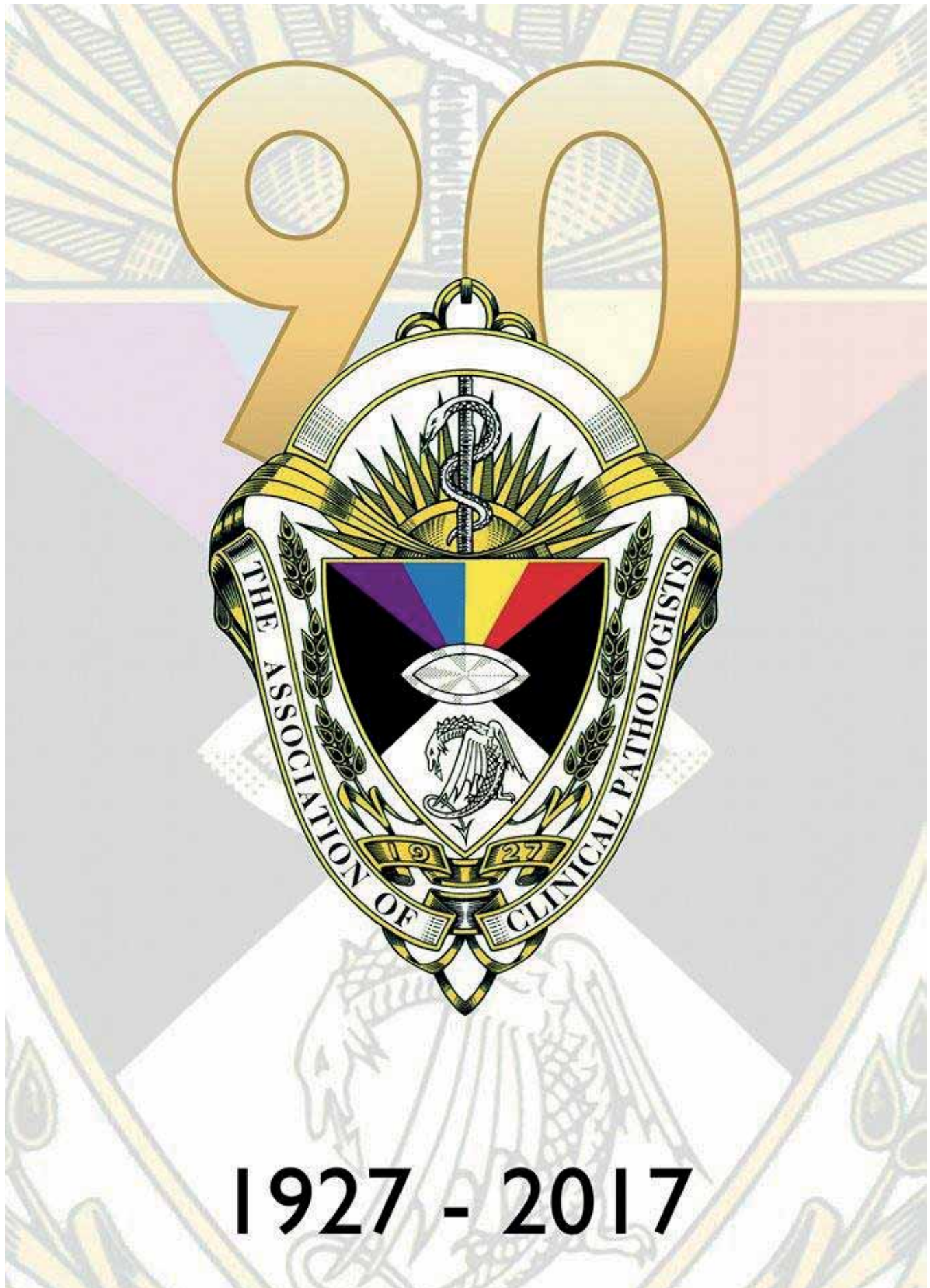
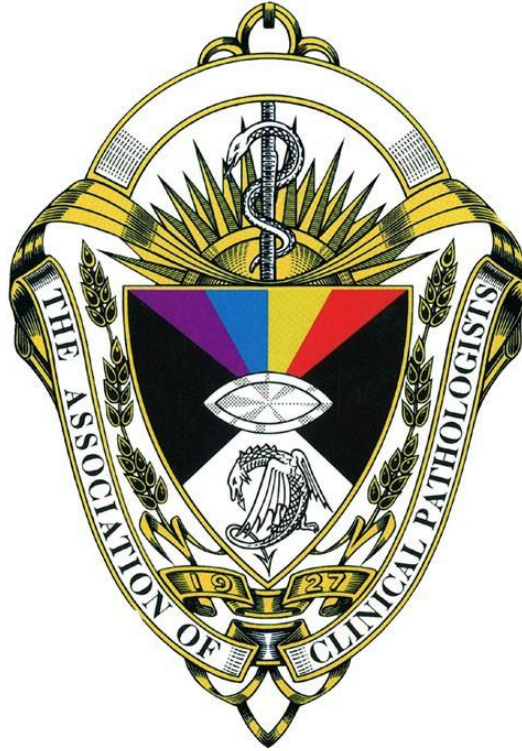


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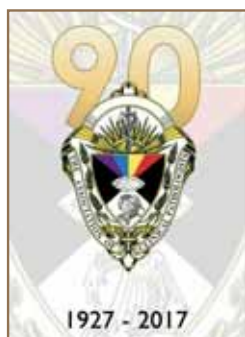
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Invitation to Contributors

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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Welcome to the spring edition of *ACP news* 2017. This issue marks the start of the ACP 90th anniversary celebrations, and the next issue, in Summer, will be devoted to celebrating this important anniversary.

In this year of celebration it is surely worth re-visiting the meanings of the Badge of the President of the association. The description of the initial design in the *Journal of Clinical Pathology* reads:

“Under the staff of Aesculapius are represented the parent disciplines of clinical pathology:

Medical microbiology	Purple (methyl violet)
Morbid anatomy	Blue (haematoxylin)
Chemical pathology	Orange(bilirubin)
Haematology	Red(blood)

In combination they focus through a crystal lens, representing microscopy, to shed light upon disease, represented by a vanquished dragon, on a black background, indicating the darkness of the unknown. The bordering wheat is infected with the black ergot fungus to signify the importance of the causation of disease in clinical pathology”

I must admit I had never noticed the blackness of the wheat before reading this, but to me it enhances the meaning of the badge as a symbol of our association. I find the many meanings of the badge still highly relevant to modern clinical pathologists, wonderfully representing the unity our association.

I cannot of course talk of unity without mentioning the cloud that hangs over us, of our impending departure from the European Union. We are no doubt entering, for good or bad, a much more uncertain time. We all have a great number of wonderful friends and colleagues from other European countries, and I dearly hope and pray that will not change.

As we leave, there will be many changes to our lives, our cultures and our healthcare system. We must defend all that has been good, and not allow the impulses that have recently risen to the forefront to cause harm, no matter how well intentioned they may be. We will be cursed to live, as they say, in interesting times.

As editor I have three more issues of *ACP news*, and I’m still seeking a successor. Please contact myself or the association directly if you are interested.

I again ask for you to contribute to the celebration of the 90th anniversary of the founding of our association with your memories of the past 90 years. Write about what has changed, for good or bad, or what has remained the same, and what you hope will change or remain the same.



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