

President's E-newsletter – January 2016



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President's Message of the Month

Since my last e-newsletter NHS Employers, the Department of Health and the BMA have recommenced talks about the proposed junior doctors' contract. Unfortunately an acceptable solution was not reached in time to avert yesterday's industrial action. While it is not within the College's remit to comment on terms and conditions of employment, we are concerned about patient safety and the well-being of trainees, both of which are vitally important. I would like to thank senior staff for supporting their junior colleagues and for providing cover yesterday where required to minimise disruption to patient care. I hope that the ongoing talks will result in a fair contract that recognises the central role that junior doctors play in the NHS and the importance of their training for the future of the service, and that further industrial action will not be necessary.

2016 is likely to be another busy and challenging year. The College is adapting to meet those challenges, responding to feedback from members and horizon-scanning to be as prepared as possible for future developments. Political engagement continues to be a priority, with pathology manifestos being prepared for the up-coming devolved country elections. The first new College English Regional Council meeting will be held in May, with central and regional representatives working together to improve communication between members and the

College. The College's Chelsea Flower Show exhibit this year will focus on plants and allergy and plans are already underway for National Pathology Week in November.

I wish you a happy and rewarding 2016 and look forward to meeting many of you during the year. In the meantime please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or feedback.

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PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme 2016

Applications are invited for the Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme 2016. We are offering up to £1000 for interactive and engaging projects that promote the importance of pathology to various groups (school students, medical students, health professionals or general public). The deadline for applications is Monday 13 June 2016. For more information visit [Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme](#) or contact the public engagement team - PEG@rcpath.org

13th Annual Schools Science Conference – Wednesday 20 April 2016

The College is partnering once again with the Schools Science Conference Committee for the annual [Schools Science Conference](#) in central London and we would like to invite you to take part by hosting a stand. The interactive stands are an opportunity to demonstrate different scientific careers. Volunteers will be provided with a table and poster board (if required). If you are interested in taking part, please contact Sharon Gage at sharon.gage@srgprojectmanagement.co.uk

Free Science Communication Training

Thursday 11 February 2016, The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London

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.

For information on the terms and conditions visit [Science Communication Training](#). To book your place or for more information, please contact: amaka.nwagbara@rcpath.org.

COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES

Inter-specialty Committee on Molecular Pathology

Applications are invited for the following speciality committee posts for a term of three years starting with immediate effect.

- histopathology
- genetics
- haematology.

The Committee meets at least twice a year at the College in London and there may be some additional teleconference meetings. Please email a copy of your CV with a short statement detailing your suitability for the post to the Committee Administrator charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org by Friday 15 January 2016.

Specialty Advisory Committee (SAC) on Pre/Perinatal/Paediatric Pathology - Paediatric clinical biochemistry representative

Fellows with an interest and experience in paediatric clinical biochemistry are invited to apply for this post. The Committee meets twice a year in London. To apply, please email a copy of your CV with a short statement detailing your suitability for the post to charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org by Monday 25 January 2016.

Representatives for Research Committee

Representatives are required for clinical biochemistry and transfusion medicine.

The Committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, 8 February 2016 under its new Chair, Professor Ian Cree.

To apply, please email a brief copy of your CV and a short (300-word) statement detailing your suitability for the post to: diana.maxwell@rcpath.org by Friday 22 January.

Deputy Trainee Research Representative

A position is available for a Deputy Trainee Research Representative to sit on the Research and Trainees Advisory Committees. The role involves collaborating with the current representative Dr Karwan Moutasim and playing an active role in both committees. For more information, or to submit a 300-

word expression of interest (by Wednesday 3 February), please email the committee administrator diana.maxwell@rcpath.org

Trainee representative for haematology

A position is available for a trainee representative to act as alternate for the Intercollegiate Committee on Haematology (ICH)/Trainees Advisory Committee (TAC). For more information please contact the committee administrator: diana.maxwell@rcpath.org

NEW COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS

- [National minimum retesting intervals in pathology: A final report detailing consensus recommendations for minimum retesting intervals for use in pathology](#)
- [Code of practice and performance standards for forensic pathologists dealing with suspicious deaths in Scotland \(2nd edition\) published with the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service, Scottish Fatalities Investigation Unit](#)
- [Dataset for tumours of the central nervous system, including the pituitary gland \(4th edition\)](#)
- [Guidance on the reporting of thyroid cytology specimens \(2nd edition\)](#)
- [Tissue pathways for gastrointestinal and pancreatobiliary pathology \(2nd edition\)](#) –
- [Tissue pathways for head and neck pathology \(3rd edition\)](#)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Republic of Ireland consultation event

Dublin, 13 February 2016

This free meeting will provide Fellows and trainees with an opportunity to find out how to get involved in College activities including how to become a College examiner, Country Advisor, global health volunteer or mentor. Trainees will also hear about any recent changes to the specialty curricula and examinations.

