



The Royal College of Pathologists
Pathology: the science behind the cure



President's e-newsletter – November 2018

President's Messages of the Month

National Pathology Week is in full swing!

From quizzes, science fairs, careers talks and school visits to open pathology laboratories, I am always amazed at the number and range of events that take place [throughout the week](#). I would like to take this opportunity to thank our members from across the UK for the creativity and energy they put in to organising and hosting events. The feedback we receive from people who attend is always overwhelmingly positive! You can read a round-up of some of the highlights so far in the Public Engagement section.

New Clinical Director of Safety and Quality

I am delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Berenice Lopez, who will take up the new position of Clinical Director of Safety and Quality for three years from November 2018. In her new role, Berenice will develop the College's patient safety agenda. She will focus on improving safety and quality in pathology, including learning from mistakes and the role of human factors.

Round-up

- We hosted a fantastic conference on Disruptive Technology in Pathology in partnership with the Association of Clinical Pathologists.

The meeting highlighted innovations that are changing healthcare, from the elimination of hepatitis C to gene therapy in haemophilia and sickle cell disease. As well as the transformation of diagnostics by scanning mass

spectrometry. Also covered were amazing technological developments with healthcare implications, including AI, drones, robots and swarm robotics. Attendees were buzzing, inspired and have asked us to repeat this.

- We continued to highlight the key findings in our [histopathology workforce census](#) with politicians, raising [questions in parliament](#) about the NHS workforce and the adequacy of staffing levels in histopathology departments in the NHS. We have also been pressing hard to get pay equity for all trainees across the UK. The clinical biochemistry survey is currently being analysed and the haematology survey is being prepared.
- Since my last e-newsletter, I've had the pleasure of visiting the Aberdeen Royal Infirmary and University Hospital Birmingham on my #labtour to see the brilliant work going on.

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COLLEGE NEWS

Annual General Meeting 15 November 2018 – New venue

The College's [Annual General Meeting](#) will be held on Thursday 15 November from 3pm at:

Bearsted Lecture Theatre
Alexandra Wing
Education Academy
Royal London Hospital
Turner Street
Whitechapel
London E1 1BB

New College offices

The College will be moving to its new offices at [6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT](#) later this month. The College's [phone numbers](#) will remain the same.

Based in Zone 1 London, the new purpose-built building will provide a hub for members worldwide, a suite of facilities for members and trainees, and office space for honorary officers and College staff.

State-of-the-art conference facilities include a multi-purpose 210-seat lecture theatre, as well as numerous meeting spaces. These will enable us to run exams on site and to expand our wide-ranging programme of academic activities, events and conferences.

Results and recommendations from our LEPT satisfaction survey

During April and May 2018, the College undertook a survey to measure trainees' satisfaction with [the Learning Environment for Pathology Trainees \(LEPT\) system](#). More than 100 trainees provided their feedback. In response, we will be making a number of changes to help our trainees login more easily and also enable them to track their learning more effectively. You can read the full report: [here](#). Please note that you will need to sign in using your member login details.

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

National Pathology Week 2018 5–11 November #pathologyweek

Hundreds of events are taking place throughout the week, organised by members and stakeholders. These include NHS70 birthday tea parties and behind-the-scenes tours of pathology labs for school children and undergraduates. The College also launched a [wide range of new resources](#) for organisers, ran a day of careers talks for more than 150 undergraduates in Nottingham, and hosted a [#Secretsofthelab – a social media competition](#), which is open until Sunday 11 November. Look out for the full round-up in the January edition of the *Bulletin*.

Nominate a trainee or undergraduate in the Furness Prize for Science Communication

The [Furness Prize for Science Communication](#) is an award given to a pathology trainee or undergraduate who has shown excellence in their science communication activities throughout the year. It aims to reward and recognise trainees and undergraduates who have undertaken sustained high-quality science communication activities, as well as raise awareness about the importance of public engagement. A prize of £200 is generously awarded to the winner of the competition, funded by the past College President, Professor Peter Furness (2008–2011). You can nominate yourself or someone else by 10 December 2018. See [Furness Prize for Science Communication](#).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

International #PathologyDay | Wednesday 14 November 2018

[International Pathology Day](#) is almost here! You can support the day on social media using the hashtag International #PathologyDay. Are you organising your own event? We'd love to hear from you. Please email pathologyday@rcpath.org and visit the College's [website](#) to [register your event](#) on the College website!

International #PathologyDay | Register now! Pathology Futures: The Role of Genomics in Disease Diagnosis, Treatment and Prevention

The role of genomics in the diagnosis and treatment of disease is growing at a phenomenal pace, allowing patient care to become more personalised. As a result, pathologists are not just involved in an initial diagnosis; now, they are involved in the entire treatment pathway of a patient.

As part of the College's **International Pathology Day** (IPD) celebrations, the College has partnered with [The Pathologist](#) to host this one-day event on **Wednesday 14 November**. It explores the important role and contribution of pathologists, scientists and laboratory medicine professionals in the treatment pathway and care of patients. It will also identify how the results from research undertaken in the laboratory are directly used to develop new ways to treat patients and combat disease. [Book your place now](#).

