

**NOTES ON THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY 3 JULY 2008, 12.00 HRS
UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS
CONFERENCE AUDITORIUM 1**

In order to improve the timeliness of the meeting, brief verbal reports will be given at the Business Meeting. The following notes are designed to accompany the Annual Business Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM No 4: THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Three areas of activity in which I have been involved on behalf of the Society merit reporting.

(1) Public engagement

We are committed as a Society to trying to engage the public in understanding disease and understanding pathology and pathologists. To this end we continue to support public lectures during our main scientific meetings such as the lecture during this meeting by Prof T.H. Pennington, on MRSA/Hospital Acquired Infection. We have also, as you may remember from last year's Business Meeting, commissioned a professional journalist, Sue Armstrong, to write a book based on the lives, interests and achievements of a number of "interesting" pathologists across the globe. I'm pleased to say that the interviewing was completed early in 2008, and the editing processing is progressing as I write with the finished text due to be handed over to the publisher at precisely the time of this meeting. Sue has found that she has unearthed such a wealth of material from each of her 25 interviews that she is going to have to focus the book on about half of these, with only brief references to conversations with the other interviewees. However, the material not used in the book, will be turned into an electronic archive with, initially at least, full edited texts of all interviews being made available on the Society's web site. The book and the web site will cross refer to each other. The book titled "A Matter of Life and Death" and subtitled "Conversations with Pathologists" will be published by Dundee University Press, and is due out later this year. It will retail in the shops for approximately £10.00, but be available significantly discounted (perhaps free) to members.

Another way the Society is contributing to public engagement is through the support of 4 high profile lectures, one in each of the 4 home nations during the Royal College of Pathologists' National Pathology Week, November 3-7 2008. In Belfast the Society will sponsor a lecture organised by Prof Peter Hall. In Dundee we will jointly sponsor, with the Dundee Medical School, the next Robert Muir Lecture, organised by Prof Stewart Fleming. In Cardiff we will jointly sponsor, with the BDIAP, a lecture organised by Prof Geraint Williams, and in Newcastle, also jointly with the B DIAP, a lecture organised by Prof Alastair Burt.

(2) International Collaborations with other Pathology Societies

I initiated discussions with Fred Silva, the Secretary of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) about possible collaborative activities between our Societies. These discussions have been taken forward by (1) Suha Dean, who included an article from the USCAP President in our latest newsletter publicising the USCAP Hub of Knowledge. This is a great continually updated web site, free to all, which I would strongly commend to all pathologists who want to keep up to date and informed on their subject. (2) Simon Herrington, who has negotiated the opportunity to run a satellite meeting in conjunction with the main Annual USCAP Meeting – based around the topic of the Annual Review Issue of the Journal of Pathology.

Also, through discussion with Officers of the Japanese Pathology Society, we have initiated new collaborative activities between our 2 Societies in the form of:-

1. A reciprocal invitation to one Plenary lecturer every second year to a main Scientific Meeting.
2. Reciprocal invitations every two years, to 2 trainee pathologists to present posters at Society meetings, and visit departments and areas of interest of their choice

following or before the meeting.

3. The introduction of the Japanese/British collaborative research scheme.

Other developing international collaborations include, the 3 recently initiated collaborative research projects between Society members and Chinese pathologists, the recently established dialogues with the European Society of Pathology, and South Asian and Australasian branches of the IAP.

(3) Joint BDIAP/PathSoc Meetings

The Officers of the BDIAP and PathSoc met in May this year to discuss the future of joint scientific meetings and other matters of mutual interest. These discussions have been reported in detail to the Committee and discussed, but briefly include recommendations to –

- continue to run joint meetings
- continue to develop the identify of these meetings
- research the possibility of non University venues
- research in conjunction with EQA Scheme Organisers the optimum time of year for such meetings
- collaborate where appropriate without compromising the different identities and objectives of the 2 Societies.

David A. Levison
June 2008

AGENDA ITEM No 5: GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

I am delighted to report continued progress in a number of areas.

