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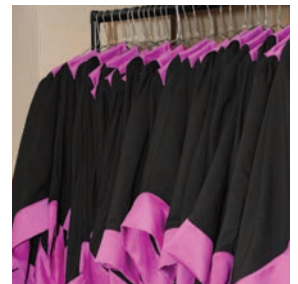
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From the President's Office

The annual "Doors Open" day held by Glasgow City Council was on 15 September. The College has always been one of the most popular venues, and this year some 784 people streamed through the doors of 232-242 St Vincent Street. The feedback from our guests was, as usual, extremely positive. Our art collection, archives and the magnificent College interior caused gasps of amazement and real appreciation of this jewel in the crown of the City.

On 29 August, we launched the corporate hospitality trading company of College, called Fifteen Ninety Nine (in recognition of the year of our founding). We hope to attract additional business which will be to the financial advantage of College coffers. Fifteen Ninety Nine will also be a membership benefit with attractive discounts to Fellows and Members in good standing. On the evening of the launch, potential corporate clients were introduced to our venue and the catering delights provided by our new Catering Manager, Mr Richie Holmes and his staff. The shrill of bagpipes, courtesy of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, added to the occasion. Fifteen Ninety Nine will never be allowed to detract from the true purpose of College, that is, to serve the best interests of Fellows and Members, which will always remain paramount.

Our ambitious IT programme nears completion with only slight slippage in our time schedule, but on budget and on specification. This is quite a comparison to events in the NHS and by all accounts many other healthcare organisations worldwide, who have thrown in the towel in the hallowed quest of being in full control of their IT, being paperless and yet still retaining sanity and purpose.

In May, Mr John Cooper and I visited colleagues in India and we were hugely appreciative of the warm reception from many Fellows and colleagues. Dr Jagadeesan, one of our Senior Fellows and based in Chennai, assembled a large number of high profile guests at a lunch reception in his residence and there followed a full and frank discussion of the current and future role of College in India. Dr Jagadeesan proved to be a consummate host, as well as Chairman of the meeting.

As many of you know, he has been a long standing loyal friend of the College over many, many years. On 29 October, I was delighted to lay a foundation stone on the site of a future office for the College within a building in Delhi, made possible by the kindness and generosity of the International Medical Sciences Academy of which Dr Jagadeesan is President.

I was left with the clear impression of mutual respect between College and our friends and colleagues in India. There is no doubt that we have an enormous amount to learn from our Indian colleagues, especially given the vast and varied clinical workload which they face on a daily basis with a determination and ability which would overwhelm us in the West. India is a land of limitless potential and an assured future of global pre-eminence. I was awe-struck by my visit.

The new Faculty of Podiatric Medicine held its inauguration on the 10 October and Founding Fellows were introduced to the College. This is the second Faculty of multi-disciplinary professionals to join the College and, along with the Faculty of Travel Medicine, will have considerable potential to expand both within the UK and internationally.

As a result of recent Cabinet reshuffles, both in the Scottish Government in Holyrood and in the UK Government in Westminster, two new Health Ministers have taken up post. The one in London raised eyebrows as the expectation was rife that he was for the sack. A good performance by Team GB in the Olympics must have extended his UK Cabinet life expectancy but the Health portfolio must be the last envelope left on the desk that any politician would care to pick up.

Mr Hunt is now in charge of a ticking time-bomb in the shape of the Health and Social Care Act left by his predecessor.

Ms Nicola Sturgeon, our former Health Minister in Scotland has had a good tenure in post in that she survived without crisis or scandal. To be fair, she always made herself available to College and listened to our views and advice although, in the end, always made her own decisions, some of which didn't meet with our approval. I will miss working with her: she is clearly on a mission to ascend the political greasy pole to the summit. She is replaced by Mr Alex Neil, a seasoned political big-hitter. I wish my successor well in his dealings with the new Health Secretary who I understand is a resident of Ayr which, according to Robert Burns, is a town of "honest men and bonnie lasses" and where I happened to be schooled.

This is my last College News. I will miss the opportunity to inform, stimulate and, if not, hopefully entertain Fellows and Members with the regular publication. The editors are a skilled bunch of ladies and gentlemen but they brook no dissent and rarely give concessions on tight deadlines. It is one of the few disciplines that I will be able to live without come the AGM. I hope you enjoy reading this edition and its pages of College News and information. I have spared readers from my more formal goodbyes which will be in the Annual Review.

Mr Ian W R Anderson

Doors Open Day Success

Doors Open Day 2012 was a great success with more than 780 people visiting the College throughout the day on Saturday 15 September. Visitors ranged from young to old and seemed to really enjoy exploring our historic building, with many promising to come back next year.

Many thanks to all of the staff, Fellows and Members who make it possible for us to be a part of this annual Glasgow event. We are extremely grateful to all those who gave up their time over the weekend to show visitors around the College, serve refreshments and ensure the successful running of Doors Open in the College.



