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President's e-newsletter – June 2017



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President's Messages of the Month

It has been a pleasure meeting members and trainees at events in Belfast and Glasgow this month. I look forward to meeting members in Cardiff on July 5th – places are still available if you'd like to attend. See [Symposium on Pathology in Wales](#).

Cost of Training

The junior doctors' contract dispute highlighted several areas where the College could communicate better with trainees. We have since carried out two surveys and worked closely with the Trainees' Advisory Committee to understand trainees' needs. The College is committed to being completely transparent with all members about its income and how this is spent. In relation to trainees we are particularly keen to provide as much information as possible about the cost of training, including exams. This information is now on the [College website](#).

Important tax announcement

College staff have worked extremely hard to have College exams recognised by HMRC as allowable against tax. We have had to provide curricula and sample contracts for each specialty. I am delighted to announce that HMRC have just confirmed that College exams for medical members are now allowable. Members can submit claims for the last four years. An additional member of staff is being employed to deal with the anticipated requests for receipts. Please follow [this link](#) for further information.

Thank you to College volunteers

This week (June 1-7) is [Volunteers' Week](#), a national celebration of the contribution that volunteers make to organisations and communities around the country. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who volunteers on behalf of the College, whatever role you fulfill. Around one third of UK members are involved in the work of the College, ensuring that every specialty and geographical region is represented. The College could not function without your contribution and it is very much appreciated.

College elections – closing date 16 June

This is a final reminder that a number of crucial positions within the College's governing structure are open for nomination. Please see [College elections](#). I strongly recommend getting involved in your College. You'll work with some great people and have an opportunity to influence the work of the College and the delivery of pathology services. Please feel free to contact me if you'd like a chat about any of the roles. Do please think about putting yourself forward or nominating a colleague. Please note the closing date for nominations is June 16th.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Cellular Pathologist Audit Evaluators

Cellular pathologists are sought to evaluate audits submitted for certification. CPD points can be earned for each audit evaluated. Click [here](#) to apply.

Request for examples of innovation and best practice across the chemical pathology and histopathology workforces

Health Education England (HEE) is working with the College, the Institute of Biomedical Science and the Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine to address issues relating to the development of the pathology workforce. As part of this work, they are looking for local examples of workforce innovation and best practice. The initial focus of this work is on the chemical pathology and histopathology workforces, considering the role of the healthcare scientist as well as the medical workforce.

Please share examples of innovative ways of working. Suggestions include but are not restricted to examples of:

- skill mix and role expansion
- innovative local solutions to address workforce gaps
- how training capacity has been increased to deliver training within service
- workforce adaptation and development to address IT and technological changes

In your response please provide a summary of your local arrangements and outline what you perceive to have worked well and what hasn't worked well.

To respond to this request please download and complete [this form](#) and email it to workforceplanning@rcpath.org by 31 July 2017.

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.](#)

Trainee research medals 2017

Applications are invited for this year's Trainee Research Medals.

The aims of the College research medals are:

- to recognise and reward the best of the excellent science that College trainees publish
- to encourage trainees in their research careers

- to enhance the curricula vitae of the successful individuals, helping to improve their chances of external research awards
- to increase research activity within pathology
- to enhance the status of the research of pathology trainees, both within and outside the College
- to help identify future research stars that will provide the next generation of leadership in research.

Information and an application form can be found on the [College website](#).
Deadline to apply is 5pm, Monday 3 July 2017.

CPD returns

The CPD year for 2016/217 ended on 31 March.

Please submit your return for this period before 30 June 2017 via the [CPD online portfolio](#).

GET INVOLVED IN THE COLLEGE

Research Committee - Deputy Trainee Representative

The Trainees' Advisory Committee would like to hear from trainees interested in sharing an active role on both the Trainees' Advisory Committee and the Research Committee. You will be working with the current trainee representative as deputy to ensure both meetings have trainee representation.

Applications in the form of a short statement detailing your suitability for the role should be submitted to Michelle Dominique, Committee Services and Support Officer michelle.dominique@rcpath.org The closing date for applications is 5pm on Friday 30 June 2017.

More information at [Deputy Trainee Representative](#)

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Colourful pathology

Ever thought of mixing science with art? The College has commissioned Lizzie Burns, University of Oxford scientist, now professional science-based artist, to run two workshops that will focus on making scientific ideas accessible and exciting to all children through the medium of art. Her workshops will focus on how pathologists help prevent, diagnose and treat disease.

We are seeking a pathologist to accompany Lizzie for this activity. No preparation is needed. Your role would be to answer any pathology-related questions the children might have.

- Wednesday 28 June – Abbeywood Community School, New Road, Stoke Gifford, Bristol BS34 8SF
- Thursday 29 June – Dove House School Academy, Sutton Road, Basingstoke RG21 5SU

For more information, or to get involved, contact Rachel Berkoff at rachel.berkoff@rcpath.org

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Regional Advisors - Europe & Western Pacific

Two vacancies have arisen within the College's International Advisor Network and we now wish to appoint International Regional Advisors for the Europe and Western Pacific regions.

