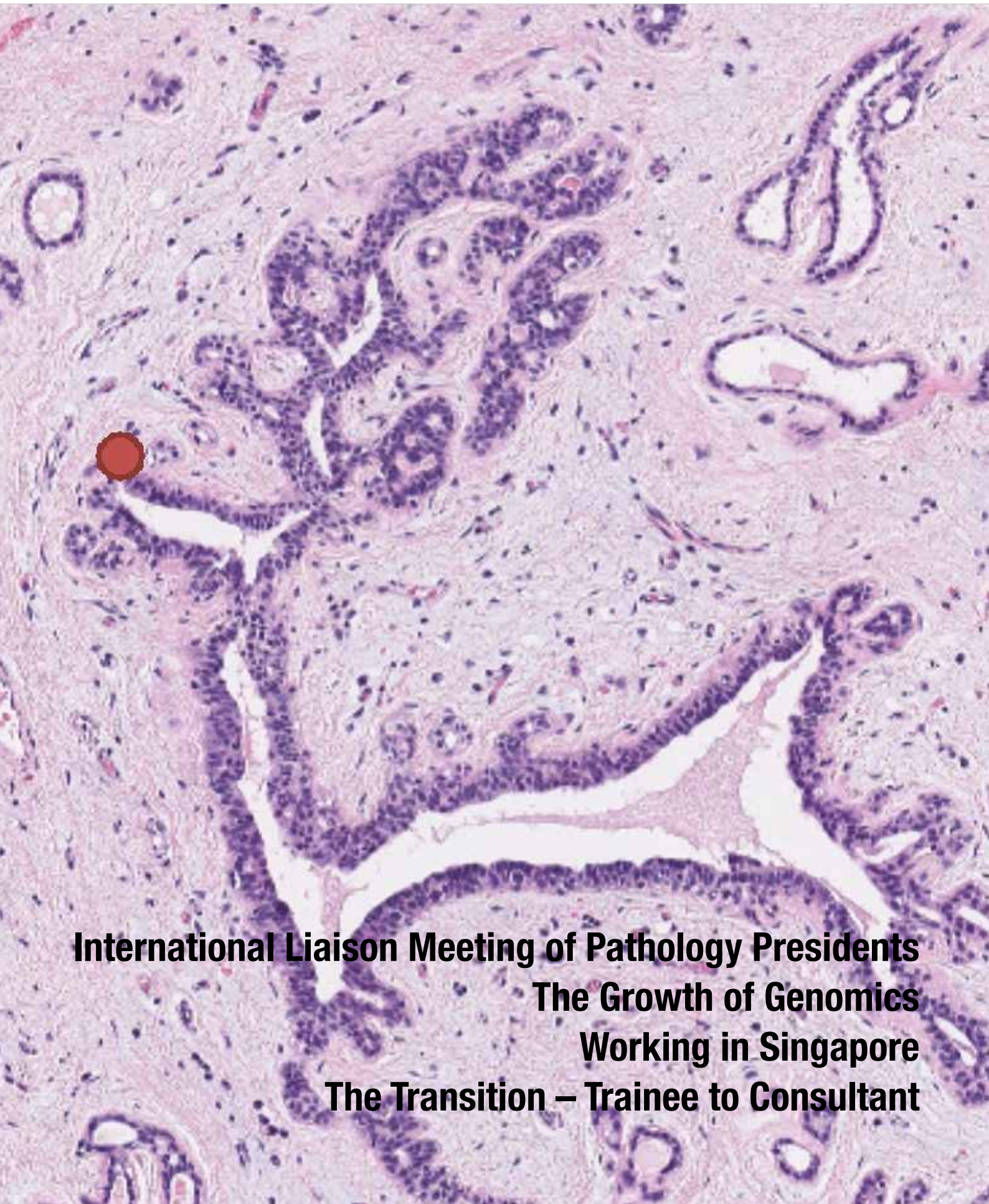


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Calendar of Forthcoming Meetings & Courses

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Date	Title	Venue	Contact Details
Friday 27 March 2020	Introduction to Leadership & Management in NHS Pathology & Hot Topics	The Dome Hotel du Vin Brighton	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Tuesday 9 June 2020	National Leadership Skills Meeting	Royal Society of Chemistry	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
Wednesday 10 June 2020	Thoracic Pathology Update Day	Royal Society of Chemistry	01273 775700 info@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
9-11 September 2020	Advanced Leadership & Management Course	Chilworth Manor Southampton	01273 775700 office@pathologists.org.uk www.pathologists.org.uk
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5-6 March 2020	Liver Biopsy UKLPG	Royal College of Pathologists, 6 Alie St London	UKLPG www.virtualpathology.leeds

