

**NOTES ON THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY 2 JULY 2009, 13.30 HRS
MERCURE HOLLAND HOUSE HOTEL, CARDIFF
ARGYLL ROOM**

OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR

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

This Report marks the end of my 3 year tenure of the Presidency of the Society. The period has included our Centenary Year and the two following years. It seems appropriate therefore to review activities over this period and to assess progress.

One question I could legitimately be asked is "What have we to show for the Centenary Splash?" The "splash" was our commitment to spend an additional 1 million pounds to further the aims of the Society in our Centenary year and the subsequent few years.

We set out to –

- (1) Help build capacity in education and research.
- (2) Help develop tomorrow's leaders.
- (3) Help facilitate growth.
- (4) Help expand opportunity.

We began by spending £250,000 in support of the Educational Development in the Royal College of Pathologists. This sum helped the College to develop the superb new education suite in the basement of 2 Carlton House Terrace, including the Pathological Society sponsored Robert Muir room, and it secured and paid for our lease until 2024 for the Society Offices on the top floor of the building.

We added 2 additional PhDs in the Centenary year, supporting 3 projects beginning in 2006. The recipients were:-

- (1) Prof P Kaye, University of York. Project title: Microenvironmental Determinants of T-cell-APC interaction and CD8+T-cell function in the hepatic granuloma.
- (2) Dr SEH Russell, Queen's University, Belfast. Project title: What regulates SEPT 9 transcript expression and how is this prohibited in cancer?
- (3) Prof M Pignatelli, Bristol University. Project title: The role of human tissue Kallikrein (hTK), in the pathogenesis of gastrointestinal stromal tumours.

We made 3 Centenary Clinical Fellowship Awards to:-

- (1) Dr Mary Gallacher, University of Dundee. Project title: Oncogenic actions of WT1.
- (2) Dr Alistair Easton, University of Glasgow. Project title: Analysis of Ganglioside Specific B cells in Autoimmune Neuropathy.
- (3) Dr S. Paine, University of Nottingham. Project title: Proteasomal Gene Targeting in Specific Brain Regions Recapitulates the Molecular Neuropathology of Parkinson's Disease and Dementia with Lewy Bodies.

These 5 additional wards cost approximately £600,000, were made after a rigorous assessment process and have given 5 very promising young individuals the opportunity to develop a research career.

We also provided PathSoc members with a copy of the Centenary Book about the Society (£11,000), subsidised the excellent Centenary Meeting in Manchester (£20,000), expanded various of our Grant Schemes (mainly the Small Grants and the Open Scheme – see below - £120,000), and committed to a 4 year presence at USCAP (also see below - £20,000) – which comes to a grand total of just over a million pounds.

Part of the additional spend through the Open Scheme, was aimed at promoting pathology to the general public. One of the things we did was to commission professional Journalist, Sue Armstrong to produce a book based on the lives, interests and achievements of interesting pathologists across the globe. The resulting publication “A Matter of Life and Death” subtitled “Conversations with pathologists” and published by Dundee University Press, has retailed so well at £12.99 that a major publisher, Canongate, has bought the publishing rights and the American rights from Dundee University Press, commissioned Sue to do more interviews, and intends to publish an expanded second edition next year. Also an electronic archive, funded by a generous grant from Genentech, containing full edited interviews with all interviewees, is being prepared by Sue and iPath for the Society’s web site. Copies of the book are still available to members through Ros/Julie for £7.70 + P&P.

The USCAP initiative is part of our effort to be outward looking and collaborate more effectively with other Pathology Societies and Pathologists. The USCAP presence has developed from simply running an exhibit promoting the Society and the Journal, to running a Satellite Meeting associated with the main USCAP Meeting, on the topic of the current Annual Review Issue of the Journal of Pathology. Simon or Peter will, I am sure, be referring to this in their reports. And speaking of collaboration with other Societies, I continue to be delighted with the success of the 2 yearly joint PathSoc/BDIAP meetings such as the one we are currently enjoying.

These additional Centenary Splash activities have all taken place on top of the ongoing activities of the Society – running Scientific Meetings, the Winter School, the Summer School, participation in other sponsored meetings, providing educational grants, research grants, and travel grants, sponsoring public lectures, actively supporting National Pathology Week, running the very successful Journal of Pathology, supporting Diagnostic Histopathology as a benefit of membership, and encouraging more ownership of the activities of the Society through our four Sub-committees (Research, Education, Programme, Trainees). Society membership continues to rise – particularly among younger pathologists.

So, I hope you agree, an active, exciting and developmental few years for the Society since the Centenary Year. I’ve greatly enjoyed my tenure as President, and wish the Society continuing success in the years to come.

David A. Levison
June 2009

AGENDA ITEM No 5: GENERAL SECRETARY’S REPORT

5.1 Society Lectures, Medals & Awards:

5.1.1 The Jeremy Jass Prize – new award

Your attention is drawn to the launch of a new prize, in honour of Prof Jeremy Jass, which will be awarded to the best paper published in the Journal of Pathology in a given calendar year. This prize will be judged and awarded by the Editor in Chief, Deputy Editor and Associate Editors of the Journal of Pathology. Further details are available at <http://www.pathsoc.org>

Call for nominations:

- 5.1.2 **Goudie Lecture and Medal – deadline 1 June *each year***
- 5.1.3 **CL Oakley Lecture – deadline 1 December *each year***
- 5.1.4 **Doniach Lecture and Award – deadline 1 December *each year***
- 5.1.5 **Ritchie Medal –*nominations are accepted at any time***

5.3 Membership

The increase in membership continues with a rise from the 1298 members reported at last year’s AGM to 1393 at the time of writing. This includes 430 concessionary members, the majority of whom are trainees in pathology.