Money Raised for Erskine

Every year the College staff choose a charity to support. In 2011/2012 our chosen charity was Erskine, the leading care organisation for ex-servicemen and women in Scotland. Following a number of events throughout the year, ranging from coffee mornings to the Hairy Haggis Relay Team, the Staff Committee were pleased to announce recently that a total of £3,229 was raised for the charity.

We are delighted with our efforts and pleased to know that our support will make a difference to the ex-servicemen and women cared for by Erskine.

Following a recent vote by all of the staff in the College, we are pleased to report that our chosen charity for 2012/2013 is Yorkhill Children's Foundation. Fundraising has already commenced and we look forward to raising money for this worthwhile charity over the coming months.



Announcements

Admission Ceremony dates

Forthcoming College admission ceremonies will be held at the Bute Hall, University of Glasgow on:

*Wednesday 29 May 2013,
Wednesday 6 November 2013.*

Examinations

Upcoming examinations are listed on the individual discipline/faculty pages. Please advise your trainees and peers of the opportunities available to take an examination at one of our centres. All enquiries are welcome through our general mail box – exams@rcpsg.ac.uk

College closures

The College will be closed from 25 December 2012 – 3 January 2013.

Founder's Day Service – 11am, Sunday 9 December at Glasgow Cathedral

Fellows, Members and guests are invited to attend the annual service to commemorate the College Founder, Maister Peter Lowe. Please contact sandra.clearie@rcpsg.ac.uk / 0141 227 3203 if you wish to attend.

Elections

College Council Elections are currently underway. All those eligible to vote have been issued with voting papers. Please ensure you return your voting papers by 12 noon on 6 December 2012.

Annual General Meeting

The College AGM will take place in College on Friday 7 December 2012.



Events for All

All events listed are being held in the College unless otherwise stated.

19 March 2013

Livingstone Bicentenary

Manage ↑ Lead ↑ Develop ↑ Succeed
Workshop Series 2012/13

See the panel on the right for dates and booking information.

To book your place at any of these events:



Visit: <http://rcp.sg/events>



Call your College on:
+44 (0)141 221 6072



or email us at: events@rcpsg.ac.uk

MANAGE ↑ LEAD ↑ DEVELOP ↑ SUCCEED WORKSHOP SERIES 2012/13

11 October 2012, 10am-1pm
Managing great teams

11 October 2012, 2pm-5pm
Developing your profile and professional career

15 November 2012, 1.30pm-5pm
Leadership & people management skills

5 March 2013, 1.30pm-5pm
Leadership & people management skills

26 March 2013, 10am-1pm
Effective communication

26 March 2013, 2pm-5pm
Succeeding at interviews

Places on these courses are limited to 20 per course so early booking is recommended.

You are welcome to book on single or multiple courses. Discounts are available, including 5 for the price of 4.

BOOKINGS: <http://rcp.sg/events>

Mr Ian Anderson – A Lasting Legacy



Fifteen Ninety Nine launch 2012



Publications upgraded 2011



Medical History Comes Alive 2010



Dubai Admission Ceremony 2012



Triennial Conference and Exhibition 2011



Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre 2012

Ian Anderson demits office as President on 7 December 2012 after a long and distinguished career as a Fellow, Councillor, Treasurer and President of our College. His clinical career has been equally long and distinguished. He was a driving force in the introduction of the ATLS course into the UK, he made a huge personal contribution to Emergency Medicine in Glasgow and he was also the first President of the then newly formed College of Emergency Medicine.

Direct, robust and outspoken are three words that describe Ian's approach to life. He has called a spade a shovel on many occasions in his clinical life in order to achieve his goals and people have always known precisely where they stood with him. But he also has an abundance of humanity and a strong sense of humour that pervades his whole approach. He has a huge depth of clinical expertise and

a deep and abiding compassion for his patients and for the less well off people of Glasgow, many of whom came through his hands in nearly 40 years of practice in Accident and Emergency. It was that desire to give the best to his patients that drove his approach to everything he did clinically and through the College.

His list of achievements for this College is impressive. He was an examiner for many years and as Treasurer he established a strong and resilient investment portfolio that gives the College a robust reserve. As President he has overseen the introduction of a new website and database, the creation of the posts of two additional vice-presidents and the establishment of the Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre with Glasgow University. The new trading company, Fifteen Ninety Nine has been launched and will add to the income stream of the College for many

years. Branding and publications have been re-vamped and are now available electronically. An examination centre has been established at the Golden Jubilee National Hospital, a legacy policy has been introduced, the second Triennial Conference was delivered and the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine established. Above all, the membership of the College has gone through the 10,000 mark and the conditions have been set for further growth.

All of the above are very significant achievements in and of themselves but collectively they have placed the College on a very firm foundation for further development. They are part of Ian's legacy to the College, which is an organisation that he loves and cherishes; he will be missed by all in the College.

