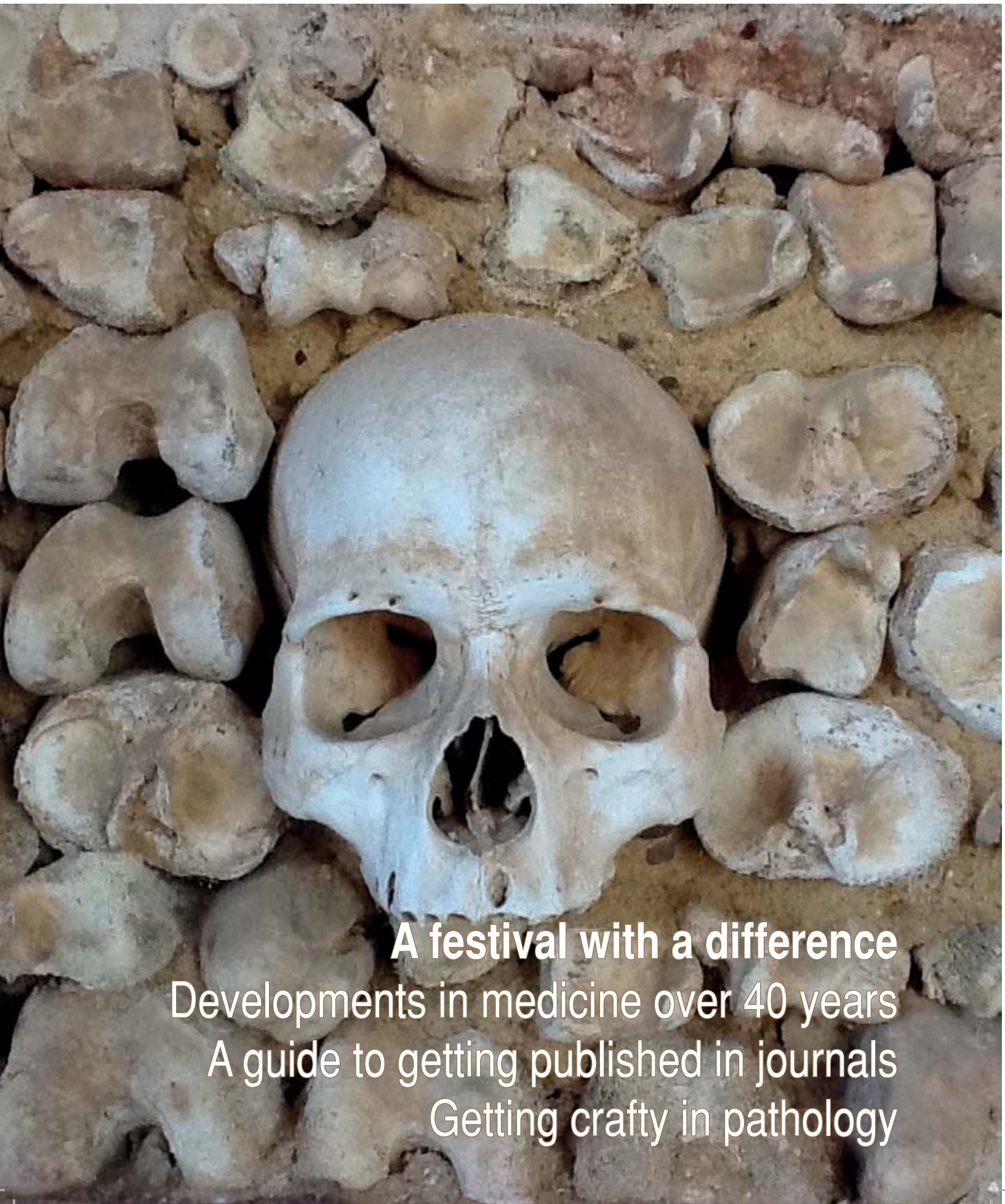


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Date 2013 & Organisation	Title	Venue	Contact Details
Thursday 14 February	Hot Topics/Current Issues Management Day	Institute of Physics 76 Portland Place London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
April/May Date TBC	ACP Basic Management Course 1 Day Basic Level Management Course	Taunton Venue TBC	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Thursday 6 & Friday 7 June	ACP Annual Scientific Meeting	RIBA 66 Portland Place London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Wednesday 4 to Friday 6 September	27th ACP Management Course	Hardwick Hall Hotel, Sedgefield	01273 775700 admin@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk

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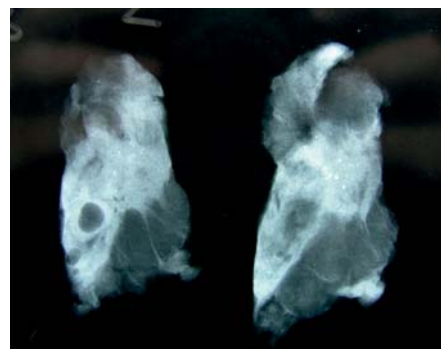
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This is a close-up of part of the wall of the Capela dos Ossos (Chapel of Bones) in the Igreja do Carmo, Faro, Portugal. The walls of this 19th century ossuary are made of skulls, femurs and other bones mortared together, the bones belonging to more than 1,000 monks who had been buried in the church cemetery. The sign over the door invites one to “Stop here and think of this fate that will befall you”. The Capela de Ossos is one of many ossuaries in Europe – the practice allowed the remains of many individuals to be stored when burial space was scarce.

Invitation to Contributors

In addition to the constant flow of material from ACP Council, ACP committees and ACP branches, *ACP news* needs new material from you, the members of the ACP.

Pathology news items (1200-1500 words): Any items related to the ACP or the College, pathologists in general, or medical and management matters that may have an impact on pathologists.

Articles (1500-2000 words): These can be papers, reviews, essays, commentaries, critiques or polemics. Submitted articles are always very welcome, as well as suggestions for articles and/or details of people whom the editor may approach.

Reports (1000 words): These may be personal views and reports on interesting meetings, travel or anything else of interest to the readership. Travel reports are specifically for holders of ACP travel fellowships; however, other reports from abroad are welcomed.

Columns (600 words): Regular and irregular columnists exercise their thoughts. Please feel free to rant.

Pathological creative writing: All literary forms, including short stories, serials, surrealism and even poetry.

Appreciations (1000-1500 words): We prefer appreciations on retirement, rather than obituaries. Please discuss these with the editor before submission.

Photo-journalism: Favoured subjects include pathologists doing something interesting, or College and ACP officers doing anything at all. Interesting or artistic photographs are welcomed.

Cartoons: Suggestions are welcomed.

Curetings: Jokes and humorous tidbits are always needed.

Debate: Letters to the editor are welcomed, but may be shortened for publication, or even converted into articles. Please try to refrain from writing unless you are prepared to be published. All criticisms of organisations or named individuals will entitle the parties to a right of reply. Please bear in mind the UK libel laws!

Trainees: Trainees are especially encouraged to submit material in any and all of the above categories. These will normally be placed in the trainees' section. Appointments committees in particular value publications in *ACP news*.

Editorial Policy: The editor would particularly encourage overseas contributors, material from trainees, material from non-histopathologists, commentary on current affairs in pathology, occasional columnists, innovations in pathology, humorous writing on pathology-related topics, and anything downright cantankerous.

Format: The *ACP news* style guide is now available on line via the ACP website in PDF format at: http://www.pathologists.org.uk/allpagestuff/publications_frameset2.htm. The publication is a magazine, not an academic journal, and long lists of references are generally considered unnecessary. Where given, references should be in the Vancouver style and should be kept to a maximum of around six per article, unless absolutely necessary. Alternatively, authors may prefer to give a recommended reading list, or a list of relevant internet links. The editor prefers these as they take up less space.

All suggestions are welcome; however, the editor's decision is final.

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Please send email submissions direct to the editor at julianburton@doctors.org.uk

Whoosh! Another year is almost over. How on earth did that happen? 2012 sure has flown by. It seems like only yesterday that it was January! Maybe this sense that time is accelerating is something that comes with advancing age, or perhaps it is just a reflection that there is barely time these days to stop and smell the roses.