5.4 Website & Publications Strategy Group

The most important and significant development in the last year from my point of view has been the design and launch of the new Society website (<http://www.pathsoc.org>). This allows us to enhance our interaction with Society members by providing information about our activity in a more timely fashion, and by signalling new initiatives efficiently. For example, the Newsletter is now delivered in electronic form. This change is significant in several respects, particularly in the increased versatility it affords us. The site itself was developed by the publications group of the Society in conjunction with iPATH diagnostics, and I would like to thank the staff at iPATH for their excellent management of this process. The website was officially launched at the Society Winter meeting at King’s College London.



The challenge going forward is to provide appropriate content for Society members, ensuring that the site remains up to date and relevant. Clearly, the publications group and the Society committees will

play a role in achieving these aims but I would be delighted to hear members' views on the website and would be happy to respond to any feedback (good or bad!) that you have. There is a particular need to populate the educational and research portals and ideas would be welcome.

The screenshot shows the Pathological Society Educational Portal. At the top left is the 'pathXL' logo with the text 'e-LEARNING & QUALITY ASSURANCE in PATHOLOGY'. To the right is the 'Pathological Society Educational Portal' title and navigation links for 'Help', 'Your Account', and 'Logout'. Below this are buttons for 'home', 'news', 'content', and 'glossary'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'you are here: home > modules > video lectures > path soc leeds 2008'. The main heading is 'Pathological Society Leeds 2008'. Below this is a paragraph: 'This is a series of lecture videos recorded recorded at the Pathological Society Meeting in Leeds, July 2008. Please Click on link below to access the lectures.' A sidebar on the left contains links for 'Video Lectures', 'Path Soc Leeds 2008', 'Path Soc London 2009', 'Virtual Slide Classrooms', and 'Winter School for Trainees'. The main content area lists four video lectures, each with a small portrait of the speaker and the lecture title:

- Sights Unseen, Truths Untold Pathology in the Modern Medical Curriculum** by Professor Sir James Underwood
- Public Lecture MRSA/Hospital Acquired Infection** by Professor H Pennington
- The NHS Bowel Screening Programme** by Dr N Scott
- The Cancer Genome** by Prof Sir A Markham

Overall, development of the new website has been a very positive experience and I think significantly enhances the Society's e-presence. It is crucial now that we continue to build the site as it is, and will increasingly be, a significant benefit of membership, particularly when the portals are fully developed.

5.5 Other matters

From an international perspective, the Society hosted, in conjunction with the Journal of Pathology, a symposium at the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) meeting in Boston on March 7th to promote, in particular, the Annual Review Issue of the Journal which, this year, focuses on Stem cells in pathobiology and regenerative medicine. It is of particular note that Prof Robert Weinberg gave the Pathological Society lecture at this event, speaking on 'The epithelial-mesenchymal transition and cancer stem cells'. This was an excellent event and Prof Weinberg's lecture was both superbly crafted and inspirational. This initiative has been developed in consultation with Dr Fred Silva, Executive Secretary of USCAP, who was particularly complimentary about the 2008 Annual Review Issue of the Journal when I met him last year at the USCAP meeting in Denver. These international initiatives are important not only for the Journal but also for the Society: with increasing 'globalisation' it is crucial that we are both visible, and visibly engaged, internationally.

Simon Herrington
May 2009

AGENDA ITEM No. 6 – THE TREASURER’S REPORT

6.1 Review of Year: 2008

Members should already have had sight of the summary annual accounts. I am sure that all will be aware of the very turbulent times in relation to financial markets and members will see that our overall funds have dropped substantially during 2008. The huge dip in our reserves is entirely due to losses through our investment portfolio. We have worked closely with John Gordon and his team at Cazenove to minimise the impact of the financial downturn but there have been few “safe havens” over the past year or so. Our reserves have seen a further fall in the first quarter of 2009 but at the time of writing there has been a rebound in the equities market and some are beginning to believe that the economy has “turned the corner”. Other analysts however warn of a second wave of downturn (the so called W model). While clearly a drop in our overall reserves is worrying we should always see these funds as investments over a longer term and although we need to be prudent in moving forward the Finance and General Purposes Committee does not believe that we should at this stage be putting the brakes on spend (as has been the case with many other charities).

2008 saw a modest increase in our income mainly due to increased return from the Journal of Pathology. This was the last year at which we were pegged at 55% profit share. This will increase in the forthcoming year thereafter reaching 70%. Furthermore it is anticipated that in the forthcoming year the current exchange rate with the US dollar will be favourable for our income. In the longer term there remain risks in relation to the overall spend by HEIs on journals and the continued threat of a negative impact from open access publishing.