Fifteen Ninety Nine Launched

Our new trading company, Fifteen Ninety Nine, was launched on 29 August at a wonderful event, which showcased the College as an outstanding venue. A piper welcomed guests into 242 St Vincent Street while live music in the Alex Room, College Hall and Lower Library set the atmosphere for the evening.



All who attended were extremely complimentary of the high-standard venue, while the first class food and service of our catering team helped to firmly position Fifteen Ninety Nine as a top class establishment. Many of our Fellows and Members attended the event, as did colleagues from local businesses and corporates with an interest in venue hire.

The foundations of Fifteen Ninety Nine were not forgotten in the event, thanks

to a "1599" display by the library team, which celebrated the founding of our College. The first minute book of the College – dating back to 1599 – was one of the ancient items on display.

We are extremely grateful to our staff, Fellows and Members who came together to support Fifteen Ninety Nine, giving up their free time to help make this event a success.



Medical Training Initiative

College remains actively involved as a sponsor in the General Medical Council's Medical Training Initiative.

A recurring theme in the process has been discussion of how best to support doctors new to the UK through the provision of induction courses, whether provided centrally or on a hospital-by-hospital basis.

Following the GMC's recent consultation on induction, the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AoMRC) is organising a Medical Training Initiative Orientation Day, taking place on 22 November 2012 at the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health.

This day-long event is designed to provide recent MTI doctors with a comprehensive understanding of the NHS

and medical practice in the UK. The day will bring together senior clinicians and representatives from the General Medical Council, British Medical Association, the Medical Deaneries and the Royal Medical Colleges. It will also give doctors on the MTI programme a chance to meet and network with other international doctors.

A number of topics will be covered including:

- NHS and UK postgraduate medical education;
- The professional standards expected of a doctor in the UK;
- Communication and culture;

- Ethical decision making;
- Hints and tips from a current MTI participant.

The day is primarily aimed at MTI doctors who started their placements after March 2012.

However, MTI doctors who started before this date will also attend, providing an opportunity to meet and welcome new colleagues and to share experiences.

If you are a MTI sponsored doctor and interested in attending this event, please contact Carol Sheppard at carol.sheppard@aomrc.org.uk

Admission Ceremony

More than 140 new Fellows, Members and Associates were welcomed to the College at the November admission ceremony, Honorary Fellowships were awarded to:

Mr Ian Civil, *President, Royal Australasian College of Surgeons*

Mr Douglas J Flint CBE, *Group Chairman, HSBC Holdings plc*

Dr Dilip Mathai, *Professor of Medicine, Christian Medical College (CMC), Vellore, Tamil Nadu*

The ceremony was held at the Bute Hall in the University of Glasgow and was followed by a welcome dinner in College Hall.



Revalidation Update

The Secretary of State for Health, the Right Honourable Jeremy Hunt MP, announced on 19 October that the new system of appraisal and revalidation for doctors will be introduced in December 2012.

Preparations for revalidation have been ongoing for the past two years and the College has been actively involved in a number of steering and advisory groups to ensure that the interests of Fellows and Members across the United Kingdom have been taken into account.

To ensure that Fellows and Members remain informed, and to respond to any requests for information and clarification on how the new system will work, we have established a dedicated Revalidation Helpdesk to address all enquiries and to support Fellows and Members through the process.

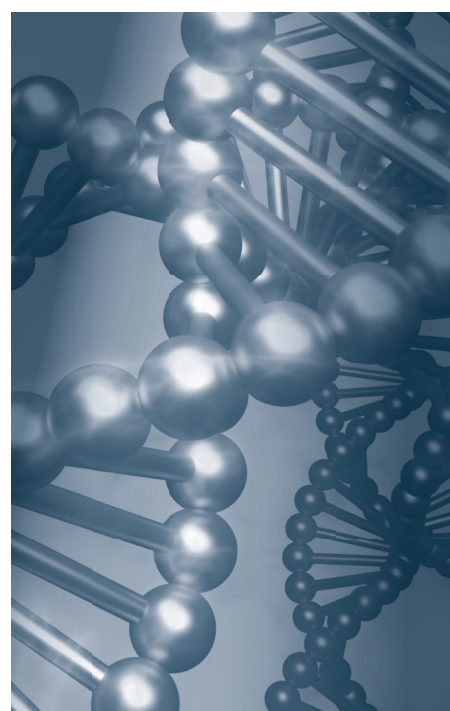
The Helpdesk will respond to all questions in relation to processes and procedures. Enquiries of a clinical / specialty nature will be considered by a Revalidation and Relicensing Board (RRB) comprising of representatives from the range of medical and surgical specialties.

In partnership with the Academy of Medical Royal Colleges (AOMRC), we are currently compiling a list of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) to assist Fellows and Members understand what revalidation will mean for them.