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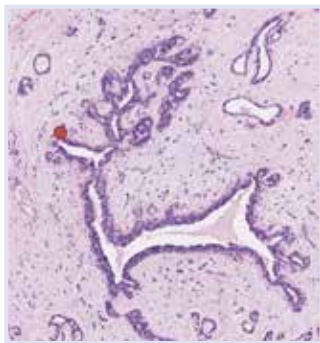
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Alyn Cratchley, from Leeds came across this beautiful example of Rudolph in a fibroadenoma in August.

Maybe Christmas comes early in Yorkshire?

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.

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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

In keeping with GDPR, please state if you wish your contact details to be published; they will appear in the print issue and will also be available as a PDF in the members' area of the website.

Winter brings a pot pourri of the pleasures and perils of the pathologist's life

One, if not the greatest, of all pleasures has to be working with inspiring colleagues; following the article on the life of Sidney Dyke I have discovered interesting accounts of great works by other pathologists whose contributions can too easily be taken for granted by later generations.

One pathologist who made a substantial impact, particularly in the field of pathology education, was Paola Domizio, who also made great strides in paediatric pathology. She took the bold step of showing children with gut diseases their resection specimens. This radical departure from the conventional pathologist role was a great help to those children who had to cope with long-term conditions.

Julian's report from the International Liaison meeting of Pathology Presidents helps to show that the UK is a major player in international pathology and that many of the issues that affect us are worldwide. We certainly have problems with workforce but not on the scale of some other countries, and we are making progress in respect of education. The progress of artificial intelligence is certainly an exciting area but with the possibility of major problems unless there is careful scrutiny and rigorous evaluation.

We have accounts of travel to foreign lands, fascinating collections of experiences, work in Singapore, classical history in Sicily, and the genuinely horrifying history of World War II to be found in Poland. Matt Clarke's account of the visit to concentration camps is made all the more chilling by the knowledge that doctors had collaborated. This article was written at the same time as the annual Festival of Remembrance, reminding us of the moral purpose of that particular war.

Pathology is largely about measurement and counting is a necessary component of much of the work in blood sciences, but I look at whether we are counting what really counts and as always I welcome the views of readers, especially any who have experience of measuring consumer satisfaction.

Thanks as always to the assistant editors for excellent and varied contributions and a special welcome to new contributors with a timely update from Elza Tjio on the transition from trainee to consultant; it is notable to compare this with Ed Carling's description from eight years ago. Some aspects of the work have changed, much remains the same.

Julian also warns us about predatory and fake journals – an easy trap for those keen to get published. As a trainee, well aware that promotion depended in part on



Your editor

the number of publications, I well remember searching for suitable journals. Not everything I wrote got into the major publications but eventually my first piece of research came out in print and colleagues noted that I have been forced to start with a periodical known to be a refuge for desperate authors.

Predatory journals are increasing in number and sophistication. I no longer publish any original research, but I do write occasional commentaries and I was flattered to receive invitations to write for journals with impressive titles. Following Jules' advice, I looked at the editorial board to find not a single name I recognised, even some of the job titles were strange. The journal title was very close to the Journal of Internal Medicine, the front cover and layout looked authoritative but I noted that the editor-in-chief had, as his main qualification, Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine, which made me cautious and then I received an invitation to join them as lead guest editor, so I realised their standards needed to be improved. And yet it all looked so plausible; once again, the devil is in the detail.

We also have excellent reports of grants and bursaries, showing how well members' monies are being spent.

One long established tradition in the ACP news has been travelogues of adventure in mountainous regions but for this issue Tim Bracey has combined travel in the Scottish Highlands with paddle-boarding on the coast and in lochs – an impressive adventure. I would have loved to have joined him if only I could keep up the pace and as a fellow water-sports lover I would take my canoeing helmet off in salute, were it not firmly attached with a chinstrap!

Eric Watts

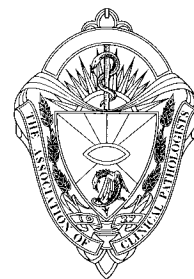
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NEXT ISSUE

The welcome return of Spring - the picture was taken in faraway lands celebrated for its beautiful blossoms.

No prize for guessing where it is! There will be plenty of information and travel tips in the spring and subsequent issues.



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