We saw a fall in investment income but it is important to note that the fall was entirely due to a serious downturn in bank interest on cash. Income through dividends etc., remained stable and it is anticipated by Cazenove that we should be able to maintain this level of investment income in the forthcoming year.

Colleagues will note that our overall spend on charitable activities increased substantially on previous years and indeed total spend exceeded income. Clearly this is not something that could be sustained on a permanent basis but we are now taking the full “hit” of the Centenary Clinical Fellowship scheme. We saw a dramatic increase in the spend on support costs for meetings. This is something that we are actively looking at; while it is entirely reasonable that we use some of our charitable income to support such educational activities we will need to ensure that our own scientific meetings are properly costed and that we maximise opportunities for income generation through advertising and sponsorship.

The Finance and General Purposes Committee has been discussing the nature of fellowship spend in the years to come. Decisions will be taken later this year about the future of Clinical PhD Fellowships. There is in principle an agreement that we will start to provide support schemes for post-doctoral clinical scientists but this will only be initiated when it is felt to be affordable.

The grant scheme expenditure in 2008 is attached as Appendix A. This also gives the indicative 2009 budgets. Colleagues will note that some of the schemes remain undersubscribed and it is important that we promote these widely.

We continue to use some of our charitable funds to support public engagement; the Society supported several public lectures at the time of National Pathology Week held in November 2008.

Alastair Burt
May 2009

AGENDA ITEM No. 7 – MEETINGS SECRETARY’S REPORT

7.1 2008 Summer Meeting- Leeds

The Leeds meeting was very well organised. Feedback was generally positive (see Appendix B). Our thanks to Heike Grabsch and Phil Quirke for hosting a very successful meeting.

- Abstracts submitted 219
- Delegates - 385 in total, excluding invited speakers

7.2 8-9 January 2009 – King’s College, London

The meeting was very well received and feedback was positive (see Appendix C) Our thanks to Sebastian Lucas for hosting a very enjoyable and interesting meeting

- Abstracts submitted 96
- Delegates – 165 in total, excluding invited speakers

Please note that we are piloting web based presentations of some of the key lectures given at our scientific meeting. We would encourage members to view these lectures, accessible from the Society web site.

7.3 Future Meetings

2009

30 June – 3 July	Cardiff Pathology 2009 (5 th Joint Meeting of the BDIAP & the Pathological Society)
3 July	Satellite Meeting Cardiff: <i>“Difficulties With and Solutions to Pathologists’ Engagement with Research”</i> . Actions emerging from the NCRI Task Force Report. Organised by onCORE UK.
1-4 September	3 rd Summer School: Manchester: <i>Pathologists teaching pathologists to teach pathology</i>

2010

6 January	Satellite Meeting: Imperial College, London: <i>“Tissue Banking in the NHS – the advantages for Pathology Departments”</i> organised by Wales Cancer Bank.
7-8 January	<i>Winter Meeting inc Trainees’ Programme, Imperial College, London (Kensington Campus)</i>
January	Pathological Society Winter School (date and venue to be confirmed)
29 June-2 July	<i>Summer Meeting, St Andrews</i>

2011

6-7 January	Winter Meeting inc Trainees’ Programme, Cambridge
10-13 May	<i>Ghent Pathology 2011 (6th Joint Meeting of the BDIAP & the Pathological Society)</i>

Ian Ellis
May 2009

AGENDA ITEM No. 8.1 EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Sub-committee has continued to be active throughout the year. Most of our work has been conducted by e-mail, with a meeting in person in January, and another by telephone in May. We have achieved the following:

Education grant scheme

Four applications have been considered, some originally submitted to the Open scheme. Awards have been delayed because the Sub-committee has been thinking about means of maximising the educational benefit to the Society, and in particular, ensuring that any teaching material developed would become available via the Society website. The scheme has a maximum of £10,000 to award

each year and details of the types of application that will fall into this category are available on the website.

Elective bursaries

Early last year, Prof Paola Domizio reported an audit that showed that only about one third of applications could be supported, and so the amount allocated was doubled to £30,000 per annum by the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Combined with a small drop in submissions, and the sums requested, this has allowed the Sub-committee to support all fundable applications this year. These bursaries promote the study of pathology by undergraduates and increase the exposure of medical and related students to pathologists. The breadth of acceptable topics is wide, and members of the Society are encouraged to promote applications. Many applicants become involved in sophisticated research projects, whereas others observe pathologists in the daily diagnostic work, perhaps assisting with audit projects. Structured applications are required.

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 2008 essay prize, entitled "Discuss the impact of media and the popular portrayal of pathology on its profile", was Mr Andrew Bamber from the University of Cambridge; he was presented with his prize at the London meeting in January 2009. The title of the 2009 prize essay is "Molecular genetics will make histopathologists redundant". With the author's consent, the winning essay will be published on the Pathsoc website.

Pathology core curriculum

The joint RCPATH/Pathsoc core curriculum working group, chaired by Prof Domizio, has consulted extensively over the draft core curriculum. Progress has been impeded because Prof Domizio has been unwell, but medical schools that have used the draft documents to audit their teaching have found it very useful.

Intercalated BSc awards

Awards for Intercalated BSc studentship are made every year, but the number of applications are often few, sometimes fewer than the number of awards available. These awards can be given for any Intercalated BSc with a significant content of pathology, in the widest sense of the word. Applications do not have to relate to a named student.