(1) Membership

The increase in membership continues with a rise from the 1201 members reported at last year's AGM to 1298 at the time of writing. This includes 339 concessionary members, the majority of whom are trainees in pathology. We have developed a marketing initiative targeted at increasing the number of overseas members by providing details of the Society at international meetings, particularly the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology meeting. At this year's meeting in Denver, there was significant interest from North American pathologists, particularly in view of the benefits of membership (see below) and it is hoped that this will translate into an increase in membership.

(2) Benefits of Membership

The number of schemes available to members continues to increase, with the introduction this year of the Educational Grant Scheme. This scheme recognises the importance of pathology education and provides ring-fenced support for initiatives in this area. All concessionary members have now received a copy of the diagnostic pathology manual prepared by Dr Paul Tadrous and published by Wiley Blackwell. This is also available to any other member at a heavily discounted rate and members have also now received a copy of the TNM Atlas to compliment the TNM Manual. All concessionary members now receive Diagnostic Histopathology (formerly Current Diagnostic Pathology) and, again, other members can subscribe to this title at a significantly reduced rate. In view of the success of the provision of these various publications to members, we are now developing, in conjunction with Wiley-Blackwell, the concept of a 'book programme' whereby Society members will benefit from continued provision of new and existing titles.

(3) Website

Development of the Society's publication strategy has, at its core, the re-design of the Society website. To this end, a 'brainstorming' meeting was held in March this year to develop a brief for the development of a new website, incorporating an educational portal. This brief is currently being sent out for tender with a view to appointing an external company to develop the website. This is an extremely important initiative, which is central to further development of the Society's activity.

Simon Herrington
May 2008

AGENDA ITEM No. 6 – THE TREASURER’S REPORT

(1) Review of Year: 2007

Those members who have already viewed the summary of the Annual accounts will realise that in 2007 the Society once again saw an increase in its total funds. Incoming resources increased to £738,193 largely due to an increase in investment income. It is of course fair to say that this all happened prior to the real impact of the credit crunch and since then markets have been highly volatile. Income from Journal of Pathology revenue was marginally down although when all costs are considered the net surplus to the Society was very slightly up. I am pleased to say that during 2007 the Society renegotiated its long-term contract with Wiley and the profit share to the Society will rise from 55% to 70% over the next two years. We have now a binding agreement with Wiley Blackwell that they will continue to publish Journal of Pathology for the next 10 years. They have also agreed to increase emphasis on marketing and there is to be a ring-fenced budget for “advocacy” and generally raising the profile internationally of the Journal.

Our outgoings in 2007 were very similar to that of the preceding year but expenditure on fellowships, etc. (that were a commitment from the Centenary year) was significantly up as we began to bear the cost of Centenary clinical fellowships. The Society continues to spend a reasonable proportion of its income on providing tangible benefits for members of the society. An example of this would be the provision of the generic textbook by Paul Tadrous to all trainee members during last year.

During the course of 2007 we made some changes to the structure of our various support schemes, for example with the introduction of the Sino-European collaborative award and from late 2007 the development of educational grants using funds previously held within the Open scheme. Charitable spend on grant schemes is highlighted on Appendix A.

(2) Investment Portfolio Management

I am pleased to report that the Trustees (ie. the main Society committee) have been regularly updated on our investment portfolio by John Gordon and colleagues from Cazenove. They made a formal presentation to the Trustees at the summer committee meeting in Glasgow and subsequently his team met with FGP. As Treasurer, I have recently been in regular contact with John’s team given the instability of the financial markets. As we had already done in 2006, the portfolio has been diversified a little to mitigate some of the risks associated with the credit crunch. I am pleased to say we had very little invested in “at risk banks” but nevertheless there is no doubt that our overall assets as we go through 2008 will be affected, albeit to a lesser extent than they might otherwise have been.

