



The Royal College of Pathologists

Pathology: the science behind the cure

President's e-newsletter – May 2017



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President's Messages of the Month

Welcome to the May e-newsletter. I hope you enjoyed the long weekend. I have just left the very successful ACB Focus meeting in Leeds. It was a pleasure to meet so many members and hear from some exceptional trainees. I congratulate the organisers on such an excellent conference.

I would also like to take the opportunity to congratulate and thank Dr Gwyn McCreanor, who steps down as President of the ACB today. It has been a pleasure to work with Gwyn over the last two years and she has been a key member of the Pathology Alliance. I wish Gwyn all the best in whatever she does next and look forward to working with her successor, Professor Ian Young.

Consolidation of pathology services

I hope you enjoyed reading the April edition of the Bulletin, which included several accounts from College members about their experiences of consolidating pathology services. You can find the Bulletin articles and other related documents on the College website. Responses to the Bulletin articles will also be published on the website.

The regulatory landscape for pathology services

Pathology services work in a highly regulated environment that aims to ensure that laboratories provide a safe working environment for staff and are capable of delivering a consistent, accurate and safe service to patients.

Professor Tim Helliwell, Vice-President for Learning, has compiled a [report](#) providing an overview of the main regulatory organisations impacting on pathology services.

Regional symposia

Professor Jo Martin, President-elect, and I will be attending regional symposia in [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#) and [Wales](#) over the next few weeks. All fellows, trainees and undergraduate members are welcome to attend. We look forward to meeting many of you there. It's not too late to book your place; there are still places available for all the events.

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COLLEGE NEWS

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.

College elections

A number of crucial positions within the College's governing structure are now up for nomination. The successful candidates will take office after November's AGM for a term of three years. Nominations for the following positions are now open:

- Vice Presidents (x3)
- Registrar
- Assistant Registrar
- Council member (England South)
- Council member (London)
- Council member (England North)
- Council member (England Midlands/East)
- Council member (x4)

Completed nomination forms and a personal statement should be submitted by 5pm on 16 June to elections2017@rcpath.org Fellows will have the opportunity to vote electronically in July and August with results being announced in early September. The elections are being organised independently by Electoral Reform Services. See [College elections](#).

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](#).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Outreach opportunities – volunteers needed

We are looking for volunteers to facilitate the following public engagement event:

My Biology, Hackney, London

Do you have an activity that brings your job to life? [Inspire](#) is looking for volunteers to run a 30-minute interactive session that introduces your job to school students. Volunteers may bring along props, equipment, photos and examples of their work.

- w/c 22 May 2017 at Thomas Fairchild Primary School (Hoxton / Old Street)
- w/c 12 June 2017 at Morningside Primary School (Hackney Central)
- w/c 3 July 2017 at Colvestone Primary School (Dalston)

For more information, please contact theresa.hudson@rcpath.org

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Regional Advisors - Europe & Western Pacific

Two vacancies have arisen within the College's International Advisor Network for 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 important 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, commencing November 2017. [Please see recruitment information pack.](#)

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 Gemma Hooley, International Administrator (email: international@rcpath.org).

Closing date for receipt of expressions of interest: Monday 15 May 2017

Interviews will take place: Week commencing 5 June 2017

Interviews via Skype and/or teleconference will be arranged for overseas candidates

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

Engagement with China

The College is currently working to establish a forum to discuss the work of its Chinese members and Fellows. The forum under the leadership of [Dr Gary Tse, International Regional Advisor for South East Asia](#), will discuss emerging issues for pathology education, training and practice in China as well as looking to establish relationships with pathology institutions and key stakeholders. Any

fellows and trainees interested in participating in this forum should contact the International Department in the first instance (email: international@rcpath.org).

International Pathology Summer School - Cairo, 8-9 July 2017

The College has teamed up with the Armed Forces College of Medicine (AFCM) and the Egyptian Committee for Pathology Training (ECPT) to deliver its first International Pathology Summer School.

This two-day immersion programme will provide Egyptian undergraduate medical students and cadets with an opportunity to meet and network with leading pathologists from the UK and Egypt as well as obtain advice and engage in discussions about current trends and emerging issues in pathology.

Details about the summer school can be found on the [College website](#). Those wishing to attend can apply online via the following [link](#). The deadline for applications is Friday 19 May 2017.

Virgin Money London Marathon 2017: College success for Dr Alice Wort

Congratulations to Dr Alice Wort who completed her first London marathon in aid of the College's Global Health Challenge Events Scheme. Dr Wort completed the 26.2 mile marathon in an impressive time of 04:22:11. Her sister Frances joined the College's International team at mile 16 to cheer her on (you can watch a video of Dr Wort racing past the crowds on our [Facebook page](#)).

Dr Wort has raised an incredible £2,100, exceeding her initial target - but there is still time to donate by visiting Dr Wort's [online donation page](#).

