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Calendar of Forthcoming Meetings

DIARY DATES FOR 2015/2016

Date 2015/2016 & Organisation	Title	Venue	Contact Details
Thursday 12 November 2015	Autopsy Update Day	Medico Legal Centre, Sheffield	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Thursday 21 January 2016	Haematology Exam Day	Royal Society of Chemistry, London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Thursday 11 February 2016	Hot Topics/Current Issues	St Pancras Renaissance Hotel, London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
22 Feb-14 March & 5 Sept-16 Sept 2016	Systemic FRCPath Course	Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow	eoepathology@me.com
Friday 4 March 2016	Autopsy Update Day	Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
14 Mar-8 Apr & 19 Sept-7 Oct 2016	FRCPath Slide Course	Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow	slideworkshop@me.com
Wednesday 8 June 2016	Leadership Skills	Hallam Conference Centre, 44 Hallam Street, London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Thursday 9 June 2016	ACP National Scientific Meeting	Hallam Conference Centre, 44 Hallam Street, London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
14-16 September 2016	Senior Management Course	Hardwick Hall Sedgefield	01273 775700 office@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk

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Word cloud created from phrases harvested from the sticky note gallery and tablecloth notes created during our “World Cafe” dialogue at the ACP National Leadership Skills Meeting, 17-18 June 2015 by Dr Bridget Wilkins.

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*.

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

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Please send email submissions direct to the editor at acpnews@pathologists.org.uk



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Hello and welcome to the autumn edition of *ACP news*, a special themed edition that is predominantly given over to coverage of the Association of Clinical Pathologists National Leadership Skills Meeting which was held on 17-18 June 2015 at the Hallam Conference Centre in West London. This coverage was co-ordinated and compiled by Dr Bridget Wilkins. I am most grateful to Bridget for taking on this role of guest editor, and for her great help in preparing this issue of *ACP news*.

I must also thank the authors of other articles I have received, but have not been able to include in this current issue. Rest assured they will appear in the next issue.

I will take the opportunity to issue my usual call for articles for forthcoming issues. I would be particularly keen to hear from those affected by the current impasse/dispute/impending fight with the government concerning the junior doctors contract, and those whose workplaces are being threatened with “reconfiguration” in the light of current financial constraints.

I must also thank those who continue to provide me with valuable feedback. I was very surprised that the cover of the previous issue proved so popular, and that the wilds of Sutherland are so popular amongst fellow pathologists. I would encourage anyone who has not yet done so to disregard recent political sound and fury, and to visit Ullapool, Lochinver and beyond with a pair of stout boots, a tent and a bottle of Laphroaig.

The following letter was my favourite, however. How things change.

Dear Sir,

John Nottingham’s fascinating article about Carlton House Terrace¹ reminded me of a line from the memoirs of Elma Marquis, my grandmother, writing about mid-Edwardian times in London: “[We] had a wonderful tricycle made to look like a horse-drawn carriage. It had a basket seat and lovely grey ‘horse’ to drive. We took turns in the driver’s seat, travelling all the way along the Mall to Buckingham Palace to watch the changing of the Guard. We passed Carlton House Terrace, being summer the windows were open and many people from that great House would wave to us as we ‘drove’ by.”

¹. Nottingham J. Carlton House Terrace: a right royal residence. *ACP news* Summer 2015; 14-16

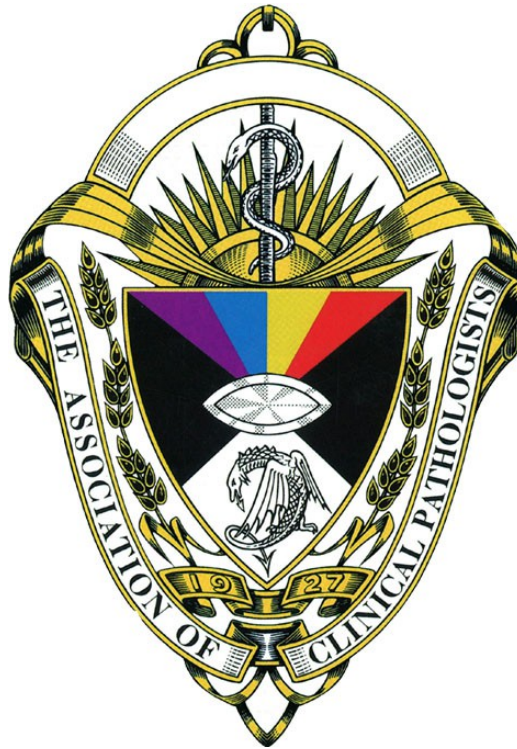
Yours faithfully,

Norman Carr



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