General

Some applications from students are weak because their authors are inexperienced and naïve. We encourage members to make themselves available to help applicants from their own institutions.

Emyr Benbow
May 2009

AGENDA ITEM No. 8.2 REPORT OF RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE

The Pathological Society aims to promote pathological research and runs a number of schemes to support the Society's aims administered by the research Sub-committee. The research scheme portfolio which we have developed over the last four to five years has been aimed at developing and supporting a new cohort of young academic pathologists. As well as supporting established academics, our schemes support trainees to move from the initial stages of a research idea through to running a full research project.

The Small Grants scheme

This scheme is aimed mainly at supervised trainees (usually Specialist Registrars or Honorary Specialist Registrars), to undertake investigative research in order to facilitate the generation of pilot 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 and over the past year we have come close to using the full capacity for funding for this scheme. We previously agreed to increase the funds available to individual applicants up to a

maximum of £10,000. The Small Grant is intended to be used for reagents or contribute towards a piece of equipment for research to underpin a project. Since last July, five Small Grants scheme awards (from ten applications submitted) were agreed.

Fellowship scheme

The Fellowship scheme is for members of the medical and allied scientific professions working in pathologically-related biomedical research to enable travel to other institutions to learn new techniques of value in their research. Experience or new methods which may be learned at a different centre, often overseas, can be invaluable for certain research projects.

Fellowships are available for a period of study of up to twelve months. The Sub-committee has agreed that preference will be given to applicants wishing to learn new techniques in the fields of molecular and cell biology. A maximum sum of £5,000 will be allocated to any one person.

Most of the applications to the Fellowship scheme are from members of the Society, but we have also supported research by non-members. The standard of applications to this scheme has been high. This year one Fellowship Scheme award was agreed. The Sub-committee is keen to encourage more applications for this scheme.

PhD Studentship Scheme

Established researchers can apply to host a three-year PhD studentship. Support covers stipend, tuition fees (UK only), a research training and support grant and a conference allowance (at Medical Research Council levels, with London Weighting if applicable). Over the past few years this has consistently been our most competitive funding programme with many good quality projects turned down. In response to this we have recently agreed to fund either one or two PhD studentships from 2008, with a review in 2010. This year one new PhD Studentship award was agreed.

Centenary Clinical Fellowships

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

Sino-European Awards

The Sino-European Award (£5000) was launched in 2007 to run annually for three years to promote collaboration in scholarly pathological activities between Chinese Academic Institutions and Members of the Pathological Society. This collaborative award is designed to promote meaningful and long term collaborations in any area of pathological research or scholarship (including undergraduate education). All three applications received in the scheme's first year were supported and one application this year was supported, but as interest in the scheme has reduced since then, more applications are encouraged.

Japanese-European Award

A similar Japanese-European Award (£5000) was launched in 2008 with this jointly funded by ourselves and the Japanese Pathological Society. No applications have been received so far and increased marketing of this award will be instituted and the scheme will be relaunched in 2010.

Bridging Fellowships

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 clinical training of the research programmes of young academic pathologists following a MD/PhD. This is an important period of the career of a young academic during which the momentum of their research must continue for movement 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.

There is a mechanism for review of interim and annual reports. All of these schemes are advertised on the Pathological Society website with application forms and timetables.

Finally, the Society is very appreciative of the work, including the setting up of many of the schemes and the design of appropriate administrative structures, performed by Prof Stewart Fleming (Dundee) as Chair of the Research Sub-committee over a period of more than 4 years from its inception to January 2009, when he stepped down and I took over as Chair.

Mark Arends
May 2009

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

Overview

This year saw the departure of the founding co-chairs, Maesha Deheragoda and Katie Robertson. They were replaced by a single chair, Ian Proctor. The committee and all trainee members are extremely grateful for their contribution to the Society. The committee now has 9 members drawn from across the UK and Ireland and is represented on all the other sub-committees. Trainee membership continues to grow and is the fastest growing section of the Society. The committee continues to meet biannually and in advance of the other committees.

Meetings

The trainees' sub-committee continues to run sessions at the winter and summer meetings. These include the *Meet the Expert* and *Trainees Symposia* sessions and the recently established and evidently popular *Breakfast Meeting* which will be repeated again in Cardiff this summer. The aim of these sessions is to focus on topics which are of interest to trainees and will cover hot topics, research and exam-related subjects.

Research

The trainees' sub-committee is committed to encouraging the research activities of its trainee membership. In order to gain a better understanding of the attitudes of trainees towards research and to establish how many trainees are actively engaged in research we have completed a survey of trainees (members and non-members of PathSoc) which sought to answer these points. The response was good with 169 respondents out of a total of 533 (32% response rate). The results of this survey will be disseminated at the summer and winter meetings. The trainees' symposium at the summer meeting in Cardiff will also address a number of important issues related to the pursuit of research by trainee pathologists.

Education

During National Pathology Week members of the Trainees Sub-Committee participated in a workshop organised by the Royal College of Pathologists for school children aged 15-17 from London. The aim of the workshop was to introduce the students to medical research and how the research of pathologists, past and present has shaped society. The workshop was a great success and a similar event is being organised for 2009.