(3) 2 Carlton House Terrace and Society Offices

I am delighted to report that we (finally), in 2007, signed-off the new lease on the property that we have at 2 Carlton House Terrace. This new agreement gives us stability for accommodation until 2024. We have to some extent downsized the office but in doing so have made better use of the remaining floor space. The agreement involved a single one-off payment of £250,000 to the Royal College of Pathologists in return for this renewed lease. They in turn have been able to put this towards the ambitious and imaginative renovation of the premises at 2 Carlton House Terrace which will be of benefit to almost all UK pathologists. As many will know, during the course of 2007 the Pathological Society offices were decanted from 2 Carlton House Terrace while these major renovation works were being undertaken and have been temporarily housed in the Warden’s Offices at the Royal London Hospital, courtesy of Sir Nick Wright, past President. We are very grateful indeed for his generous support in this regard and for the very warm welcome that Ros and Julie have experienced from his staff at that site.

(4) Presentation of Accounts at Annual Meeting

I am sorry to say that I will not this year be able to attend the Annual Business Meeting to formally present the accounts and to deal with the other “administrative” niceties that is required of the Treasurer on such occasions. I (and a few others colleagues from the Society) will be closeted away at a secret rendezvous deciding the outcome of the RAE! I have therefore asked that Simon Herrington, as the Honorary Secretary, take on those duties at the ABM itself.

Alastair Burt
May 2008

AGENDA ITEM No. 7 – MEETINGS SECRETARY’S REPORT

(1) Oxford meeting feedback

The Oxford winter meeting was well organised. It was the first educational style winter meeting with a reduced number of oral presentation. Feedback was generally positive (see Appendix B)

Abstracts submitted 107

Plenary oral only - 8
Posters 99

Delegates

Tuesday 139
Wednesday 137
(these figures include on-site registration and exclude invited speakers).

(2) Leeds Meeting

Planning of the Leeds summer meeting is well advanced. The style is towards and extended traditional meeting with parallel oral presentations and educational sessions.

(3) Future Meetings

2008

1-4 September, 2nd Summer School, Cambridge
Molecular pathology for the uninitiated: a conceptual & practical guide

2009

8-9 January *Winter Meeting inc Trainees’ Programme, Kings College, London*

26-30 January *Winter School (formerly Newcastle Pathology Course)*

30 June – 3 July *Cardiff Pathology 2009 (5th Joint Meeting of the BDIAP & the Pathological Society)*

2010

6-8 January *Winter Meeting inc Trainees’ Programme, Imperial College, London*

29 June-2 July *Summer Meeting, St Andrews*

2011

January *Winter Meeting inc Trainees’ Programme (dates & venue to be confirmed)*

9-13 May *Ghent Pathology 2011 (6th Joint Meeting of the BDIAP & the Pathological Society)*

Ian Ellis
May 2008

AGENDA ITEM No. 8.1 EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education subcommittee has continued to be active throughout the year. Most of our work has been conducted by email, with two meetings “in person” during the January and July PathSoc meetings. We have achieved the following:

(1) Commencement of Education grant scheme

A major change in the remit of the subcommittee is the commencement of the Education grant scheme. This scheme enables applications for grants with an educational theme – which would previously have been submitted to the Open scheme – to be considered by the Education subcommittee. Applications can be made directly to the scheme, or, if submitted through the Open scheme, will be triaged to the Education grant scheme. The scheme has a maximum of £10,000 to award each year and full details of the types of application that will fall into this category are available on the website.

(2) Increased number of elective bursaries

In late 2007, Emyr Benbow carried out an audit of the elective bursary applications received in the calendar year 2007. This audit showed that only about one third of applications were supported due to a lack of available funds. Based on the results of this audit, a proposal was submitted to the Finance and General Purposes committee for an increase in the funding allocated to elective bursaries. This proposal was successful and the amount allocated was doubled from £15,000 to £30,000 per annum. This has allowed the subcommittee to support a much larger proportion of the applications, an investment that is eminently worthwhile in promoting the study of pathology at undergraduate level and increasing the exposure of medical students to pathologists.

