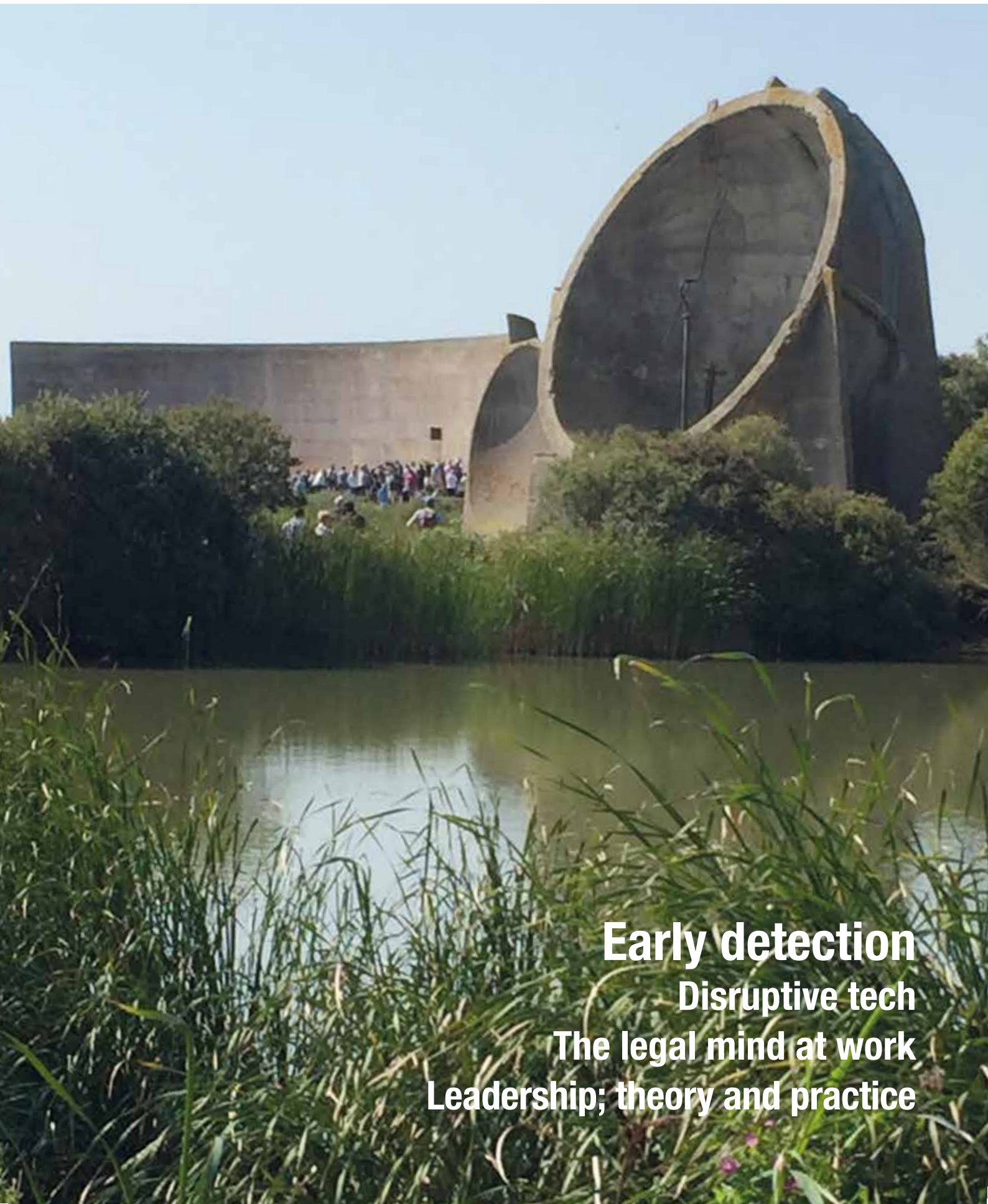


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Date 2019 & Organisation	Title	Venue	Contact Details
Friday 22 March	East Mercian Branch Meeting	Leeds	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Tuesday 11 June	National Leadership Skills Meeting	Royal Society of Chemistry	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Wednesday 12 June	National Scientific Meeting	Royal Society of Chemistry	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
November TBC	Autopsy Update Day	London	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk

External Courses 2019-2020

Six workshops between 11 - 31 March	Slide workshop for the FRCPath Part 2 Exam	Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow	frcpath2020@me.com 07445 554567 01279 827899
16 - 18 Sept	FRCPath E0E Diagnostic Cytology Workshop	Newmarket	frcpath2020@me.com 01279 827899
2 Sept - 13 Sept 17 Feb - 28 Feb '20	E0E Systemic FRC Path Course	Princess Alexandra Hospital, Harlow	frcpath2020@me.com 07445 554567 01279 827899

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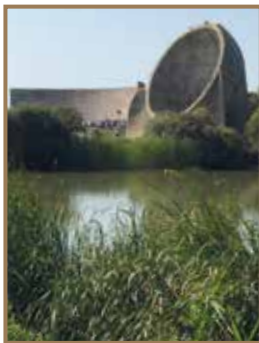
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Invitation to Contributors

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*.

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In this issue we have reports from two excellent conferences: a continuation of the disruptive tech meeting jointly hosted with the College last year, and the recent ACP Introduction to leadership and management, held in Bristol. They both provided much food for thought and the themes will continue to feature in our work as well as our writing.

There is perhaps inevitably some overlap between the contents of the *ACP news* and the College Bulletin because of our common interests. I shall aim to avoid too much duplication in the future, but it does give readers a chance to compare and contrast. One highly recommended article in the January 2019 Bulletin is from Marion Wood explaining how GiRFT is getting into gear. The Bulletin also describes the College's excellent initiative on patient safety. We strongly support this and I have raised the issue of BMS staffing, which is a particular problem for haematology and blood transfusion and which I am sure affects the other specialities, through our representative at the Pathology Alliance.

We also have the regular reports from the Council, from the winners of grants and another wonderful description from Mike Kearney of intrepid adventures in the frozen north. Thanks also to Tim for bringing in a report from another conference to interest the membership.

Hard on the heels of the 'When things go wrong' conference last year, I am delighted that the distinguished barrister Giles Eyre has dipped into his many years of medico-legal experience to dig out a pathological example. Hopefully these sorts of problems with cytology will soon be a thing of the past but I think this is a valuable item showing how a legal mind applies itself to problems with which we are all too familiar. One could summarise the medical attitude to disagreements amongst professionals along the lines that there are times when we agree to disagree, so it is useful to have an outside view.

In addition to his piece on resolving disagreement he also features in the book reviews. The other book review, with the emotive title *Bad Blood*, also features a story where lawyers play a big part. However, this is not clinical legal practice but in respect of medical equipment manufacturers who used all means possible, including heavyweight USA legal firms, to hide the truth about the unreliable laboratory equipment they manufactured.

Giles Eyre generously states in his book that he would welcome feedback and so would I. Council have now installed me as the substantive editor, which is a great honour but I am a little out of touch by virtue of having retired, and I lean on working colleagues for information.

To put it more directly, this is your newsletter and the content is as good as the material you send me. In the summer issue I aim to include more items on quality, standards and staffing in pathology and I would welcome comments.

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Your editor, learning new tricks at the disruptive tech conference



The summer issue cover photo and a prize for the first reader to identify it; the prize is the Clinical Practice and the Law book featured in the book review.



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