Website

The trainees portal of the PathSoc website is up and running and is being updated with useful information. It has been agreed that research positions and training courses can be advertised on the website. Material from the trainees' sessions at the winter and summer meetings will also be made available on the website where possible.

Ian Proctor
May 2009

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

The past year has seen a number of developments and innovations which are outlined below. A key index of status is the impact factor, which for all its limitations and faults remains a key metric of our performance, albeit our performance in the past. We await the publication of the new impact factor which should be available by the time of the AGM in July.

Submissions, acceptances and the review process

Submissions to the journal remain strong and a detailed outline of this and acceptance and rejection rates were published in an Editorial in May of this year (*Journal of Pathology* 2007;**218**:1-6). Broadly we publish ~25% of submissions with ~30% of submissions being 'fast rejected' within 7 days of submission by Editorial review. With regard to key measures of our review process our mean time to first decision is 17 days and we rapidly publish accepted material within days of acceptance (as key metadata and abstract) and a few weeks later as a PDF. We are introducing a system for very rapid publication of full edited manuscript in the coming months.

This Editorial also includes an analysis of '*what happens to papers we reject?*' This might seem an odd question to ask but it is in fact an audit of the effectiveness of our review processes and policies. The audit was undertaken under the auspices of the Society Summer Studentship programme by a medical student, Ms Victoria Campbell.

With regard to recent submissions and acceptances we are pleased to see many very high quality submissions of experimental and translational studies of major biological, clinical and pathological importance: an encouraging trend!

Free material, Open Access and other developments

Every month we make one or two articles available free to all as part of our endeavours to enhance the usage and exposure of the Journal to all interested parties. In addition we have a well established system for facilitating Open Access publication for any author who desires this option.

Our publishers, Wiley-Blackwell are in the process of restructuring their website and as part of this the *Journal of Pathology* website will change. We look forward to this and believe that the new portal will have many useful features for readers.

Annual Review Issues

Malcolm Alison acted as Guest Editor for the January 2009 ARI which was on the general subject of *Stem Cells and Regenerative Medicine*. As with prior ARIs, this has proved very popular and downloads have been very high. We held a Symposium to reflect this topic in association with USCAP in Boston, an exercise we will repeat in future years. The 2010 ARI is being edited by Jorge Reis-Filho, Ian Tomlinson and the Editor in Chief and is on the topic of '*Genes, Genomes & Pathology*'. This will be published in January 2010. Plans for future ARIs are in hand.

Editorial Board Meeting

We had a successful Editorial Board meeting in November 2008. This meeting was held in London and allowed the Editorial Board to pose questions to the Editor and his team. Many useful suggestions came from this including the proposal for a relaxation on the length of submissions and the introduction of the fast publication of full edited manuscripts. In the future it is planned that Editorial Board meetings will be alternately linked to scientific meetings of the Pathological Society or to USCAP meetings: again a reflection of our increasing international and in particular north American standing.

Associate Editors

In 2008 Andy Hanby and Rosemary Walker stood down as Associate Editors after distinguished service. Dr Philip Coates became an Associate Editor having been a member of the Editorial Board and regular reviewer for the Journal. At the end of 2009 Prof Graeme Murray will stand down and we are pleased to announce that Dr Hartmut Koeppen formerly of MD Anderson Hospital (Houston, Texas) and now of Genentech (San Francisco, California) will replace him. He will join Dr Marc Ladanyi (Sloan

Kettering, New York) as North American Associate Editors reflecting the importance of this area in our submissions and readership.

The Jass Prize for Research Excellence

Earlier in the year we took the unusual step of publishing (simultaneously with several other Journals) an appreciation of Jeremy Jass. With the permission of the Jass family we have initiated a Jass Prize for research Excellence. This will be an award made by the Editorial team to the authors of the paper deemed by the team to have been the best scientific paper of the year published in the *Journal of Pathology*. The first award will be made in January 2010 for papers published in the calendar year 2008. The award will be presented at a Scientific Meeting of the Pathological Society

Finally, can I acknowledge the hard work of the managing editor, Dr Jo Wixon as well as the efforts of other Wiley Blackwell staff including Mrs Jo Taylor in the continued success of the *Journal*. In addition the other members of the editorial team, the deputy editor Richard Poulson, and Associate Editors Pancras Hogendoorn, Gerald Niedobitek, Louise Jones, Ming Du, Phil Coates, Marc Ladanyi and Graeme Murray deserve public recognition for their efforts and hard work. I should also acknowledge the Officers of the Society provide unwavering support and wise council.

