

President's E-newsletter – May 2015

President's Messages of the Month

Clinical Excellence Awards 2015

The 2015 round is open – guidance and application forms are available here: [ACCEA website](#).

Please note that the closing date if you would like to apply for College support of your application is **this Friday, May 8 at 5pm**. This allows time for ranking and preparation of citations before the ACCEA deadline of Wednesday June 15th. For more information about the College process and timetable please visit: [College website](#)

Assistant Registrar

Applications are invited for the role of Assistant Registrar. As one of seven Honorary Officers and a member of Trustee Board and Council, the Assistant Registrar plays an important part in the strategy-setting and governance of the College. The role also includes responsibility for workforce, working closely with a team of College staff. For more information please [Get involved at the College](#). The closing date is **Friday 15 May**. Please note that this post is not remunerated.

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President, The Royal College of Pathologists

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COLLEGE NEWS

Pathology Quality Assurance Review (PQAR)

News and information regarding College activities relating to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the PQAR can be found at [Clinical Effectiveness](#).

The Royal College of Pathologists at Chelsea Flower Show 19-23 May

The College will be at the Chelsea Flower Show this year (19-23 May) with the exhibition – Plants, Pathologists and Disease. Organised by College Fellows, Tim Wreghitt and Jo Sheldon, the exhibition focuses on the role that plants play in the treatment of disease. Visit: [Chelsea Flower Show](#).

Trainee Research Awards 2015

Applications are sought for The Royal College of Pathologists' 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 at: [Trainee Research Awards](#).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

National Pathology Week: 2-8 November 2015 –Pathology: the key to your health

This year's theme is 'Pathology: the key to your health', providing an opportunity to showcase molecular pathology when organising your events. Resources are now available on the website and more will be added in due course. Visit www.ilovepathology.org to register your events and get involved in this year's campaign. You can also [contact us](#) if you need support planning your events.

Volunteering Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers to facilitate our art-pathology workshops:

- Thurs 21 May – Witney, ideally microbiologist needed – North Leigh Primary School
- Thurs 25 June – Oxford, ideally haematologist needed – Dashwood Banbury Academy (Primary)
- Thurs 2 July – London, ideally histopathologist needed – Oaklands Secondary School
- Tue 7 July – Slough, ideally microbiologist needed – Langley Academy (Secondary)
- Wed 8 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. For more information, visit: [Public Engagement Opportunities](#)

Public Engagement Innovation Grant Scheme 2015

There is only a month left to apply 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

Free science communication training - Thursday 25 June 2015, Southampton

There are still a few places available for the 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 or 020 7451 6717.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

MTI (Path): Survey of vacant trust posts

The International Department wishes to establish a register of UK trusts that would be able to offer posts to trainees as part of the College's Medical Training Initiative in Pathology - MTI(Path). The next placements are due to start in September 2015.

The MTI is a national scheme designed to allow a small number of doctors to enter the UK from overseas for a maximum of 24 months, so that they can benefit from training and development in NHS services before returning to their home countries. Not only does the experience have a positive impact on the trainee, it also provides a great opportunity for UK trusts to learn from their international colleagues and share knowledge.

If you would be interested in hosting a MTI post, please complete the online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MTItrust> or email mti@rcpath.org

COLLEGE MEMBERSHIP VACANCIES

Full details for the following vacancies are available at: [Get involved at the College](#)

- **Director of Publishing and Engagement**

Applications are invited from Fellows of the College for this new role. The Director of Publishing and Engagement will be responsible for devising, prioritising and implementing the College's strategy on all matters relating to engagement (public, professional and political). This varied role offers you the opportunity to become involved in a number of exciting projects. The appointment is for a term of three years and the role is remunerated for two Programmed Activities per week. **Closing date: 5pm Monday 15 June**

- **Director of Clinical Effectiveness**

The post holder is responsible for providing strategic leadership on all matters relating to clinical effectiveness. Working with other College Directors and the staff team within the College's Clinical Effectiveness Department, this is an opportunity to become involved in a range of projects aimed at promoting and raising standards in pathology. The appointment term is for three years (backdated to the November 2014 AGM). This role is remunerated for two Programmed Activities per week. **Closing date: 10am Monday 6 July.**