Love to cycle? Enter [RideLondon](#) and help reduce maternal mortality in Uganda

Places are still available at this year's [RideLondon-Surrey 100](#) event, which is taking place on Sunday 30 July 2017. The much-needed funds raised will be used to support Mubende Regional Referral Hospital in Uganda to establish a regional blood donation and transfusion service. The hospital serves a population of more than 2 million but there is no blood donation and transfusion service for the region. This means that every summer, the hospital experiences a marked increase in the maternal mortality rate due to a lack of available blood for transfusion during childbirth.

Join Team RCPATH and help us make a difference! For more information and to register please visit our [website](#) or email [Gemma Hooley](#), International Administrator.

NEW CONSULTATIONS – available at [Documents in Development](#)

Tissue Pathways for histopathological examination of the placenta.
This document has been updated by Dr Phillip Cox and Dr Clair Evans on behalf of the College's Working Group on Cancer Services. The deadline for responses is 24 May.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

[Annual Northern Ireland Regional Symposium](#)

Wednesday 10 May 2017

3 CPD Credits

The event will be held at the Postgraduate Medical Centre, Belfast City Hospital Belfast BT9 7AP

This symposium is aimed at RCPATH fellows, members, trainees, medical students and others interested in the range of pathology specialties in Northern Ireland. Delegates will hear presentations about upcoming themes in the field of pathology and share some of the great developments happening in Northern Ireland. They will hear from the President, Dr Suzy Lishman, and President-elect, Professor Jo Martin, and find out about College activity in Northern Ireland. Trainees will have the opportunity to meet with the President and discuss any relevant matters.

[RCPATH and Association of Clinical Pathologists \(ACP\) Joint Scottish Regional Symposium](#)

Wednesday 24 May 2017

3 CPD Credits

To be held in the Lecture Theatre, Laboratory Medicine building, Queen Elizabeth University Hospital, Glasgow G51 4TF

This symposium is aimed at RCPATH fellows and ACP members, trainees, biomedical scientists and others interested in the range of pathology services in Scotland. Delegates will hear presentations from leaders from both RCPATH and ACP, along with updates on Scottish issues and training.

[National Multidisciplinary Day: Infection and Immunity – Clinical Update for Pathologists and Clinicians](#)

Friday 16 June 2017

CPD Credits: 5

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

The aim of this programme is to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration in order to improve the investigation, diagnosis and management of infection and immunodeficiency. This will be a clinically-oriented day, with plenty of case presentations to illustrate important practical points. We have secured hand-held voting pads for all attendees to maximise involvement and learning opportunities.

[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 also be able to meet the College President, Dr Suzy Lishman, and other honorary officers to find out about the College's activity in Wales.

Full programme to follow shortly but topics such as digital histopathology – the Wales experience, haemostasis & thrombosis, medical examiners and changes

to death certification, molecular pathology and pathogen whole genome sequencing will be covered.

[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.

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.

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

[Royal Medical Benevolent Fund - The Vital Signs for Medical Students](#)

The RMBF has relaunched its programme of support for medical students. Written with the help of medical students and recently qualified doctors, the new *Vital Signs* guide outlines the unique stresses and pressures of medical school, offers advice and strategies for coping with the rigours of a medical education, and signposts people and organisations who can help.

[UK SMI ID 1: Introduction to the preliminary identification of medically important bacteria and fungi from culture](#) (reissued)

Comments that have been received as part of the consultation process for the development of the UK SMI can be seen in the associated [review of users' comments](#) (RUC) document. Anyone who does not want their comment(s) to be in the RUC document should let the Standards Unit know at standards@phe.gov.uk

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

[Infection Prevention 2017](#) – 18-20 September 2017

[EQA 2017: How EQA Can Improve the Patient Experience](#) – 30 June 2017

[SACC scientific meeting](#) – 12 May 2017

[Lymphoma Management](#) – 26-27 June 2017

[Myeloma Academy Haematologists Roadshow – Bath](#) – 13 June 2017

[Myeloma Academy Haematologists Roadshow - Newcastle](#) – 7 September 2017

[Myeloma Academy Haematologists Roadshow - Leicester](#) – 2 November 2017

[Molecular Diagnostics Training School 2017](#) – 18-20 September 2017

[Post ICML Lugano Lymphoma Highlights](#) – 6 July 2017

[CURRENT PERSPECTIVES IN HAEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES](#) – 5 July 2017

[7th National Orthopaedic Infection Forum](#) – 27 June 2017

[DIPC Network and Development Programme](#) – 24 May 2017

[Don't Panic Meeting 2017 - Practical Aspects of Infection Control](#) – 19 & 20 June 2017

[CIDs & SIDs Combined Immunodeficiency and Secondary Immunodeficiency: Unexplored Territories.](#) -21-22 June 2017

[Annual SHOT Symposium 2017](#) – 12 July 2017

[Clinical and Laboratory Haemostasis 2017](#) – 6-7 June 2017