Peter Hall
May 2009

APPENDIX A - GRANT SCHEME EXPENDITURE 2008

Grant Scheme	c/f from 2007 £	2008 Budget £	No of awards granted	Total allocated /spent £	Balance c/f to 2009 £	2009 Budgets £	Application Deadlines
<i>Bursaries (Undergraduate Elective)</i>	6,400	30,000	27	28,350	8,050	30,000	31 Jan, 30 April, 31 July, 31 October
<i>Fellowships</i>	21,494	20,000	1	5,000	36,494	20,000	1 April 1 October*
<i>Intercalated Degrees</i>	5,750	34,500 ①	7	40,250	0	34,500	1 March
<i>Open</i>	0	40,000 ② +11,752	12	70,184 (overspend of £22,932)	0	40,000 ②	1 March, 1 June, 1 October, 1 December
<i>Pilot Study/Small Grants</i>	38,833	40,000 +10,000 ③	3	24,000	64,833	40,000	1 April 1 October*
<i>PhD Studentship</i>		85,000 ④	1	85,860 (over 3 years)	0	89,853	1 November
<i>Pathological Society Meeting Bursary</i>	7,380	2,500	1	50	9,830	2,500	1 June and 1 November
<i>Sino-European</i>	0	5,000	1	5,000	0	5,000	Variable
<i>Travel & Conference Bursary</i>	5,353	2,500	1	500	7,353	2,500	Reviewed on receipt
<i>Educational Scheme Grant</i>	n/a	10,000	1	1,000	9,000	10,000	1 April 1 October*
<i>Centenary Clinical Fellowships</i>	n/a	150,057	3(in 2006	150,057	n/a	151,847	n/a

*Note new deadlines.

- ① Awarded to: Bristol, Leeds, Manchester, Royal Queen Mary University London, Manchester, Newcastle, Sheffield and University College London. Includes one unused grant from 2007.
- ② 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 £11,752
Expenditure includes:
- Delegation of Japanese Members to Leeds Meeting - £2,955
 - Underwriting the 2008 Winter School run by Dr Nigel Kirkham – £6,233.
 - Underwriting the Path Society commissioned book – A Matter of Life & Death, Sue Armstrong - balance of costs £22,038
 - RC Path 5 Year Joint Senior Clinician Scientist Fellowship, 4th year instalment - £10,000
- ③ Includes additional £20,000 from Centenary Splash and includes 2 returned grants totalling £10,000.

④ 2008 Studentship awarded to Dr TH Ward, London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine –
1st payment Sept 08

- Studentships currently running

September 2009 1. Prof AM Flanagan, University College London, 3rd payment due

September 2008 2. Prof PM Kaye, University of Hull/York – final payment made

September 2008 3. Prof PA Hall/Dr SEH Russell, Queen's University Belfast – final
payment made September 2008

September 2008 4. Prof M Pignatelli/Prof M Maddedu, Bristol – final payment made

Total number of feedback forms received: 75
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A. Programme Evaluation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The Title of the meeting interested me	20	40	2	1
The meeting was relevant to my Continuing Professional	23	39	2	
The meeting contained new ideas and material	30	31	2	
Adequate time was given for discussion	20	39	6	
The meeting met my expectations	23	39	1	
The facilities, catering arrangements met my requirements	24	31	7	
The AV facilities were of a high quality	17	45	1	
Total	157	264	21	

I would like to see meetings held in:

London	N.England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland	Comments
30	32	22	16	16	1xSouthern England outside London

How did you hear about this meeting:

M'ship Communication	Newsletter	Website	Colleague	Other
29	5	21	25	1: Rcpath Bulletin; 3 ACEM email; Uni of Leeds staff email

1. Symposium*Pathology Informatics*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr D Treanor			7	17	9	33	4.06
b	Dr S Bell		1	10	19	5	35	3.80

Keynote Lecture*A human Protein Atlas*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
	Prof F Ponten			5	11	20	36	4.42

5. Public Lecture*MRSA/Hospital Acquired Infection*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
	Prof PH Pennington	1	1	6	8	12	28	4.04

Additional Comments:

A handout should be available especially for Prof Ponten

All 3 were outstanding especially Prof Ponten whose presentational tools were a tour de force

Prof Ponten's talk was the most interesting, informative and 'life-changing' talk of the whole meeting

Superb overview on protein

It was very good

It did explore the use of IT in the pathological studies along with the way of gathering clinical data from a wide range of research institutions and make it accessible

1. Trainee's Breakfast Session

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr EW Benbow			3	6	2	11	3.90
b	Prof SB Lucas				6	7	13	4.54

2. Symposium 1*Incipient Neoplasia*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof GA Meijer	1	1	3	22	7	34	3.97
b	Prof FB Thunnissen	2	1	11	12	8	34	3.70
c	Prof CS Herrington	1		4	14	14	33	4.18
d	Dr AS Jack	1		3	19	11	34	4.15
e	Dr LHJ Looikenga	1	1	7	16	7	32	3.84
f	Dr A Collins	1	2	8	17	4	32	3.66

3. Symposium 2*Pathology of regeneration and degeneration*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof R Poulsom			3	8	9	20	4.30
b	Prof J Southgate		1	7	8	5	21	3.81
c	Prof AJ Freemont		1	2	9	8	20	4.20
d	Prof MJAP Daemen			5	11	5	21	4.00
e	Prof MR Alison			5	9	8	22	4.12

4. Japanese Pathological Society Lecture*The Pathology of colorectal and gastric carcinomas in the elderly: clinicopathological characteristics and molecular mechanisms*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
	Prof T Arai		2	20	16	5	43	3.56

5. Trainees' Session*Meet the Experts*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
	Dr N Scott		2		9	3	14	3.93

Additional Comments:

Too much molecular pathology of no relevance to most diagnostic pathologists

Excellent, well planned and complimentary talks with little/no overlap

No handouts again

Nice presentation

Very instructive high quality presentation

Poor time keeping of the chair in the later part of symposium 1

Very useful new research information

Dr Jack's presentation was outstandingly clear audible and well organised and presented