- **Director of Professional Standards**

The Director of Professional Standards is responsible for providing strategic

leadership on all matters relating to professional standards matters for medical and scientific pathologists. Working with other College Directors and the staff team within the College's Professional Standards Department, this is an opportunity to become involved in a range of projects aimed at promoting and raising standards in pathology. The appointment is for a term of three years from the AGM in November and the role is remunerated for two Programmed Activities per week. **Closing date: 10am Monday 6 July.**

Speciality Posts

Cellular Pathology Sub Specialty Advisor in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology

Professor Edward Odell will shortly be completing his term of office and College Fellows with particular interest and expertise in this sub specialty are invited to apply. The job description is available at: [Cellular Pathology Sub Specialty Advisor](#). If you wish to apply, please email a copy of your CV and a short statement detailing your suitability for the post to the Committee Administrator charlotte.balazs@rcpath.org by **Friday 26 June 2015**,

COLLEGE PUBLICATIONS AND CONSULTATIONS

New publication

- [The retention and storage of pathological records and specimens \(5th edition\)](#)

New consultations – see www.rcpath.org/fellows/discussion-documents

- [Guidelines on autopsy practice: Sudden death with likely cardiac pathology](#) – consultation ends on 29 May.
- [Veterinary pathology curriculum](#) – consultation ends on 8 May.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA – full details at

<http://www.rcpath.org/meetings/college-conferences>
training programme directors and trainees.

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 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

National Bacterial Microbiology Laboratory Diagnostics Survey

A survey was recently sent to medical microbiologist RCPATH Fellows on behalf of a diagnostics sub-group of the interdepartmental High Level Steering Group established to deliver the [UK 5 Year Antimicrobial Resistance Strategy](#).

It is important that as many microbiology services as possible complete this survey. If you have not yet done so, please do considering doing so, by using the link below: [Laboratory Diagnostics Survey](#)

Any queries about the survey should be addressed to Tracy Parker at tracy.parker@dh.gsi.gov.uk

Cellular Pathology Research Survey

A proposal is being developed to help reinvigorate academic endeavour in cellular pathology. The proposal will be submitted to National Cancer Research Institute (NCRI) funders in June and, if successful, will deliver 5 years' support via an executive committee. To inform ongoing development of the proposal, Dr Bridget Wilkins and NCRI colleagues wish to survey attitudes towards research among the cellular pathology consultant community. Please visit: [Cellular Pathology survey](#). If you have any queries please email b.wilkins@nhs.net.

Comments are requested on UK SMI UK SMI Q 2: Quality assurance in the diagnostic virology and serology laboratory

- [UK SMI Q 2: Quality assurance in the diagnostic virology and serology laboratory](#). Closing date: 13 May 2015
- [UK SMI B 20: Investigation of intravascular cannulae and associated specimens](#) Closing date 2 June.

2015 John Maddox Prize for Standing up for Science

The John Maddox Prize rewards an individual who has promoted sound science and evidence on a matter of public interest. Its emphasis is on those who have faced difficulty or hostility in doing so. Nominations for active researchers who have yet to receive recognition for their public-interest work are particularly welcomed.

The winner of the John Maddox Prize will receive £2000. Full details and online nomination form are at [John Maddox Prize](#)

The Health Foundation – new publications

- The quick guide, [Evaluation: what to consider](#), has been inspired by people contacting the Health Foundation on how to approach evaluation of quality improvement in health care.
- The practical guide [Using Communications approaches to spread improvement](#), introduces key concepts about spreading health care improvement work and examines the evidence about the role communications can play.

Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths Scottish Bill

The Scottish Government [published](#) the Inquiries into Fatal Accidents and Sudden Deaths (Scotland) Bill on 20 March 2015. The Bill and accompanying documents are on the Scottish Parliament website at [Fatal Accidents and Sudden Death Bill](#).

EXTERNAL EVENTS OF INTEREST

For a list of external conferences see

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

8th British Association of Urological Pathologists kidney and bladder pathology course

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

See www.baup.org.uk or contact 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 10th 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](#)

Association of Clinical Pathologists (ACP) National Leadership Skills Meeting

17-18 June 2015, Hallam Conference Centre, London

<http://www.pathologists.org.uk/events.aspx?id=246>

Infection Prevention 2015

ACC, Liverpool

28 – 30 September 2015

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 or visit

www.britsocdermpath.co.uk/index.htm

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