To register visit: <http://eepurl.com/bl7KW1>

Examiner Recruitment, FRCPATH Part 2 Haematology Examinations - Dubai, UAE

The College is establishing an overseas examination centre for FRCPATH Part 2 Haematology examinations in Dubai in 2016. We would like to hear from haematology fellows residing in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region who would be interested in becoming College examiners. Interested Fellows should email the International Department in the first instance:

international@rcpath.org

Senior Histopathologists

Kenya, Nairobi - 12 month assignment

The Aga Khan University Hospital Nairobi (AKUHN) is seeking to appoint two experienced histopathologists for a period of up to 12 months. Both roles are salaried and will involve reporting all aspects of histopathology (with the scope to sub-specialise), reporting non-gynaecological and gynaecological screening cytology cases and teaching histopathology trainees. Appointees will be involved in shaping AKUHN's services. Accommodation will also be provided. Interested applicants should email their CVs to international@rcpath.org

Global Health Challenges 2016

The International Department is launching an exciting programme of challenge events in 2016 to raise funds for the College's global health projects and activities in low and middle income countries.

London to Paris Tour de France Cycle Ride (20-24 July 2016)

For the first challenge, members are invited to participate in the London to Paris Bike Ride, which will include an opportunity to watch the sensational finale of the Tour de France. This is an ideal challenge for members who are cycling enthusiasts and this ride promises to be a truly inspirational experience! The deadline for registrations is Friday 22 January.

Sahara Desert Trek (October 2016)

This eight-day trip will take members through the vast desert and sand dunes of the Sahara Desert. With a team of local Berber guides and some camels (as well as a 4x4 support vehicle) members will trek each day through the dunes and camp each night under the stars in the Moroccan wilds. At the end of the challenge members will have the chance to take in the markets, palaces and gardens of Marrakesh. The deadline for registrations is Friday 5 February 2016.

Visit [Global Challenges](#) or email Gemma Hooley, International Administrator gemma.hooley@rcpath.org for more information.

World Cancer Congress

31 Oct – 3 Nov 2016, Paris, France

Later this year more than 3,500 cancer experts will travel to Paris to discuss the latest cancer trends and projections, learn about best practices in science implementation and meet peers from around the world. The International Department is currently negotiating reduced registration fees for members of the College. If you are planning to attend the Congress and would like to take advantage of the College's group booking arrangement, please email: international@rcpath.org

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

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

Gynaecological Pathology – Putting Virtual Microscopy to the Test

Friday 22 January 2016

6 CPD Credits

Royal College of Physicians, 11 St Andrew's Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4LE

Histopathologists are increasingly dealing with digital images and virtual microscopy for consultations, web-based external quality assurance schemes and

e-learning resources. This day will be an opportunity for practical, interactive virtual microscopy sessions in the field of gynaecological pathology. This conference will be useful for histopathology consultants as well as trainees.

Liver Biopsy in the Assessment of Medical Liver Disease

Monday 29 February 2016

5 CPD Credits

The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescott Street, London E1 8BB

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).

Joint meeting with the Royal Society of Medicine - Immunopathology & Immunotherapy: to go boldly – **NEW!**

11 March 2016, Royal Society of Medicine, London

This meeting has been jointly organised by the Pathology Section of the RSM and The Royal College of Pathologists to showcase the advances being made in the research, diagnosis, and treatment of immunotherapy-sensitive pathologies.

Autopsy Pathology – **NEW!**

Tuesday 22 March 2016

5 CPD Credits

Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London SE1 9NH

The aim of the meeting is address a number of areas of post-mortem practice that have been highlighted at previous meetings as topics of concern/interest. The day should appeal to both consultants and registrars who undertake post-mortem examinations with the aim to offer guidance on how to approach these types of cases and to provide an opportunity to discuss interesting or challenging cases with other pathologists.