(3) Award of Pathsoc Undergraduate Prize Essay

This essay prize is offered annually and the winner is invited to receive the £500 prize at the Pathsoc winter meeting in the following year. The winner of the 2007 essay prize entitled “There is no place for pathology in modern medical curricula. Discuss” was presented with her prize at the Oxford meeting in January 2008. The title of the 2008 prize essay is “Discuss the impact of media and the popular portrayal of pathology on its profile.” With the author’s consent, the winning essay will be published on the Pathsoc website.

(4) Pathology core curriculum

After a long gestation, the joint RCPATH/Pathsoc core curriculum working group finally delivered the first draft of the histopathology curriculum earlier this year. At the time of writing the consultation period still has two weeks to run, and several useful comments have already been received. In the near future, the core curricula for the other pathology specialties will be incorporated to produce an integrated pathology core curriculum.

(5) Change of Chairman

After four years in post, my term of office as chairman of the subcommittee will come to an end at this AGM. I have enjoyed my time in this post immensely and I wish my successor all the very best of luck.

Paola Domizio
May 2008

AGENDA ITEM No. 8.2 REPORT OF RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE

During the past year the research Sub-committee has been active in pursuit of the research agenda of the Society. The research portfolio which we have developed over the last four years has been aimed at fostering a new cadre of young academic pathologists. Our schemes support budding and established academics to move from the initial stages of a research idea through to running a full research project.

(1) The Pilot Study scheme

Aimed mainly at supervised trainees, is to facilitate the generation of initial data in support of a hypothesis to take forward to a substantive grant application to a Research Council or major medical charity. This scheme continues to attract high quality applications which we support but there remains additional capacity for funding. We have recently agreed an increase in the funds available to individual applicants up to a maximum of £10k. The impact of this on the budget will be reviewed at the end of 2009.

(2) Fellowship scheme

On occasion a research project will benefit from experience or methods which may be learned at a different centre, often overseas. To facilitate this acquisition of research expertise from elsewhere we run a Fellowship scheme. Most of the applications to the Fellowship scheme are from members but we have recently supported a research sabbatical in Paris by a trainee radiation oncologist interested in the mechanisms of radiosensitivity determined by different papilloma virus serotypes in cervical carcinoma. The standard of applications to this scheme is high and we generally use the funds available.

(3) PhD Studentship Scheme

Established researchers can apply to host a PhD studentship. Although previously only a stipend, fees and modest travel costs were funded it was recognised that this had excluded some potentially interesting applications. We have therefore extended this to include some research consumable costs. Over the past four years this has consistently been our most competitive funding programme with many good quality projects turned down. In response to this we have now agreed to fund two PhD studentships from this year, with a review in 2010.

(4) Centenary Clinical Fellowships

The three Centenary Clinical Fellows have just completed their first year of research. These projects are continuing satisfactorily and we look forward to the successful outcome of these in two years time.

(5) Sino-European Awards

We launched the Sino-European Award last year with three projects funded. These are in the early stages with annual progress reports due during the summer. It is difficult to gauge how much further interest there will be in this scheme since all three applications received last year were supported.

(6) Japanese-European Award. This year we have introduced a similar Japanese-European Award with this jointly funded by ourselves and the Japanese Pathological Society.

Between now and 2010 we have undertaken to develop and implement, funding permitting, a transition or bridging scheme to provide support during the completion of their clinical training of the research programmes of young academic pathologists following a MD/PhD. This is a crucial period of the career of a young academic during which the momentum of their research must continue for them to move on to a Clinician scientist or Senior Lecturer post. This scheme as presently envisaged would provide some technical support and consumables for high quality research programmes which build on the candidate's track record.

The subcommittee has now in place a mechanism for review of interim and annual reports which the society has not hitherto pursued.