Revalidation Help Desk

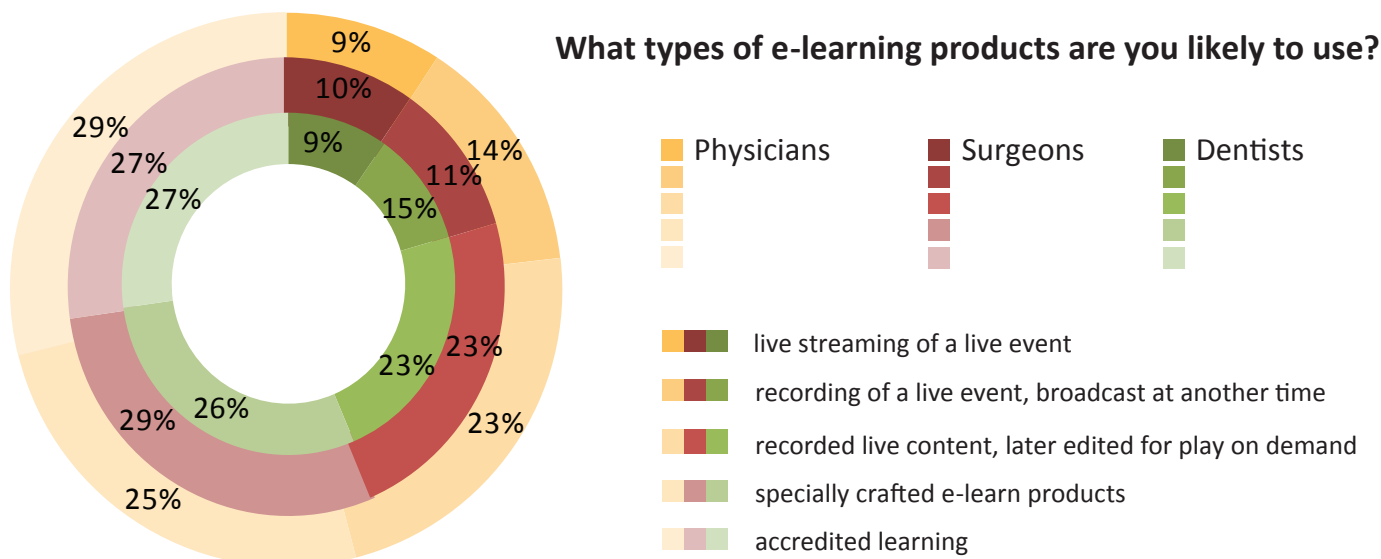
In order to ensure that all enquiries are properly recorded and directed to the appropriate advisor, please send any questions you may have to revalidation@rcpsg.ac.uk

Further information is also available at <http://rcp.sg/revalidation>



E-learning: the results are in

Many thanks to all those who took the time to complete our e-learning survey. The results are now in and we are looking at ways to ensure we deliver the best service to you.



Please visit <http://rcp.sg/cn04elearning> to see more results.

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TRAVEL MEDICINE

PODIATRIC MEDICINE

College Scholarships & Awards

Financial assistance to advance your career

As a member of the College, you are welcome to apply for a number of awards to help you progress your research, improve your knowledge and skills, or widen your experience by visiting other countries and/or specialist centres. The following awards are closing soon. Please check out our website for details of other scholarships and awards on offer.



College Travelling Fellowship *Travel to a centre of excellence*

Open to All training grade Fellows and Members of the College, Faculty of Podiatric Medicine and Faculty of Travel Medicine, plus Associates of the Faculty of Travel Medicine

Specialty All specialties

Value £2,000 maximum per award

Closing date 30 November 2012

Medical Elective Award *Travel abroad during your elective study*

Open to Medical students studying at a Scottish University

Specialty Not applicable

Value £1,000 maximum per award

Closing date 30 November 2012



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Thiel Morgue – A Scottish First

Scotland is set to lead the UK in the advancement of medical, surgical and dental training with plans to establish the country's first morgue that exclusively adopts the Thiel method of embalming.

Led by Professor Sue Black OBE, FRSE, FRAI Hon FRCPSG, the Thiel morgue promises to be a centre of excellence that will pave the way for new training techniques, more life-like cadavers, and more national and international collaboration.

Formalin is traditionally used for embalming corpses and whilst they have provided an invaluable tool for enabling understanding of the human body, the body is left dry and stiff which is not an ideal medium for surgical requirements.

Thiel embalming was developed by a German anatomist called Walther Thiel, who died in February 2012. The embalming process involves perfusing the body with a special fluid and then submerging it in the fluid for up to two months. The outcome is a body in which the tissue remains soft and flexible – more life-like.

“Because Thiel bodies more closely resemble and feel like living bodies, they offer enormous potential and exciting opportunities for medical, surgical, dental, and scientific training, study and research,” says Professor Black.

