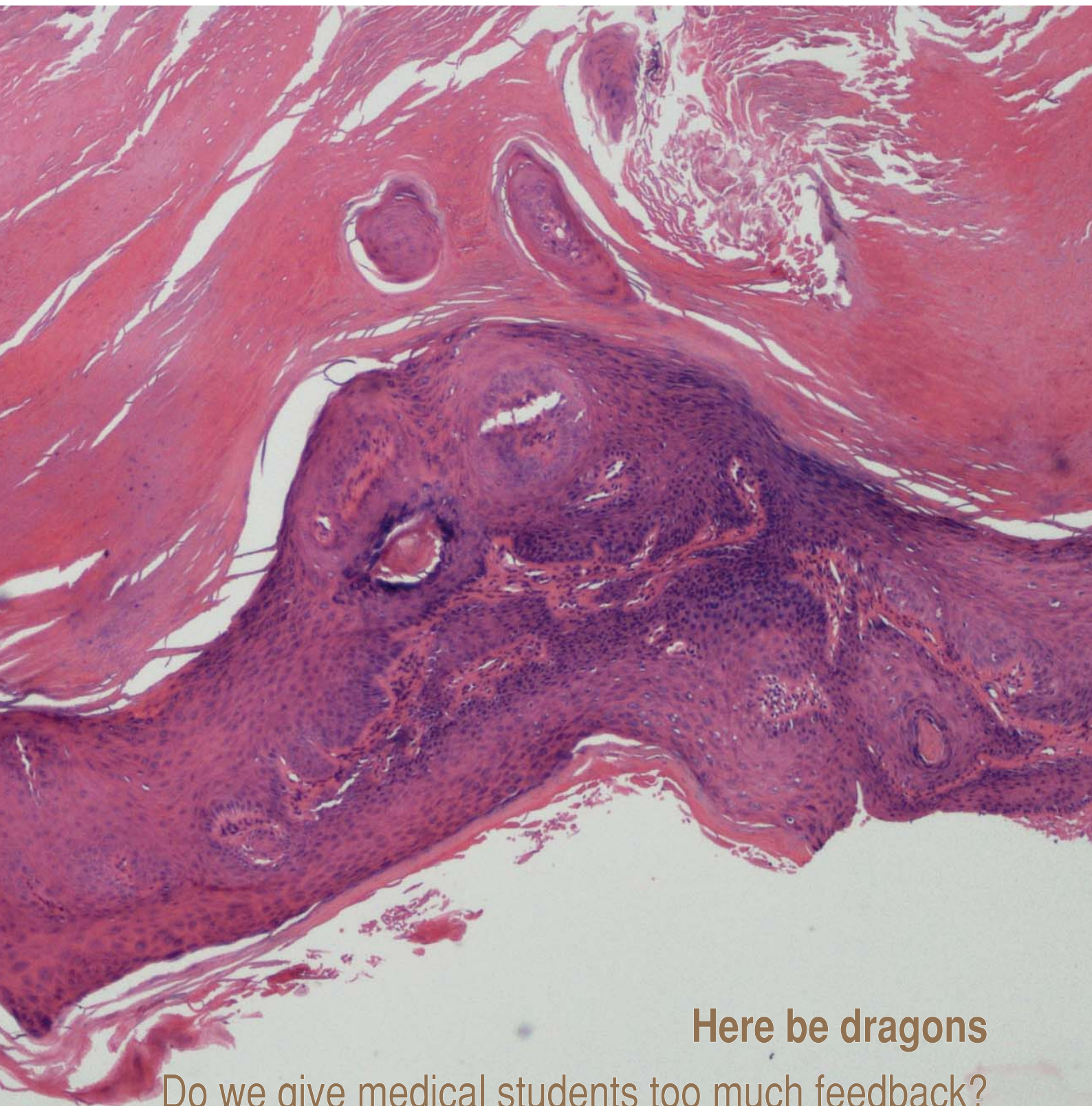


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Calendar of Forthcoming Meetings

DIARY DATES FOR 2014

Date 2014 & Organisation	Title	Venue	Contact Details
Wednesday 2 April	Basic Management Course	Copthorne Hotel Newcastle upon Tyne	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Wednesday 4 June	ACP Annual Scientific Meeting	Institute of Physics 76 Portland Place London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Wednesday 3 - Friday 5 September	28th ACP Management Course	Hardwick Hall Sedgefield	01273 775700 office@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk

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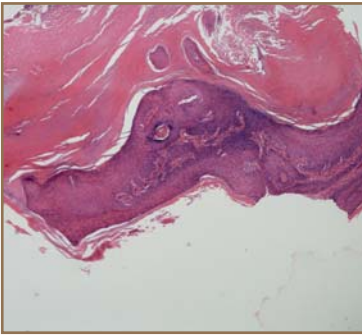
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Invitation to Contributors

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 titbits 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 edcarling@doctors.net.uk

Hello, and welcome to my first edition of *ACP news* as editor. Firstly, please let me apologise to all concerned for the lateness of this my first edition. The task was far greater in time and depth than I had first anticipated. My admiration for my predecessors in this role has greatly increased having now followed in their footsteps.