The current membership of the subcommittee is

- Prof Stewart Fleming, Dundee (Chair)
- Dr Richard Byers, Manchester
- Prof Adrienne Flanagan, London
- Prof Nick Lemoine, London
- Prof Jo Martin, London

- Dr Katie Robertson, Dundee (Trainees' Sub-comm rep)
- Prof Andrew Wyllie, Cambridge
- Plus one officer

The Chairman Stewart Fleming, as the Chair of the Scottish National Council of the College, is a member of the College Research Committee a move which should help to co-ordinate the approaches to research of the two organisations. We look forward to developing further the research profile of the Society and its members. The Chair will change upon election of a new chairman.

Stewart Fleming

AGENDA ITEM NO. 8.3 REPORT OF THE TRAINEES' SUB-COMMITTEE

Overview

The last year has seen the re-structuring of the trainees' subcommittee such that trainee interests are now represented on the Meetings, Education and Research subcommittees. Also, trainee subcommittee members now have individual responsibilities for areas such as website development, research and education needs of trainees. Owing to the co-chairs and a subcommittee member standing down in Leeds 2008, the subcommittee will see new leadership and subcommittee membership from Summer 2008 onwards.

(1) Meetings

In order that the Society continues to support trainees, we have agreed that each summer meeting will feature a trainees' session, and this sequence will commence in Leeds 2008. Our intention is to represent not only the research and education needs of trainees, but also to include topics that may be relevant for exams and workplace based assessment. This content will be reflected in the trainees' programme for Leeds 2008. We will also be trialling new educational formats such as Breakfast meetings and a panel discussion. The idea is to make trainees' sessions more interactive and less didactic, and enable trainees to meet each other in a more relaxed environment.

(2) Research

We will be sending a questionnaire out to all trainee members of the society to assess the research experiences and perceived needs of the trainee members so that the society can continue to address the needs of trainees at all levels of research activity and to encourage trainees to consider academic training pathways. We expect compilation of the results of this questionnaire to be completed by November 2008. We are also looking into proposals for better ways of funding trainees at early stages of their research careers.

(3) Education

This year will see the first National Pathology Week, to be held in November 2008. The trainees' subcommittee are hoping to hold a public engagement event during that week on behalf of the Pathological Society.

Katie Robertson, co-chair of the trainees' subcommittee has been to Malawi to train and teach pathology. We will be assessing the feasibility of developing similar projects that Pathological Society trainee members may be able to uptake at the end of their training period.

(4) Website and communications

The trainees' portal of the Society's website will be updated to make it easier for trainee members to access research and training resources. We are hoping that the new format will be available early 2009.

Maesha Deheragoda
Co-chair of the trainees' subcommittee of the Pathological Society

AGENDA ITEM NO. 9 - REPORT OF THE EDITOR IN CHIEF

General points

The transition of Editor in Chief has gone smoothly and the Editorial team continues to function well. Submissions remain strong and the quality of submissions similarly continues to be impressive. We await the next impact factor which will be available by the time of the AGM in July but anticipate that we will remain in close competition with the American Journal of Pathology and possibly overtake it. Certainly we continue to be a forefront pathology journal.

We continue to work closely with the publishers (Wiley Blackwell) and I am delighted that we have a stable and solid base now that we have a new contract between the Society and the Publishers (see Treasurer's Report). Marketing of the Journal and engagement of the Editorial team with others throughout the world is being fostered and we are now a truly International Journal.

(1) Associate Editors and Deputy Editor

Three new Associate Editors took their positions in January, Marc Ladani from New York, Louise Jones (London) and Ming Du (Cambridge). Rosemary Walker and Andy Hanby will be stepping down in the near future. Richard Poulson was appointed as Deputy Editor last summer and has a general role in support of the Editor in Chief and has taken responsibility for Reviews and similar material. The flow of high quality review, commentary and perspectives is strong but we welcome suggestions for such material.

(2) Ombudsman

One of my first acts was to ask a senior Society member with editorial experience who is independent of the Journal to act as an Ombudsman. The Ombudsman would have a role in impartially and fairly considering any complaints or grievances that authors (or others) reasonably made against the Journal or Editorial team. We do not envisage this being a major or onerous task but feel that in addition to our detailed policies and processes such a step is important. Professor Sir James Underwood has agreed to take this role in the first instance. I hope he is rarely bothered by us!