Professor Black currently heads the award winning Centre for Anatomy and Human Identification (CAHID) at the University of Dundee and is internationally renowned for her expertise in forensic anthropology. She was awarded an OBE for human identification work on mass graves in Kosovo and developed ground breaking

hand identification techniques which have secured convictions against Scotland's largest paedophile ring.

She believes the new Thiel Centre, which will be an extension of CAHID, will facilitate the development of further new techniques and expertise both in forensics and professional medical, dental and surgical training. In these areas she firmly believes that Scotland can really take a lead in the UK.

The team have already provided advanced mortuary training to the UK national Disaster Victim Identification deployment capability. Every UK police officer deployed to a national or international mass fatality event will have been trained at the Centre, which has also welcomed many international visitors including the FBI.

The Dundee team expect to formally launch the Thiel morgue later this year. It is a first for the UK and will require specialised equipment that will take up a lot of floor space – preparation tanks, storage facilities, lifting equipment, chemical stores and embalming preparation areas all need to be installed.

Development of the Centre is planned to occur in three phases:

Phase 1 will involve the building of the new state-of-the-art Thiel morgue and front of house.

Phase 2 will involve the building of the anatomy teaching rooms, changing areas and laboratories.

Phase 3 will see completion of the forensic laboratories and teaching areas.

The University of Dundee has already invested £1.5 million to build the Centre. A novel campaign to raise a further £1 million is currently being run with the support of 10 well known crime writers. The campaign sees the authors compete against one another to have the morgue named after them. Members of the public can vote for their favourite author when they make a donation to the campaign. Professor Black has said that one of the unexpected outcomes of this fundraising campaign is that it has also raised public awareness regarding anatomical donation.

If you would like more information about Dundee's fundraising campaign, or to donate, please visit www.millionforamorgue.com

The campaign has also just published The Killer Cookbook, edited by Caro Ramsay, with recipes from 38 of the world's biggest crime writers. It is available from the Million for a Morgue website, Amazon and all good local bookshops for £10.99.

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Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre: a state-of-the-art development

Plans to open a new state-of-the-art Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre in partnership with the University of Glasgow were formally announced in August.

This is a historic venture between the College and the University that has been made possible by the generosity of the William and Elizabeth Davies Trust, which has made a substantial contribution to its establishment.

The high-spec teaching facility is located in the Thomson building within the Anatomy Department of the University and will provide a much needed resource for existing and future medical and dental professionals to develop their skills in medicine, surgery, dentistry and a range of other allied health professions in a safe, simulated environment. It will also help to form an enhanced understanding of human anatomy.

The President described the new Centre as the beginning of an exciting new project bringing the College and the University closer together.

"In today's clinical environment it is recognised that competence, confidence and expertise in simulated skills should precede treatment on live patients," he said.

"Whereas in the past this was not available, this new Centre will fill a gap in clinical skills and anatomy teaching from the basic to the highest levels of sophistication in surgical specialties, medical specialties and dentistry."

Head of the University of Glasgow's College of Medical, Veterinary, and Life Sciences, Professor Anna Dominiczak also welcomed the development, saying, "The Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre is a vitally important innovation for postgraduate students and medical practitioners in the West of Scotland. The skills that will be developed and honed at this new collaborative venture between the



Architect's image

University of Glasgow and the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow will not only benefit the profession but will also lead to improved treatment and care of patients.

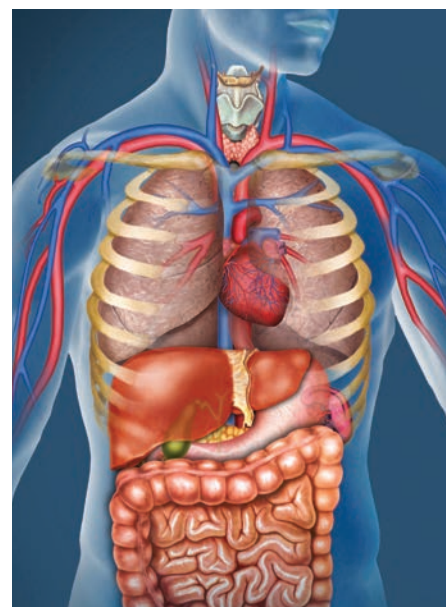
"The University of Glasgow is already a world leader in research into major diseases including cancer, heart disease and rheumatic diseases. The new Centre will allow us to collaborate with the College to improve the specialist skills of current and future health practitioners."


We can guarantee that Fellows and Members will find the facility quite different from their undergraduate recollections. State-of-the-art equipment currently being procured will ensure that this facility stands out both in terms of aesthetics and, of course, in relation to the number and breadth of skills courses that will be developed to cater for the lifelong career journey of our clinicians.

A multi-specialty clinical skills group is currently working hard to launch a variety of new courses to be rolled out over the next year, so watch this space.