Be a Global Health Challenger for the world! Register now for next year's Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100

[Prudential RideLondon](#) is the world's greatest festival of cycling where more than 26,000 amateur cyclists take on a cycling challenge like no other through London and Surrey on a similar route to that of the London 2012 Olympic Road Cycling Races.

Next year's Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100 Cycle Challenge, which will take place on Sunday 4th August 2019 will have ST1 Histopathology trainee Dr Natasha Cutmore and her partner Alexander Stephenson-Brown taking part in the event. To show your support, please visit their [fundraising page](#).

As a 'Golden Bond Charity' with the Prudential RideLondon-Surrey 100, the College has guaranteed places for the 2019 challenge. This summer, there are still places if you want to join. We will look after you every step of the way, offering advice and tips, of course, the coveted College cycling vest! Registration fee is only £50 and a minimum sponsorship pledge of £500.

Help make a difference and register now to take part. To secure your place, please email [Deborah Ko](#), our International Coordinator.

COLLEGE CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

[Advances in Transfusion Medicine 2018](#)

Thursday 22 and Friday 23 November 2018

To be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT

CPD credits: 11

There are ongoing significant advances in transfusion medicine and science with high quality research supporting evidence-based practice. This two-day meeting brings together experts from various clinical disciplines and leaders in transfusion science to provide a broad overview of key developments. The meeting will be of wide interest to all those involved in transfusion medicine.

[IAC Tutorials](#)

Monday 3 to Wednesday 5 December 2018

To be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT

CPD credits: 13 for all three days

The British Association for Cytopathology (BAC) and the College are delighted to be hosting the IAC tutorial in London at the new College premises. The tutorial covers a wide range of topics, providing up-to-date information by international experts in the field. The talks are followed by PowerPoint based slide seminars on the topics covered, with plenty of opportunity to interact with the faculty during and after sessions.

Challenges in the Clinical Biochemistry Laboratory and Beyond

Thursday 28 February 2019

To be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT

CPD credits: 6

This meeting is aimed at those with an interest in Clinical Biochemistry. It aims to provide an update on a range of current analytical and clinical issues, and will challenge some conventional thinking. The topics covered will look at interpretation of results, and also factors that can cause spurious results to be produced. There will be an update on topical areas in paediatric endocrinology, as well as a session challenging some common (mis)conceptions. The final session of the day will look at the impact of laboratory medicine on patient outcomes.

Advanced Molecular Brain Tumour Classification with Epigenetic Profiling

Friday 3 May 2019

To be held at the Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie Street, London E1 8QT

CPD credits: 7

This one-day workshop will provide a multifaceted view of epigenetic profiling in adult and paediatric brain tumour diagnostics. The workshop will convey the biological principles of epigenetics in health and disease with a focus on brain tumours and explain how methylation profiles of brain tumours are detected with current array technologies. The day will be supplemented with an interactive practical session where participants will have the opportunity to discuss the diagnostic approach of challenging adult and paediatric CNS tumour cases. These cases will be available to registered participants for viewing in a digital format before and during the workshop.

NEWS FROM EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

Royal Society Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship – Grants

This scheme offers a recognised first step into an independent research career for outstanding scientists and engineers at an early stage of their research career who require a flexible working pattern due to personal circumstances, such as parenting or caring responsibilities or health issues. For more information please visit [Dorothy Hodgkin Fellowship](#).

OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST

See [external conferences](#)

- [HIS 2018](#) – 26-28 November 2018
- [GI Pathology Update](#) – 10 December 2018
- [UK Biobanking Showcase 2018](#) – 27 November 2018
- [BDIAP/BSG/UKLPG meeting on liver and lower GI pathology](#) – 22-24 November 2018
- [Fungal Update 2019](#) – 15-16 March 2019
- [2019 Winter Meeting, Let's Speak about Precision Pathology!](#) – 22-23 January 2019

- [Genomics and Clinical Microbiology](#) – 20-25 January 2019
- [Embryo biopsy workshop](#) – 4-5 April 2019
- [Genomics and Clinical Virology](#) – 10-15 February 2019
- [Wegas Annual Conference](#) – 27-28 November 2018
- [2018 National OPAT Conference](#) – 13 December 2018
- [Current Perspectives in Haematological Malignancies](#) – 22 November 2018
- [The London Haematopathology Course: A Practical Integrated Approach to the Diagnosis of Haematological Malignancies](#) – 6-8 March 2019
- [Antimicrobial Chemotherapy Conference 2019: An ABC for everyone involved in developing new antimicrobials](#) – 15 January 2019
- [BSAC Spring Conference 2019](#) – 21-22 March 2019
- [The 15th British Association of Urological Pathologists Advanced Prostate Pathology Course](#) – 29-30 April 2019
- [5th Digital Pathology and AI Conference](#)