Goodness what a year it has been! We have witnessed the enactment of the Health and Social Care Bill, and had fun with the Olympics and Para Olympics. On top of all of that this has been National Pathology Year and it is clear from my email in box that some of you have been busy with that as well. For my own part I am giving a lecture in November entitled “Dicing with death: 5,500 years of human dissection and the autopsy”. That is a bit of a cheat on my part because I have already given this lecture to an audience at the Royal Society of Medicine, and am jetting off to Tokyo tomorrow to give it again at the weekend. *Konnichiwa!*

In this issue

We end the year as we started, considering events that have taken place as part of National Pathology Year. Normally after an autopsy the corpse doesn’t get to write about it afterwards, so our first leader article may be something of a world first! Mr Steven Nash writes about his experience playing the role of “volunteer corpse” in a virtual autopsy performed by the vice-president of the Royal College, Dr Suzy Lishman. These events always seem to go down well with the public, and occur in all sorts of venues. (I’ve been involved in some of these in the past at the Hunterian Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons and they have been a fascinating experience.) Elsewhere in this issue Drs Helen Bourne and Kathy Walton recount their journey back to school as part of National Pathology Year.

Our second leader article rounds off the ACP’s 85th birthday celebrations in the *ACP news*. In the third article in this series, our founder Dr Sidney C Dyke describes the remarkable changes in medical practice that he witnessed during 40 years of practice. Many of these advances we now very much take for granted, but Dr Dyke foretold the future with regards to the impact that modern medicine would have on (the length of) our working lives. Already in my working lifetime we have seen the rise of CT scanning and MRI, an explosion of immunohistochemistry and the decline of electron microscopy. Monoclonal antibody therapies are having a significant impact in the treatment of cancer. I wonder what the next 25 years will bring?

I’m pleased to report that for the first time we bring you news of what the ACP Council gets up to at its



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meetings. We most recently met at the beginning of October in London. I will leave it to Dr Marion Wood, the Association’s Honorary Secretary, to tell the tale.

What do you think about the current ACP website? Be honest. I think it is rather clunky. And it seems I am not the only one. (Phew!) As Dr Wood describes, we’re making progress in getting that sorted. Our Trainee Zone editor, Dr Abbie Pugh, who also heads up the Trainee Member Group, has been exploring the views of trainees in this regard and her findings can be found in this issue’s Trainees’ Zone. Well worth a read. I’d of course be interested in your views.

Three things every pathologist should know

There are some things that every pathologist should know. One of them is that I have launched a new thread in the *ACP news* on “*Three things every pathologist should know*” – an idea that I have shamelessly stolen from the authors of the first article in this series. Dr Esther Youd and colleagues consider three things we all should know about the breast. I hope you will like the format as much as I do. More to the point, I hope you will like it so much that you will send me similar articles on topics of your choice!

Elsewhere in this issue...

Looking at the table of contents you may be hyperventilating at the lack of columns from our regular columnists. Panic not: they’ll be back in the New Year.

I have given them a break for the Winter. (Or rather more accurately, I forgot to send out my usual reminder email!).

I have, however, been able to put the space normally occupied by the columnists to good use. In this issue the Trainees' Zone is thriving. Here you can find out what it is like working in the laboratories as a junior doctor, and Dr Guy Betts describes his experience of working as a histopathologist in industry. Abbie Pugh demonstrates very nicely that pathologists have a creative side and that being crafty doesn't just mean managing to perform three autopsies using one PM40 blade. Having described in past issues how to lecture and how to get a book published, I have turned my attentions in this issue to how to get published in journals. Hopefully these articles will be of use and interest to all members.

Lovers of medical history will enjoy Miss Zara Mulla's article exploring the genetic legacies of Queen Victoria.

The 26th ACP Management Course was by all accounts a great success and Dr Chin Lim recounts his experiences as a delegate. Abbie Pugh reports back on an autopsy course that she recently attended.

The Association is pleased to support its members and students through the provision of student research fund awards, travel grants and career development grants. In this issue, two students report on the impact of such awards on their research career development.

As ever, I hope that you will find this issue of interest, and that it might inspire you to write articles of your own for inclusion in the next issue! All articles are gratefully considered.



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