Anyone interested in joining the teaching faculty in the Clinical Anatomy Skills Centre should contact the Education, Training and Professional Development Unit in the College.

Please contact Susan McMahon at susan.mcmahon@rcpsg.ac.uk for more information.





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Exterior of the new facility

Your College in Your Region

The College recently welcomed its new network of UK Regional Advisors to Glasgow.

Many of the 33 new regional advisors attended an induction workshop in the College on 12 October, where they were provided with a number of resources to support them in their roles as ambassadors

of our College. The UK regional advisor network is spread across the country and aims to bring your College to your Region. The network will play a critical role in improving communication and facilitating

engagement with our members throughout the UK, while helping to develop local networks of College members who can work together and support each other.



The UK Regional Advisors are:



PHYSICIANS

Jean-Pierre Ng Ping Cheung	Barnsley	Arshad Majid	Salford
Asif Abbas Naqvi	Hull/Grimsby	Adewale Adebajo	Sheffield
Jennifer Hamilton	Newcastle	Janice O'Connell	Sunderland
James Fulton	Plymouth	Mary Joan MacLeod	Aberdeen
Richard Hull	Portsmouth	Satinder Bal	Inverness



SURGEONS

Andrew Henry	Manchester	M Dalvi Humzah	West Midlands
Bruce Jaffray	Newcastle	Robert McIntyre	Elgin
Eng Ong	North Devon	John Camilleri-Brennan	Stirling/ Forth Valley
David Richens	Nottingham		Bangor
Sharat Jain	South East (Kent)	Dean Williams	
Roy Lawrence	Swindon		



DENTISTRY

Alexander Baxter	East England	Halla Zaitoun	South Yorkshire/ East Midlands
Graham Gilmour	Kent/Surrey/Sussex		SW England
Margaret Wilson	Manchester	Anthony Vaughan	West Midlands
Norah Flannigan	Merseyside	Dominic Stewardson	Grampian
Giles McCracken	North East	Mhairi Walker	Highland
Lorna McCaul	North Yorkshire	Kenneth Scoular	Wales
Neil Mackenzie	Oxford/Wessex	Philip Atkin	

PHYSICIANS

Recruitment Drive Hits the Road

The three Colleges of Physicians of the UK and MRCP(UK) are heading out on the road to meet colleagues working in the NHS and highlight the range of opportunities available to them in the delivery of examinations.

Training and maintaining professional standards are key responsibilities for the three Royal Colleges and we rely on hundreds of physicians like you to deliver world class examinations. We are always looking for new recruits to join the team and over the coming months, there will be exceptional opportunities to join one of the Federation's 15 Examining Boards. The Boards uphold academic standards by ensuring that each paper is set at the right level of knowledge, covers suitable topics and maps to the UK curriculum.

A range of roles are available, some requiring more time commitment than others, but all with the dedicated support of staff in the Examinations Units. Some of the roles on offer include question writing, being a member of a standard-setting group, and acting as an examiner.

If you would like to sign up for advance notice of events near you, please contact rebecca.radziejowska@mrcpuk.org

Update from the JRCPTB

The Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians Training Board (JRCPTB) is responsible for setting and maintaining standards for specialist training in 32 medical specialties and subspecialties on behalf of the UK Colleges of Physicians, who together form the Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK.

The JRCPTB has several roles – producing curricula for training programmes, developing the assessment methods which measure the performance of trainees, helping implement quality assurance processes, and recommending doctors for entry on to the GMC's specialist register to enable them to practice as consultant physicians in the UK. Assistant Head of JRCPTB, Gareth Bland, provides an update of recent activity.

Workplace-based assessment pilot

Following recommendations from the GMC, the Joint Royal Colleges of Physicians' Training Board launched a major study to test a revised system of workplace-based

assessments (WPBAs) in August 2012. The pilot is taking place in three deaneries (East Midlands North, Northern and Wales) and involves trainees, trainers and programme directors in 10 specialties and will continue for 12 months.

Review of curricula

A significant proportion of medical specialty training curricula were revised in the spring of 2012. All trainees who are following the 2010 curriculum (or 2009 for GIM, AIM and CMT) will be expected to keep up to date with these changes. Information and guidance on the changes to the core medical training and general internal medicine curricula has been published on the JRCPTB website.

For further information about the JRCPTB please visit the website www.jrcptb.org.uk or email ptb@jrcptb.org.uk

This is an edited version. Please visit <http://rcp.sg/cn04jrcptb> to read the complete article.

Limit on Exam Attempts

The Federation of Royal Colleges of Physicians of the UK has introduced a new policy to limit the number of attempts candidates are allowed when sitting the MRCP(UK) and Specialty Certificate Examinations (SCE).

From 1 January 2014, candidates will not be allowed more than six attempts at an examination. Further information about the new policy is available from www.mrcpuk.org and www.gmc-uk.org



Event Calendar

All events listed are being held in the College unless otherwise indicated.