Prof Arai covered the spectrum of clinical to molecular in a lucid and integrated manner which could be a model for us all - outstanding

We need to encourage the presentation of mechanisms that underpins pathology

1. Symposium 1*Pathology and targeted treatment*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof B Brandt		4	7	18	8	37	3.81
b	Prof BJ van Diest		2	10	19	7	38	3.82
c	Dr F Eskens		1	7	19	10	37	4.02
d	Dr V Speirs		1	9	20	8	38	3.92
d	Dr H Koeppen		2	7	22	8	39	3.92

2. Trainees' Session*Translational aspects of disease*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr R Fitzgerald		1	2	11	2	16	3.88
b	Dr A Ibrahim			7	8	2	17	3.71

3. Trainees' Session: Panel based forum discussion*Achieving excellence in research, teaching and diagnostics work whilst maintaining work-life balance*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr R Fitzgerald		1	5	7	6	19	3.95
b	Dr A Ibrahim			6	7	1	14	3.64
c	Dr KA Oien			2	9	4	15	4.13
d	Dr JS Reis-Filho			3	8	4	15	4.07

4. Doniach Lecture - Sights unseen, truths untold: pathology and the modern medical curriculum

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
	Prof Sir JCE Underwood	2		1	10	27	40	4.50

Additional Comments:

Dr Oien was excellent

Compares poorly with USCAP

Prof Brandt, Prof van Diest & Prof Koeppen were real 'eye' openers in more than one sense

Prof Sir Underwood's talk was a masterpiece of oratory and had a great message on how we all must act together to salvage and promote the identity of pathology as a subject entity in the medical curriculum

APPENDIX B

**LEEDS MEETING
JULY 1ST - 4TH 2008**

THURSDAY 3RD JULY

Very good oral sessions with excellent trainee information

Superb talk from James Underwood

Good presentation

Please congratulate James Underwood on one of the most engaging talks I have ever heard

More efficient chairing to allow movement between lecture theatres please

Speakers MUST be kept on time

Prof van Diest gave a very valuable and practical insight into the problems associated with EaFR 1HC

Dr Eskens gave a very clear account of the oncology perspective. Excellent

Symposium 1 - very good balance between basic translational science and diagnostic pathology

I would have appreciated more information on the life and work of research pathologists. Overall though I thought that it was an excellent day!

5. Association of Clinical Microscopists: 11th Annual Meeting - Companion Meeting

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr T Ryder	1		2	11	2	16	3.81
b	Mr R Moss		2	4	10	2	18	3.67
c	Mrs T de Haro	1		3	9	2	15	3.67
d	Prof JA Schroeder		1			2	3	4.00
e	Prof JE Martin		1	1	12	3	17	4.00
f	Mr B Wagner			2	11	2	15	4.00

Additional Comments:

All interesting and informative

I found the discussion around EQA feedback very interesting also the extra lecture from J Schroeder

The talk on nephrogenic systemic fibrosis by Josef Schroeder was excellent

a) very interesting , well presented and very thorough

d) excellent very interesting and diagnostically enlightening

e) excellent very informative

The EQA session was very good - useful for everyone. It is helpful to see material from other units and to see where we fit in these range of results - and what we should be aiming to achieve in terms of section quality.

Renal case presentation was a very clear overview of the ultrastructural appearance of Myeloma in all its variations

Although not all talks were directly applicable to my work the information was clearly presented and very well illustrated

All sessions were very informative and of very high standard

1. Symposium*The genome and cancer*

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof S Aparicio	1	3	6	8	14	32	3.97
b	Prof Sir Markham	2	1	2	12	15	32	4.16
c	Prof P Tan	1	1	7	13	7	29	3.83
d	Prof MT Seymour		1	5	9	14	29	4.24
d	Prof M Bland		2	3	5	15	25	4.32

Additional Comments:

- 1) In order to make it more relevant for the ordinary pathologist it is very important to have a diagnostic slide session. It was very disappointing that this appears to have been dropped from the meeting THUS all the effort with the interesting and challenging soft tissues was in vain!
- 2) Interested in general speakers of specialised area. Difficult to have across board meeting now, but would be good if topic areas clustered for the day with diagnostic meetings also eg ACP, IAP combined with the science of that area. Trainees Like the maps of programme in the miniature form for carrying round meeting
- 3) Interesting slide seminar (15 cases) unfortunately no session for discussion of the cases in the programme of this meeting. Is there a handout? Will it be posted on the homepage of the website? Suggestions: more participants would give a list of diagnosis for case discussion if an additional 2-3 points would be given
- 4) Lots of interesting molcules which I enjoyed hearing about however I do feel that PathSoc is in danger of becoming rather too obtuse. A few more sessions for jobbing histopathologists might be beneficial
- 5) The conference could benefit from more session directly related to current practise in the present
- 6) Many thanks to Prof Bland
- 7) Prof Sir Markham talk - less opinions and more scientific facts please
- 8) The meeting was friendly and very well organised. The space for posters/eating/milling was ideal. IT facilities very helpful, ditto staff. As ever the speakers tended to overrun - perhaps chairmen should be stricter
- 9) Posters pushed/over ran times
- 10) Prof Aparicio gave a fascinating insight into the future but some of the technology was not sufficiently clear for me - I could not follow all of it
- 11) Prof Sir Markham made some very important and powerful points highlighting the limitations of the genome sequencing approach and its cost!
- 12) Prof Tan gave an outstanding talk on how molecular techniques can be applied in a targeted manner
- 13) Overall an excellent programme very well organised. The sports hall was ideal with high ceilings and food location. Enough space for