(3) Review of processes

Over the coming year I intend to have a detailed review of all our processes and operating procedures. While I do not believe there are any significant issues such a review seems a sensible step on a regular basis. Already I have undertaken an audit of array data. Sadly a minority of authors have not complied with the Journal's policy of submitting all array data (and not just expression array data) to a public database (or via Supplementary data on the Journal website) as recommended by the MIAME guidelines (Minimum Information About a Microarray Experiment an international standard standard for reporting microarray experiments). Steps will be taken to tighten this aspect of our review and publication procedures.

(4) Statistical and bioinformatic issues

In part following from the bioinformatic issues (above) we are in the process of appointing at least three statistical and bioinformatic advisors to the Editorial Board. Pathology and pathological research is becoming increasingly numerical and advice on such issues is central to the further development of the Journal.

(5) The future

The Editorial team and I look forward to continuing the traditions of the Journal and hope it will continue to be a leading forum for research into disease mechanisms. The forthcoming 2009 Annual Review Issue is being edited by Malcolm Alison and is on the topic of 'stem cells and regenerative medicine'. I trust that it and the other contributions in the Journal will continue to prosper.

Peter Hall
May 2008

AGENDA ITEM NO. 10 WEBMASTERS REPORT

While website content continues to grow, website development has remained fairly static as we prepare for a major overhaul of the website in terms of management, design, content and scope. A dedicated meeting of the FGP group plus invited representatives was held in London, with the specific goal of defining a revised web strategy for the Society and how that can be realistically delivered. This included discussions regarding a comprehensive educational portal for Society members that would utilise a standard platform for managing the range of educational programmes that the Society supports. It was recognised that the website had outgrown the capabilities of internal development with a single webmaster and that it would be necessary to outsource the development and management of the new web portal to a third party. A new approach to editorial management of the website was also necessary. A briefing document scoping the requirements of the website has been written and the Society is in the process of identifying a commercial partner who will be commissioned to build the new web portal for the Society.

Peter Hamilton

GRANT SCHEME EXPENDITURE 2007

Grant Scheme	c/f from 2006 £	Budget £	No of awards granted	Total allocated /spent £	Balance c/f to 2008 £	Application Deadlines	2008 Budgets
Bursaries (Undergraduate Elective)	4,300	£15,000 + c/f total £19,300	13	12,900	6,400	31 Jan, 30 April, 31 July, 31 October	£30,000
Fellowships	6,494 (returned grants)	£20,000 + c/f total £26,494	1	5,000	21,494	1 January, 1 August	£20,000
Intercalated Degrees	3,750	34,500+ c/f £3,750 + £40,250 ③	6	£34,500		1 March	£34,500
Open	2,235	50,000	19	£65,849	Nil (overspend of £13,614)	1 March, 1 June, 1 October, 1 December	£40,000 ①
Pilot Study	19,151	40,000 ②	5	£24,625	£38,833	1 January, 1 August	£40,000 ②
PhD Studentship		85,000 ④	1	85,860 (over 3 years)	0	1 November	£85,860 or £171,720
Pathological Society Meeting Bursary	5,000	2,500	2	120	7,380	1 June and 1 November	£2,500
Travel & Conference Bursary	2,884	2,500	1	163	4,220	Reviewed on receipt	£2,500
Educational Scheme Grant	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	TBA	£10,000

Appendix A

- ① Includes £10,000 from Centenary Splash but annual budget has been reduced to by £10,000 to create Educational Grant Scheme in 2008. There were also some returned and unused grants totalling £12,110

Expenditure includes:

