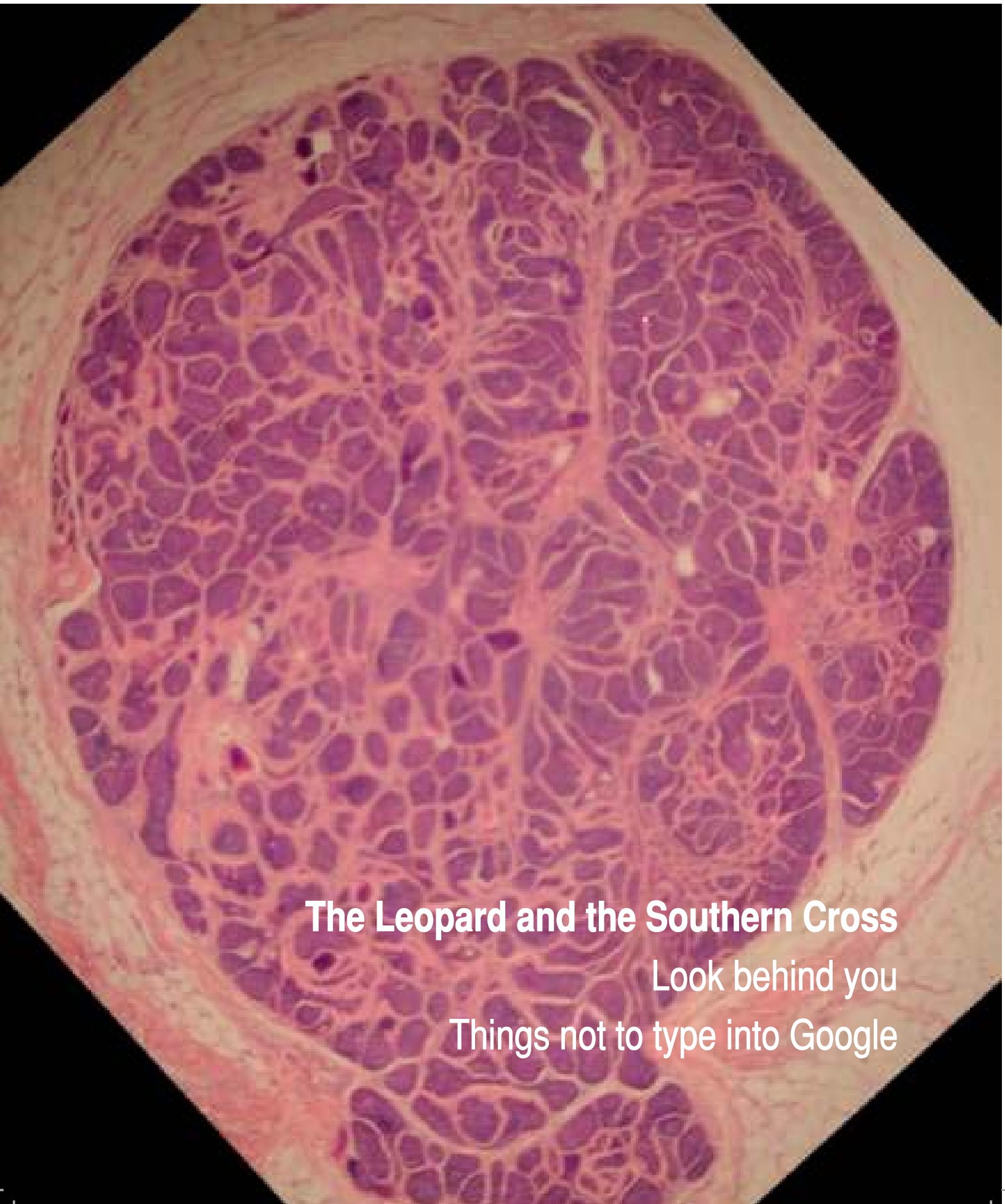


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Thursday 29 January	Haematology FRCPath Exam Day	Hallam Conference Centre 44 Hallam Street London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
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Wednesday 17 & Thursday 18 June	ACP National Leadership Skills Meeting	Hallam Conference Centre 44 Hallam Street London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk

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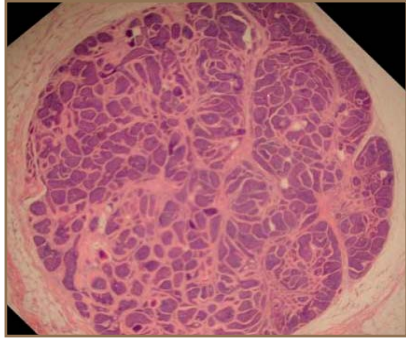
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Invitation to Contributors

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 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*.

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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

Editorial

Hello, and welcome to my second issue as editor of *ACP news* – late, but not as late as my first issue. I am slowly, very slowly, getting better at this. Firstly let me extend my grateful and sincere thanks to all who have heeded my many calls for copy. Without your contributions *ACP news* would not be possible. I extend a special thanks to those who answered my request for appreciations, obituaries and recollections of the past. These will always find a place in *ACP news*. I have also received and appreciate my first “letter to the editor” and hope to receive many more, if only to chastise me for the tardiness of my editorship.

In continuing to ask for submissions of articles, I make a specific request for images suitable for publication, especially images suitable for the cover.

I would encourage every reader to visit the new ACP website and try out the beginnings of our new electronic educational resources. A huge amount of effort has gone into this website update, and I encourage anyone who visits to give their feedback and lend their support, especially to the expansion of the educational content.

Despite having swelled from a svelte(ish) registrar to a positively rotund consultant, and my initial horror at the concept of watching giraffesque sweaty masochists in malodorous lycra toil endlessly on bicycles when perfectly good cars exist, I have been captivated by the Tour de France as it took over my corner of North Yorkshire recently. Not the cycling part, I will never understand the attraction of that, but the tremendous commitment of the fans. As I stood on our high street, I was surrounded by visitors from South Africa, the USA, China, France and Lancashire who shared the deep common vocabulary of dedicated enthusiasts. They spoke together, animated by the joy of a shared interest. Some were so engrossed in discussions they barely noticed the 30 seconds when the actual peloton meandered past. I came away wishing we could approach such enthusiasm when we get together,



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at meetings and conferences. I suspect I might be being overly optimistic in this wish, seeing as our culture likes to cope with its fear of disease by pretending it doesn't exist half the time.

By the time of my next issue of *ACP news*, the Scottish independence referendum will have come and gone. Despite being virtually ignored by the media south of Berwick on Tweed, this could well cause huge upheaval in our nation and the NHS. Being married to a fine lady from Aberdeenshire I will have to keep my opinions to myself. However, I would be very interested to publish Scottish perspectives following this historic vote. Whatever the outcome, my previous suggestion to move the Royal College of Pathologists to Barra seem to have fallen on deaf ears...



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