November:

20 November 2012

St Andrew's Day Paediatric Symposium

22 November 2012

Advanced Heart Failure: Management and Palliative Care

24-25 November 2012

MRCP Part 1 PACES Revision Course

27-28 November 2012

IMPACT

December:

5 December 2012

Acute NIV for Physicians

12-13 December 2012

Advanced Diploma in Clinical Education

January:

9-31 January 2013

MRCP Part2 PACES Training Evenings

14-15 January 2013

IMPACT

January 2013

The Law Series:
Being an Expert Witness

25 January – 14 April 2013

MRCP(UK) PACES Exam
Closing date: 30 November 2012

February:

27 February 2013

Acute NIV for Physicians

March:

5 March 2013

Workshop Series: Leadership & People Management Skills

8 March 2013

Advanced ECG Interpretation

19 March 2013

Livingstone Bicentenary

26 March 2013

Workshop Series:
Effective Communication

For further information and bookings visit <http://rcp.sg/physicians>

My College

Graham J MacKay

FRCS(Glasg)



After qualifying from Glasgow University I carried out my basic surgical training in the West of Scotland and undertook a postgraduate research degree in the area of 'enhanced recovery after surgery'. I then progressed to higher training in General Surgery. During this time I enjoyed a clinical attachment at St Mark's Hospital in London to help further develop my sub-specialty interest in colorectal surgery. Prior to taking up independent practice I carried out an Ethicon fellowship in advanced laparoscopic colorectal surgery and more recently I went, as the ASGBI Moynihan Travelling Fellow of 2010, to the Lahey Clinic in Boston and the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio. I am now working as a consultant colorectal surgeon at Glasgow Royal Infirmary with an interest in minimally invasive techniques.

During my training I was lucky enough to have a number of involvements with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow. With support from both the Association of Surgeons in Training and the College, we set up the 'Foundation Skills in Surgery' course, which runs biannually and helps to give medical students and foundation doctors a taste of what a career in surgery has to offer. I also made small contributions to the trainees' committee, the scholarship committee and running the surgical update seminars.

In May of this year I was honoured to be offered the post of Director of Surgical Education. My role will be to help to develop surgical education delivered by the College in conjunction with the new Surgical Education, Training & Professional Development Board. I am taking up this post at a very exciting time for the College in Glasgow. Many of you will be aware of the recently announced joint venture with Glasgow University to open a Clinical

Anatomy Skills Centre. This centre will be invaluable in training today's surgeons and those of the future in a controlled and safe environment with state-of-the-art equipment. Surgical simulation will play an increasing role in the surgical curriculum and it is my hope that we will be at the forefront of these developments, for the benefit of our members and their patients.

While increasing the portfolio of skills courses across all surgical specialties we also hope to have a more visible e-learning presence through the recently updated website. This may take a variety of forms but the aim will be to provide high-quality content that is available to members, whenever and wherever they choose. In addition to e-learning there is also a need to continue to support and develop the wide range of symposia and meetings that are already on offer. To realise these opportunities I hope that as many of you as possible will continue your enthusiastic and generous support.

Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination

The four Royal Surgical Colleges of the UK and Ireland recently announced the introduction of a new suite of Intercollegiate Fellowship Examinations for the international surgical community.

The new examinations will be known as the Joint Surgical Colleges Fellowship Examination (JSCFE), success in which will result in the qualification FRCS (College) (Int) (Specialty). The JSCFE will have parity of standard with the existing UK/Ireland Intercollegiate Fellowship examination and successful candidates will be eligible for election as a Fellow to any of the four Royal Colleges.

The first JSCFE will be held in early 2013 in the specialty of General Surgery. A website and online application system will soon be launched. You can also register advanced interest in applying by emailing your contact details and current place of work to enquiries@jscfe.co.uk



Event Calendar

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November:

21-23 November 2012

Basic Surgical Skills

December:

12-13 December 2012

Advanced Diploma in Clinical Education

January:

23 January 2013

Core Skills in Soft Tissue and Bone Surgery

30 January – 1 February 2013

MRCS OSCE Preparation Course

January 2013

The Law Series: Being an Expert Witness

January 2013

Foundations in Critical Care in Surgery

February:

5 February – 19 March 2012

Anatomy Programme

6-8 February 2012

Basic Surgical Skills Course

20 February 2012

Surgical Anastomosis Techniques

21-22 February 2013

IMRCS Part B OSCE (Glasgow)
Closing date: 30 November 2012

February 2013

Advanced Diploma in Clinical Education

March:

5 March 2013

Workshop Series: Leadership & People Management Skills

6-8 March 2013

MRCS OSCE Preparation Course

14 March 2013

FRCS Ophthalmology Parts 1 and 2
(various international locations)
Closing date: 7 December 2012

19 March 2013

Livingstone Bicentenary

20-21 March 2013

Basic Surgical Skills Course

For further information and bookings
visit <http://rcp.sg/surgeons>

Top Tips for GDPs

We will be running a one-day symposium for General Dental Practitioners in March 2013. Created for the busy dental practitioner, the day will consist of a series of short talks covering a broad range of topics. The speakers will bring up-to-the-minute developments directly applicable to dental practice, including:

- New restorative materials
- Oral medicine
- Endodontics
- Cosmetic considerations
- Diagnosing and treating dental erosion
- Child protection issues
- An oral cancer update (now a GDC recommended topic for CPD)

The keynote speaker is Professor Brian Miller, Professor of restorative dentistry at King's College London.