Next let me pay tribute to my immediate predecessor Dr Julian Burton. Julian has updated the style, layout and format of *ACP news* to a high modern standard, and I shall keep to his style and format, and endeavour to reach the standards he has set.

I hope under my tenure *ACP news* will continue to inform and entertain and that, in these times of austerity and change, despite the fears and insecurities these bring, *ACP news* can continue to reflect the many and varied opinions within our fields.

I hope to encourage interest in and commentary on several areas. Firstly, we live in a time of increased assessment and scrutiny. From revalidation to the implementation of key performance indicators, we will all be “under the microscope” to a greater degree. I hope *ACP news* will be able to provide commentary on these changes, and varied opinions on how the unavoidable upcoming hurdles may best be overcome.

Secondly, the provision of healthcare in the United Kingdom is no doubt going to undergo major change in the near future, as the times of relative financial sufficiency become a distant memory and shrinking annual budgets become the norm. No doubt we cannot continue as we are, but the correct way ahead is far from clear, and opinions on the correct course are often divergent. Change for the sake of change seems to be the unspoken slogan for our time. We even now have an official NHS Change Day. Go and look at the pledge wall at the NHS Change Day website and be reminded of the Chinese cultural revolution, or an unconscious Orwellian groupthink. Can any of our readers suggest a better course for the future?

Thirdly, change is afoot with the proposed move of the Royal College of Pathologists from its current London location to a site as yet unknown. Whilst Middlesbrough is a fine town and Teesside a wonderful region, I suspect the lack of a major railway connection means I will be unable to persuade the Royal College to move there. Therefore, I invite articles suggesting and arguing for a new location for the college. Perhaps our new City of Culture, Hull, would like to submit a tender espousing its many virtues? Or perhaps in the spirit of devolution



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there should be separate Colleges in Belfast, Cardiff, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Leeds? Perhaps if isolation breeds innovation even a move to Barra would be a bold but productive change?

Fourthly, in times of change I hope we can remind each other of the past, both the good and the bad. I would greatly welcome the submission of articles pertaining to the history of our disciplines. I have started myself, with a review of a favourite old book of mine. Surely anyone who would repeat the successes of the past must attend to the teaching of history?

Obituaries and appreciations will of course always find room in this publication.

So why “Here be dragons”? Well, a dragon is sometimes a symbol of change and transformation, and it was the best cover picture I could find.

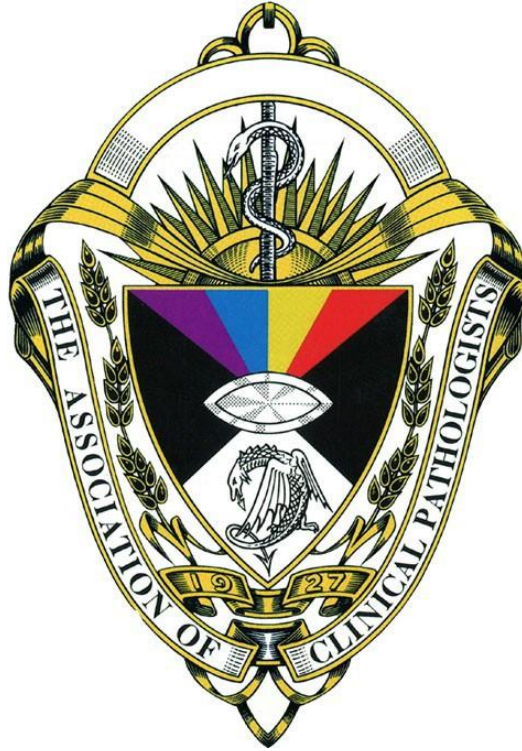
A vacancy exists for an assistant editor. Anyone interested is asked to communicate with me via the e-mail address below.

So finally I ask for your support and contributions. *ACP news* is only ever as good as those who write for it, and I encourage anyone to submit their articles, letters, thoughts, jokes, humorous typographic errors, amusing images ideas and criticisms to edcarling@doctors.net.uk



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