

**Infection Prevention 2015**

**ACC, Liverpool**

**28 – 30 September 2015**

[www.ips.uk.net/education-events/annual-conference](http://www.ips.uk.net/education-events/annual-conference)

**3rd British Society for Dermatopathology Self-Assessment Meeting**

**6 July 2015, Manchester**

For further details please contact: [asok.biswas@luht.scot.nhs.uk](mailto:asok.biswas@luht.scot.nhs.uk) or visit

[www.britsocdermpath.co.uk/index.htm](http://www.britsocdermpath.co.uk/index.htm)

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