- 3 Awards under the Sino-European Collaborative Award totalling £5,000 (originally budgeted for 1 awards of £5,000)
 - Delegation of Path Soc Members to the Japanese Society of Pathology Meeting - £5,000
 - AD Burt, Path Society Lecturer at the Asian Pacific IAP Meeting, May 07 - £2,415
 - Sponsorship of Path Society NCRI Molecular Pathology Symposium, Oct 07 - £5,875
 - Underwriting the Newcastle Pathology Course run by Dr Nigel Kirkham – up to £10,000. From 2008 this is badged as the Path Society Winter School.
 - Sponsorship of Path Society Stem Cell Symposium at the European Society of Pathology Meeting, Istanbul, Sept 07 - £5,261
 - Underwriting the Path Society commissioned book – A Matter of Life & Death, Sue Armstrong - £13,985 paid in 07 – total budgeted cost £25,000.
- ② Includes additional £20,000 from Centenary Splash and includes a returned grant of £4,307 from 2004.
- ③ Awarded to: Belfast, Leeds, Leicester, Royal London Hospital, Manchester, Newcastle, University College London
- ④ 2007 Studentship awarded to Prof AM Flanagan, UCL – 1st payment Sept 07
- Studentships currently running
 1. Prof M Alison, Queen Mary University London, 3rd payment Sept 2007
 2. Prof PM Kaye, University of Hull/York, 2nd payment Sept 07
 3. Prof PA Hall/Dr SEH Russell, Queen's University Belfast, 2nd payment Sept 07
 4. Prof M Pignatelli/Prof M Maddedu, Bristol, 2nd payment Sept 07
 - 2008 Budget. The Society has applied to Genentech Inc for 1 PhD Studentship award. News is awaited.

Total number of feedback forms received: 57
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A. Programme Evaluation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The Title of the meeting interested me	12	39	1	1
The meeting was relevant to my Continuing Professional needs	11	43	1	
The meeting contained new ideas and material	10	47	1	
Adequate time was given for discussion	3	40	11	
The meeting met my expectations	2	51	2	
The facilities, catering arrangements met my requirements	15	36	3	
The AV facilities were of a high quality	8	39	6	
Total	61	295	25	

I would like to see meetings held in:

London	N.England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland	Other
30	17	10	3	1	1 West Midlands/South England outside

How did you hear about this meeting:

M'ship Communication	Newsletter	Website	Colleague	Other
37	8	20	10	1 member of PathSoc Committee

Tuesday 08 January

1. Symposium: Upper Gynaecological Tract Pathology

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr S Dhar	2	9	18	8		37	2.86
b	Prof SJ Kehoe			10	18	14	42	4.10
c	Prof AB Hassan			22	15	5	42	3.60
d	Prof CS Herrington		2	10	22	8	42	3.86
e	Dr SM Ismail	4	10	19	11	1	45	3.11
f	Dr R Ganesan	2	5	20	15	1	43	3.19

2. Meet the Experts (Trainees Session)

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr NCA Hunt		1	5	12	7	25	4.00
b	Dr CA Clelland			9	10	4	23	3.80

3. Symposium: Proteomics - State of the art?

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr KS Lilley	2	3	16	17	3	41	3.40
b	Dr B Kessler	3	9	23	5		40	2.75
c	Prof A Dell	2	2	5	11	20	40	4.13
d	Dr M Ward	5	10	11	11		37	2.76

4. Goudie Lecture: Colorectal Cancer: Seeing

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
	Prof NA Shepherd			1	12	26	39	4.64

Additional Comments:

Excellent sessions: the gynae sessions were very useful.

The proteomics session was a good overview of the technique although some speakers went into unnecessary details

South room very cold

Poor time keeping by speaker 3b

Acoustics in the venue was not good

Gynae Path overview talks complimented each other well

Excellent Upper Gynae seminar, very useful even though this is not my specialist field

Proteomics session very useful but quite dense ????. In places

Tuesday 08 January

Many of the presentations would benefit from a reduction in the number of slides and a reduction in textual information

Excessive use of unfamiliar acronyms/abbreviations is a significant barrier to educational efficiency. This applies to posters also especially those employing molecular techniques. It might prove instructive to the organiser to document all the abbreviations/acronyms as a glossary to the meeting.