National Joint Training Day Medical Microbiology/Histopathology

Wednesday 20 April 2016

Coin Street Conference Centre, 108 Stamford Street, London SE1 9NH

The aim of this programme is to encourage interdisciplinary collaboration in order improve the investigation, diagnosis and management of infection. 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.

Combined RCPATH/BNS Neuropathology/Neuro-Oncology Meeting

Wednesday 11 May 2016

6 CPD Credits

The King's Fund, 11-13 Cavendish Square, London, W1G 0AN

This conference has been designed to correspond with the release of the latest update of the World Health Organisation classification of CNS tumours. The day will provide a practical approach to the diagnosis of CNS tumours, focusing on the interpretation of new molecular tests and their integration into the overall

classification of the patient's tumour.

Uro pathology reporting: What really matters – When and Why

Monday 20 June 2016

6 CPD Credits

The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescott Street, London E1 8BB

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 uro pathology data is used to guide patient management and discuss 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.

Date for your diary

Transfusion Medicine conference – London, 24-25 November 2016. Further information to follow shortly.

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

New publication - Improving outcomes for patients with sepsis A cross-system action plan.

NHS England has published a [new action plan](#) to help support healthcare professionals to recognise and treat sepsis promptly. Earlier this year NHS England brought together Royal Colleges, the UK Sepsis Trust and others to advise on how best to improve the recognition and treatment of sepsis. This new action plan sets out what is needed to drive improvements for patients with sepsis.

Call for nominations for a UK SMI Chair for the Virology Working Group

The Steering Committee for UK Standards for Microbiology Investigations is seeking nominations for the above post. Nominations should be submitted by 12 February 2016, and should include a covering letter and CV. Interviews for the post will be held on 23 February 2016 at Colindale. For the job description and terms of reference, please email shirley.boland@phe.gov.uk

Leadership for improvement programme – Opportunity for Pathologists

The Royal College of Radiologists is offering a Leadership for Improvement Programme for aspiring leaders and they welcome applications from pathologists. The programme will run for from June 2016 for one year and will be delivered in one and two day blocks in London. The cost of the programme for pathologists is £2,428 for a total of 6 days course.

This programme aims to prepare participants for senior leadership roles, developing participants' abilities to meet the changing needs of health care. Full details at [Leadership for improvement programme](#)

The Royal Medical Benevolent Fund 2016 Doctor Survey

The RMBF is conducting a survey about the pressures and difficulties faced by UK doctors in their working lives.

Visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DS6238W>

BMA research grants for medical practitioners 2016 – applications open - Deadline - 7 March 2016.

<http://bma.org.uk/researchgrants>

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

For a list of external conferences see:

<https://www.rcpath.org/resource-library-homepage/conferences/event.html>

British Academy of Forensic Sciences:**Forensic Imaging: From Plates To Pixels**

21 January 2016, Gordon Museum, Guy's Hospital, London

[Plates To Pixels](#)

Next steps for cancer care in Wales – access, research and policy priorities

26 January 2016, Cardiff

With Dr Chris Jones, Deputy Chief Medical Officer for Wales

<http://www.policyforumforwales.co.uk/forums/agenda/cancer-care-wales-2015-agenda.pdf>

FRCPath Part 2 Mock Examination – Clinical Biochemistry

22 February 2016, University College London Medical School

For more information, email: nandinirao@nhs.net

St Mark's Gastrointestinal Histopathology Workshop - A one-day course on GI

26 February, 2016, St Mark's Hospital. London

<http://www.stmarksacademicinstitute.org.uk/courses/st-marks-gastrointestinal-histopathology-worksho>

The London Haematopathology Course: A practical integrated approach to diagnostic haematopathology

9-11 March 2016, The Royal London Hospital

Course fee: £250 (trainees) and £350 (consultants). For further details and

booking, please email maria.calaminici@bartshealth.nhs.uk or

haematopathology@gmail.com

Clinical research: an integral part of healthcare for all

22 March 2016, Guilford, Surrey

<http://bit.ly/1N5MRKR>

The St Mary's One-day course in histopathology of the bone marrow

8 April 2016, Imperial College London

<https://www1.imperial.ac.uk/departamentofmedicine/divisions/experimentalmedicine/haematology/shortcourse/>

International Society of Forensic Radiology and Imaging (ISFRI)
12-14 - May - Academic Medical Center, Amsterdam.

www.isfri.org

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