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President's e-newsletter – November 2017



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President's Messages of the Month

National Pathology Week - 6-12 November

[National Pathology Week](#) is just under a week away and I hope that you are able to join in by running an event or taking part in our [social media campaign](#) #TestingTesting. There is a £100 restaurant gift card prize for the best post.

See Public Engagement (*add link*) to find out more about this year's plans.

Medical Examiners implementation

We were delighted to hear Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Health Lord O'Shaughnessy announce that a national system of independent medical examiners will be introduced from April 2019. The College has long campaigned for the implementation of this vital patient safety initiative, which was recommended by the Shipman, Mid Staffs and Morecambe Bay inquiries.

The Government's plan to phase in medical examiners by establishing the system across acute Trusts followed by community and primary care is a welcome, pragmatic approach as it will allow agencies to prepare and minimise further delays. It is important, however, that the second phase follows quickly to ensure that the benefits of the medical examiner system are applied in all healthcare settings.



Website

You can read my full statement at [Medical Examiners Announcement](#)

Ministerial visit to the College

I was also [delighted to host](#) alongside the President-elect, Professor Jo Martin, and my Honorary officer colleagues, [Minister of State for Health Philip Dunne](#) at the College's offices at Prescott Street in London. The visit took place in late October and we had a constructive discussion around a wide range of topics including workforce, informatics, [consolidation](#), genomics, academic pathology and leadership.

This is my last e-newsletter. Thank you for your support of the College over the last three years. It has been an honour to represent members and work to improve pathology services for patients. I know I leave the College in the safe hands of Professor Jo Martin and her very capable team of officers. I wish them, and you, all the very best for the future.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Updated cancer dataset appendices

Updated dataset appendices providing up-to-date information on staging using UICC TNM 8 are now available. TNM 8 should be used for all tumours diagnosed after 1 January 2018. Appendices are available on the [College website](#).

College Annual General Meeting (AGM)

The 54th AGM of the College will be held at the Clothworkers' Hall, Dunster Court, Mincing Lane, London EC3R 7AH on Thursday 16 November 2017 at 3.30 pm. All College fellows are welcome to attend. Please see [AGM agenda](#) (log-in required).

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

National Pathology Week 6-12 November – order your promotional materials

If you're running an event for [National Pathology Week](#) please register it via our [online form](#) and [request any promotional materials](#) you need as soon as possible. Your event will be automatically entered into a prize draw to win £100 and will be highlighted on our [public event pages](#) and social media channels.

If you are looking for inspiration for your event, we've created a series of 'pick up and go' public engagement [activities that are suitable for key stages 3 and 4](#), plus [posters](#) and [factsheets](#). If you want to focus on testing, you can contact [Lab Tests Online](#) for further resources and information.

If you would like more information about how to get involved, email: publicengagement@rcpath.org

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International Pathology Day (IPD) - Wednesday 15 November 2017

[International Pathology Day](#) is almost here! You can support the day on social media using the hashtag #PathologyDay. Visit the College's [website](#) to watch videos, download our [#PathologyDay Posters](#) or [register your event](#).

IPD Roundtable: Pathology & Cancer Control

The College will be hosting a roundtable webinar for IPD this year. The roundtable will focus on the role of pathology in implementing the World Health Organisation's (WHO) 2017 [Cancer Resolution](#). Organised in partnership with [The Pathologist](#) magazine, the roundtable will bring together a panel of experts to discuss how to ensure that national cancer plans adequately address the provision of effective, affordable and sustainable pathology services as part of the global effort to strengthen and improve cancer care.

The roundtable will be filmed and broadcast live over the internet from BMA House in London on Wednesday 15 November and will be accredited by the College for CPD/CME. [Register online](#) to join our global conversation.

A limited number of places are available in the live studio audience. If you would like to attend in person, please email the International Department at international@rcpath.org.

PRUDENTIAL RIDE - LONDON-SURREY 2018

Are you a keen cyclist? Register now for a place in the 2018 Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 challenge, which is taking place on Sunday 29th July 2018.

Prudential RideLondon is the world's greatest festival of cycling where more than 26,000 amateur cyclists take on a cycling challenge through London and Surrey on a similar route to the London 2012 Olympic Road Cycling Races. The College is a Golden Bond Charity member and has guaranteed places for 2018. If you are interested in cycling for the College, please contact Deborah Ko at deborah.ko@rcpath.org.

Become a mentor

The International Trainee Support Scheme (ITSS) provides structured support, advice, mentoring and guidance to overseas doctors and scientists who are planning to sit the College's FRCPath Part 1 and Part 2 examinations. The scheme has been piloted amongst doctors from Egypt, India, Iraq, Sudan and Pakistan who are intending to take the Histopathology Fellowship examinations. We will soon be recruiting a second intake for 2017-18/19, which will be open to doctors from all countries.

Scheme Mentors will be matched with trainees to provide advice, guidance and support and help address any gaps or weaknesses in the trainees knowledge, skills, understanding or behaviours in preparation for the examination.

If you are interested in becoming a mentor please complete our [online form](#):

PUBLICATIONS

New consultations (log-in required)

- [Dataset for the histopathological reporting of uveal melanoma](#)
- [Dataset for histopathological reporting of anal cancer](#)
- [Tissue pathways for cardiovascular pathology](#)

New publications:

- [Dataset for the histopathological reporting of thymic epithelial tumours](#)

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

First Bi-Annual UK Endocrine Pathology Society/Royal College of Pathologists Endocrine Pathology Update

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

Clinical Trial Training for the Petrified: Training a New Generation of Clinical Trial Pathologists 'NEW'

Friday 9 February 2018

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

CPD Credits: 4

The College is hosting the second of an annual workshop series in conjunction with the [National Cancer Research Institute's CM-Path initiative](#). This workshop will provide key information to pathologists who are keen to get involved in clinical research and will include an introduction to navigating the academic career pathway, quality assurance in clinical trials, statistics and clinical trial design. We welcome trainees and established consultants with an interest in clinical research.

Liver Biopsy in the Assessment of Medical Liver Disease

Friday 23 February 2018

To be held at: The Royal College of Psychiatrists, 21 Prescot Street, London E1 8BB

CPD Credits: 5

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).

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Social Mobility Foundation – Support the next generation of aspiring medics and scientists

The Social Mobility Foundation (SMF) is a charity that aims to make a practical improvement in social mobility for high-achieving young people from low-income backgrounds.

E-mentors support sixth formers by giving them the opportunity to have a 1:1 relationship with a professional with a clinical or scientific background via email every two weeks.

The mentoring relationship is extremely valuable in helping to guide mentees through their time on the SMF programme, their university applications and in helping them to explore their professional interests further.

If you are interested please complete this short form [here](#). Also see the [mentoring video](#) to find out more. For more information visit [Ways to get involved at the SMF](#) or please contact mentors@socialmobility.org.uk

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [UKPIN2017 - Putting PID First](#) – 7-8 December 2017
- [An Update on Immunohistochemical and Molecular Testing in Routine Practice](#) – 17 Nov 2017
- [WEQAS User Group Seminar & Meeting](#) – 5-6 December 2017
- [Breast Pathology Update Course](#) – 3 November 2017
- [Practical and Clinical Microbiology of Anaerobes](#) – 14-15 June 2018
- [Pathology Reporting Manchester 2017](#) – 7 December 2017
- [Post ASH Significant Highlights-London](#) – 17 January 2018
- [Post ASH Significant Highlights-Manchester](#) – 18 January 2018
- [Post ASH Significant Highlights-Bristol](#) – 18 January 2018