Having recently received the title of International Collaboration of the Year for its [LabSkills Africa](#) initiative at the Times Higher Education Awards in 2016, this is an exciting time to be a part of the College's international work.

As well as representing the College, you will act as a strategic voice for our fellows and members in the region. This role will also oversee the development of a network of Country Advisors, strategic institutional partnerships and global health projects aimed at building the capacity of laboratories in the Europe and the Western Pacific region.

Appointments will be for a term of three years in the first instance, starting in November 2017.

To apply for this position, please send a completed expression of interest form together with an abridged CV (no more than 6 sides of A4) to International Administrator - email: international@rcpath.org. Please see [College's website](#) for more details.

If you would like to discuss the role informally, please contact Rosemary Emodi, International Manager (email: rosemary.emodi@rcpath.org).

- Closing date for receipt of Expressions of Interest: Monday 24 July 2017
- Interviews will take place on: Week commencing Monday 7 August 2017
- Interviews via Skype and/or teleconference will be arranged for overseas candidates.

Documents in development

The College's *Digital Pathology Guidelines* are now open for consultation until 12 June 2017.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

Symposium on Pathology in Wales

Wednesday 5 July 2017

**To be held in the Lecture Theatre, Life Sciences Hub, Cardiff Bay,
CF10 4PL**

4 CPD Credits

This symposium is aimed at fellows, members, trainees, medical students and others interested in pathology in Wales. Delegates will be able to meet the College President, Dr Suzy Lishman, and President-Elect, Professor Jo Martin and find out about the College's activity in Wales.

[See Pathology in Wales programme.](#)

[Joint Meeting on Molecular Pathology Diagnostics](#)

Friday 7 July 2017

CPD Credits: 6

To be held at CIPFA, 77 Mansell Street, London, E1 8AN

The aim of the event is get a broad overview of what medical, veterinary and toxicological pathologists are doing within the field of molecular pathology, to learn from each other and to obtain updates on cutting edge data from industry and the wider scientific community. This event will be of interest to members of the veterinary, histopathology, toxicology and haematology specialties of all levels.

[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](#) **NEW**

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

Gastrointestinal Pathology: Diagnosis and recent advances 'NEW'

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 'NEW'

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 & will also be suitable for Trainees approaching RCPATH Part 2. The faculty includes nationally and internationally recognised experts in endocrine pathology and oncology.

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Cellular Molecular Pathology Initiative (CM-Path) – Survey

CM-Path Initiative (Workstream 2 Clinical Trials) would like your participation in a survey regarding your knowledge of the National Cancer Research Institute Clinical Studies Groups (NCRI CSGs).

The aim of this survey is to collect information on pathologists' awareness and attitudes towards NCRI CSGs in order to encourage greater pathology contribution to clinical trials.

The [survey](#) should only take 5-10 minutes, all the information provided will be anonymised and will be used to generate reports for NCRI and the CM-Path Initiative.

Anti-microbial resistance survey

Antibiotic resistance is a growing health threat and one that raises challenges for healthcare systems across the world. Diagnostics can play an important role in the management of antibiotic resistance, but more information is required on the type of diagnostics that are most needed in different places and situations.

You are invited to take part in a short online survey (15 minutes) on *Preferences towards types of diagnostics to meet the challenge of anti-microbial resistance*. The primary purpose of the survey is to provide an understanding of different stakeholders' preferences towards the types of diagnostics needed to meet the increasing global challenge of resistance to antibiotics.

The survey is funded via the UK government's **Tackling AMR initiative** and has been designed and conducted by independent researchers at the [Science Policy Research Unit](#) (SPRU) at the University of Sussex and the [Office of Health Economics](#).

If you do choose to participate, your contribution will be anonymised. The findings of the survey will be reported publicly and used to inform policy debate. Further information on the survey, data use and protection are provided in an [information sheet](#) about the survey. [Please click here if you are happy to participate in this survey.](#)

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.

Free Standing up for Science media workshop – 30 June, Warwick

This workshop is open to early career researchers and scientists (PhD students, post-doctoral fellows or equivalents) in all sciences, engineering and medicine and is free to attend. The workshop combines discussion about science-related controversies in media reporting with practical guidance and tips for how to deal with the media. [See website for more details.](#) Deadline for applications - 14 June.

CitizenAID – free mobile app

[CitizenAID](#) is a free mobile app intended for healthcare professionals and the public. It provides useful information in the immediate aftermath of a terror attack or other major incident, including scene assessment, initial management and triage of casualties and effective communication with the emergency services.

It has been produced by a group of senior military and civilian medical experts. It can be downloaded via Google Play, the Apple App Store or Microsoft Store. See also [CitizenAID website](#).

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

[Edinburgh Dermatopathology Tutorial](#) – 8-9 June 2017

[Embryo Biopsy Workshop](#) – 11-12 September 2017

[ACGS Summer Scientific Meeting](#) – 26 June 2017

[Adult cardiovascular pathology](#) – 15-16 June 2017

