



Academic Training Day: “Why, How, and When?”

Royal College of Pathologists: 3rd October 2013

Summary

The Academic Training Day held on 3rd October 2013 at the Royal College of Pathologists was attended by 45, ST1 pathology trainees from England, Wales and Scotland. The event was kindly sponsored by the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland.

The aims and objectives of the course were:

- To inspire pathology trainees to consider a career in academic pathology.
- To show how important an academic pathology career is to future clinical medicine.
- To inform, advise and demonstrate the variety of career pathways available.
- To give the delegates a view of academic training from a trainees perspective.
- To demonstrate how to be a successful senior academic pathologist: a view from the top.
- To demonstrate new technologies through digital pathology.
- To show the teaching and educational opportunities in pathology.
- To demonstrate frontiers in pathology subspecialties e.g. neuropathology.

The final programme is shown in appendix 1. All speakers arrived on time and were able to deliver their sessions.

Delegate evaluation

The evaluation of the course was carried out via Survey Monkey, after the event, hoping that the time for reflection would prompt a high response rate. Unfortunately, only a 31% return rate was received – hard copies of evaluation sheets used on the day of the meeting will be used for future events.

As well as assessing the presentation quality, content, style/delivery and interest of each speakers' session, we asked the delegates whether they felt their aims and objectives were met, what they thought about the venue (including lunch and refreshments), timing and organisation/ communication of event.

The following data and comments are a summary extracted from the survey carried out:

- It was fantastic experience, very well rounded and illuminating.
- Again, Sue and team put on a great day, thank you! Academics is a vital area in histopathology and people should be encouraged to look into this area and I think this introduction was great and I am now actively trying to get into it.
- Excellent, a very useful and worthwhile day - thank you.
- Informative enjoyable day, made me seriously consider an academic career in pathology!
- Well organised.
- A very worthwhile day, although given that I'm training in Scotland, the information was more geared to English trainees I think.

A more detailed assessment of the scores given to each individual speaker is shown in appendix 2. Each speaker was sent a copy of their individual feedback scores along with any free text comments for continuing professional development purposes.

Financial breakdown

Under the Pathological Society Open Scheme, sponsorship funding of £4,500 was received. The total cost of the event was £5,671 broken down as follows:

- Room Hire/refreshments and lunches: £3,268
- Speaker/organisers related expenses e.g. rail and accommodation: £2,403

The additional funding was provided by the National Histopathology Training Schools.

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Appendix 1 – Final programme



Careers in Academic Pathology

3rd October 2013

**Fleming Room, Royal College of Pathologists, 2 Carlton House Terrace,
London, SW1Y 5AF**

09.15-10.00 Registration, coffee and networking

Chair for this session: Dr. Nick West

10.00-10.10 Welcome and introduction to the academic pathway
Dr. Nick West, NIHR Clinical Lecturer (Leeds)

10.10-10.40 Why should I be an academic pathologist?
Prof. Phil Quirke, Professor of Pathology (Leeds)

10.40-10.55 First steps in research: NIHR Academic Clinical Fellowships
Dr. Gemma Petts Clinical Research Fellow (Imperial, London)

10.55-11.10 How to obtain a higher degree whilst in training
Dr. John Brain Clinical Research Fellow (Newcastle)

11.10-11.30 Coffee and networking

Chair for this session: Dr. Gordon Hutchins

11.30-12.00 Academic medicine and family life
Dr. Liz Byrne – Clinical Research Fellow (London)

12.00-12.15 The road to independence: NIHR Clinical Lectureships
Dr. Abhik Mukherjee, NIHR Clinical Lecturer (Nottingham)

12.15-12.30 RCPATH Curriculum 2010 - The Research Module
Dr. Renu Gahlaut – ST3 (Leeds)

12.30-13.30 Lunch and networking

Named Chair for this session: tbc

13.30–13.45 Non-Walport academic opportunities
Dr. Gordon Hutchins – Academic Specialist Registrar (Leeds)

13.45- 14.00 Introduction to the Pathological Society of Great Britain & Ireland
Dr. Nick West, NIHR Clinical Lecturer (Leeds) and Chair of the Pathsoc Trainees' Subcommittee

14.00-14.30 Digital pathology
Prof. Phil Quirke, Professor of Pathology (Leeds)

14.30-14.40 Coffee and networking

Chair for this session: tbc

14.40-15:10 Teaching and educational opportunities in pathology
Dr. Emyr Benbow – Senior Lecturer in Pathology (Manchester)

15.10-15.40 Frontiers in Molecular Neuropathology
Dr. Kathreena Kurian – Consultant Neuropathologist/Honorary Lecturer (Frenchay Hospital, Bristol)

15.40-16:10 How to be a successful academic pathologist: a view from the top
Prof. Sir Nick Wright – Professor of Pathology (Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry)

16:10-16:20 Evaluation and close of meeting

Appendix 2 – Feedback for individual speakers showing overall percentage scores