Gynae session overrunning talks a real problem as no time was left for discussion

Proteomics Symposium - fascinating material. Prof Dell suffered because of over running speakers

Poor time keeping throughout

Venue was impossibly cold throughout the meeting

Some lectures were like review of the book. Not really for the more experienced pathologist

Proteomics Symposium - too detailed for general audience. A far more simplistic approach would have been appreciated!!

Multidisciplinary symposium/principles + application of technology ideal for a trainee

Prof Shepherd stand in for Prof Jass was tremendous.

The good venue was almost spoilt by the cold in the main lecture theatre and breakout rooms. The only blot on a really good meeting

I liked the morning talks by the surgeon and oncologist. Personally I find these sort of talks from other members of the multidisciplinary team very interesting.

Although they are not research related, I find them very relevant to work.

Gynae & Trainee sessions excellent content and appropriate for ST1

Proteomics lectures quite complex but interesting.

Goudie Lecture - excellent presentation by Prof Shepherd

I would prefer parallel symposium covering different subject areas. Gynae path may not be relevant to all delegates and there was no alternative session to attend

I would like to see more talks given by delegates

The lecture theatre was very cold

Wednesday 09 January

1. Slide Seminar Follow Up: Urological Pathology

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr G Turner		1	7	13	5	26	3.85

2. Symposium: Challenges in Inflammatory Bowel Disease

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr BF Warren			6	13	14	33	4.24
b	Prof F Powrie			12	9	10	31	3.81
c	Dr MJ Parkes		1	4	15	9	29	4.17
d	Prof NJM Mortensen			2	12	14	28	4.43
e	Dr S Keshav			6	10	5	21	3.95
f	Prof NA Shepherd			1	7	6	14	4.36
g	Dr BP Saunders			2	11	8	21	4.23

Additional Comments:

An excellant mix of pathology and clinical context/relevance

Dr G Turner has requested feedback regarding the Slide Seminar Follow-up as not as many people participated as Dr Turner would have liked. This may have been down to timing

The Gut session was good but not as good as the Gynae session

The lecture by Prof Mortensen was very helpful and for such practically relevant presentatioins perhaps more time should be allocated

I see the point of putting treatment of IBD at the end of lecture so that everybudy stays on but people have to travel and I had to miss this. Not very well planned

Table options at lunchtime would have helped more delegate discussion

Sound system and auditorium left too many deadspots. No provision for hard of hearing

Whilst not directly linked to educational content it would help delegate interaction if a registered delegate list were issued with registration pack

The quality of the symposia was good. The chances are that a participant in this meeting might find that none of his/her subjects of interest will be addressed.

It would be good to have as many possibilities to present one's work before an audience

2 day format ok though it seems in a minor way to interfere with the normal goings on of the meetings

It is a pity that the judging of the poster prize can no longer take into account the 'defence' of the poster during the poster round.

The venue was not ideal. Coould echo rich/reverberating. Projections was not optimalhowever overall I thought the meeting was good, worthwhile and enjoyable.

Wednesday 09 January

Very well put together. Interesting as usual

Quite a good meeting apart from being very cold. Should Oxford have been considered as a Summer Meeting venue

Excellent session

Excellent symposium for trainees

Excellent Seminar/Good update on genetics management

A very good day. It was important to hear the 8 plenary papers

Venue Feedback: The venue was too cold and poor acoustics

The lunch/poster sessions were too long. If the lunch/poster sessions were shorter on the first day then the meeting could have started later and it would have been easier to travel to Oxford on the first day

Enjoyed Urological slides - good idea for trainees (+consultants) to allow viewing of slides

GI lectures all excellent content. I enjoyed having lectures from clinicians and surgeons as well as surgeons

Please do Oxford and Cambridge in Summer not Winter

Shame that the renal EQA overlapped with Symposium 2

Excellent renal EQA and Banff follow-up

The overall educational needs were met at the meetings. As this was the first meeting attended and as I am in the first year of histopathology training some scientific lectures were hard to understand. Otherwise the meeting was thoroughly enjoyable. Good posters and got to meet colleagues and consultants