posters which could be up for the whole meeting. Helpful assistants - one volunteered to put up my posters which really helped. Lunch was disappointing, rather dry and repetitive and no real sandwiches. Fruit very good though! Railway Museum excellent. Packed lunch for journey on Friday was a nice welcome touch

14) Good to keep to end of meeting as it meant that a very good number stayed until the end

15) Badges on necklace brilliant idea. At a glance programme also really helpful. National Railway museum fabulous setting for Society dinner. Whole event looked very professional and seemed to run very smoothly. Overall really enjoyed the whole meeting.

16) Where is the session on the slide seminar? Not much point having a slide session without an opportunity to hear about the correct diagnosis

Total number of feedback forms received: 46
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A. Programme Evaluation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
The Title of the meeting interested me	8	36	3	2
The meeting was relevant to my Continuing Professional needs	10	34	1	
The meeting contained new ideas and material	22	22	2	
Adequate time was given for discussion	8	37	1	
The meeting met my expectations	9	34	2	1
The facilities, catering arrangements met my requirements	14	30	2	1
The AV facilities were of a high quality	16	29	1	
Total	87	222	12	

I would like to see meetings held in:

London	N.England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland
31	8	8	3	7

How did you hear about this meeting:

M'ship Communication	Newsletter	Website	Colleague	Other
25	6	11	15	1 x Committee

1. Symposium: Joint Symposium with the BSCC

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr T Giles		1	7	15	4	27	3.81
b	Dr E McLean			9	16	2	27	3.74
c	Dr Z Pohar Marinsek		1	6	14	5	26	3.88
d	Dr A Herbert		2	7	12	8	29	3.90
e	Prof J Peto			8	18	6	32	3.94

2. Meet the Experts (Trainees Session): Interstitial lung

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof AG Nicholson			5	16	9	30	4.13

3. Meet the Experts (Trainees Session): Placental exam

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr I Moore			4	10	12	26	4.31

4. Goudie Lecture: Colorectal Cancer: Molecular patho.

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
	Prof N Lemoine		1	8	14	5	28	3.82

Additional Comments:

1. Very good range of topics discussed
2. Some speakers did not make optimal use of microphone and were difficult to hear from high up in the auditorium
3. Excellent powerpoint presentations - varied slides with appropriate amount of information
4. Trainees sessions were excellent for my personal needs - thank you
5. Good plenary session
6. Please extend trainee's session
7. Plenary session excellent
8. Trainee's session very educational

1. Slide Seminar Review: Tricky autopsy histopathology

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof SB Lucas			1	9	11	21	4.48
b	Dr PJ O'Donnell			1	8	10	19	4.48

2. Symposium: Advances in haematopathology

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof A Dogan			4	9	12	25	4.32
b	Prof F Fend		2	6	11	5	24	3.79
c	Prof B Falini		1	6	8	3	18	3.72
d	Prof A Green			6	7	6	19	4.00

3. Symposium: Infectious disease diagnostics and pathogenesis

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Prof S Zaki			2	13	11	26	4.35
b	Prof J Bell			6	11	9	26	4.12
c	Dr S Lawn		1	1	10	12	24	4.38
d	Prof R Jarrett		1	5	11	5	22	3.91
e	Prof SB Lucas		1		10	12	23	4.43

Additional Comments:

1. Excellent topic range
2. More direct//precise directions to the venue would be very useful with a clearer map
3. Very good needs heating
4. Food far too cold
5. Fascinating autopsy cases: well presented. There wasn't enough time for trainees in particular to view the slides due to crowded timetable and our seminars over lunchtime. I didn't feel at a disadvantage in the viewing session though. General timekeeping good.
6. In some cases the speakers used acronyms without using the full form ever at first, which I found unnecessarily confusing
7. The oral plenary sessions were of less educational value to me than the main speakers - perhaps since I am just starting out in pathology
8. Dinner venue & experience very enjoyable. Very high quality. Thank you
9. General organisation excellent. Good pre course information
10. The overall attendance was lower than I expected - don't know why or what you could do to improve this. I would attend in future
11. It would be very helpful if all speakers could put their job title/credentials on initial slide so their background and the context of their presentation is clear
12. The main auditorium was extremely cold on Friday so much so that it was compromising the number of attendees remaining in the lecture theatre
13. Would it be possible to arrange the Lymphoma session that is inevitably a fraction of the London meetings be arranged such that the

speakers make some attempt to keep their presentations to the allocated time and have some time for discussion

14. Timing was not well kept by the chairs of the Haematopathology symposium

15. Excellent slide seminar content. Some technical improvements would help as discussed.

16. Cold lecture theatre

17. Poor audibility - needs lapel microphone

18 Autopsy session at the level of trainees