Book online at <http://rcp.sg/events> or contact donna.johnston@rcpsg.ac.uk



FGDP Study Day

The Faculty of General Dental Practice (UK) Scotland will be hosting Study Day 2012 in partnership with our College.

The Study Day will be held on 7 December at the Glasgow Science Centre. It will include two world-class programmes focusing on practical skills and the latest techniques in endodontics and oral medicine.

The Study Day fee includes six hours of CPDA, a trade show, three course lunch and drinks reception.

For more information, including booking details, please visit www.fgdp-scotland.org



Dental Elections

Nominations and voting for the Dental Council Elections 2012 have now closed. A total of six positions were up for nomination this year. Only one – ordinary councillor – went to a vote.

The results of the election for Dean Elect, Regional Councillor (Grampian, Highland and Islands ex Argyll, Tayside) and Ordinary Councillor were not available to College News at the time of print. These results will be announced at the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the Faculty on 16 November.



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December:

7 December 2012

FDGP(UK) Scotland Study Day 2012 – Endodontic and Oral Medicine SECC, Glasgow

January:

The Law Series: Being an Expert Witness

January 2013

MFDS Part 1 Revision Course

March:

1 March 2013

Top Tips for GDPs

5 March 2013

Workshop Series: Leader & People Management Skills

19 March 2013

Livingstone Bicentenary

26 March 2013

Workshop Series: Effective Communication

Workshop Series: Succeeding at Interviews

April:

8 April 2013

MFDS Part 1 Exam (various locations)
Closing date: 25 January 2012

25-26 April 2013

ISFE Dental Public Health (Glasgow)
Closing date: 28 December 2012

29-30 April 2013

ISFE Restorative Dentistry (RCS Ireland)
Closing date: 4 January 2013

For further information and bookings visit <http://rcp.sg/dentists>



Incoming Dean, Dr Mike Jones

A New Dean for the Faculty

Dr Mike Jones was sworn in as the new Dean of the Faculty of Travel Medicine at the Annual General Meeting of the Faculty on 18 October 2012.

Dr Jones succeeds Professor Peter Chiodini who has served as an outstanding Dean over the last three years and brought great academic standing to the Faculty which under his leadership has continued to grow in strength and number, both in the UK and internationally. A key development has been starting to franchise our courses to locations outside the UK.

Dr Jones was previously Vice-Dean and has held positions on the Faculty Board and Examination Committee, the College Scholarship Committee and the Board of Medical Examiners. He traces the start of his extensive experience in the field of Travel Medicine to 1976 when he left

the UK to work in Tanzania for 6 years. He co-founded and nurtured the medical charity HealthLink360 and has been involved in lecturing and teaching Tropical and Travel Medicine for many years.

At the AGM in October, Gp Capt Andrew Green, FRCP(Glasg), FFTM RCPS(Glasg) was announced as the new Vice-Dean and Miss Samantha Gaudion AFTM RCPS(Glasg) was announced as Associate Member on the Faculty Board. We wish them both well in their new roles.

We also wish Jane Chiodini FFTM RCPS(Glasg) well as she completes her term as Secretary.



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January:

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The Law Series: Being an Expert Witness

March:

5 March 2013

Workshop Series: Leader & People Management Skills

11-14 March 2013

Diploma Course in Travel Medicine

19 March 2013

Livingstone Bicentenary

26 March 2013

Workshop Series: Effective Communication

Workshop Series:
Succeeding at Interviews

For further information and bookings visit <http://rcp.sg/travelmedicine>

Travel Medicine in Olympic Year: Citius Altius Fortius

The Faculty held its annual symposium on 18 October. The full day symposium, which incorporated the Annual General Meeting, included a number of interesting presentations by international speakers.

Topics covered included 'Infectious Diseases and the 2012 Olympics' and 'The Work of the WHO Travel Unit'. Outgoing Dean, Professor Peter Chiodini presented the Livingstone lecture, which was one of the highlights of the day.

We were delighted with attendance at the event and have received positive feedback from many of the delegates.



Recruitment Drive

The Faculty continues to build on its membership with a major recruitment drive taking place at the annual conference and exhibition of the Society of Chiropodists and Podiatrists between 11-13 October.

The conference and accompanying exhibition is one of the largest annual events in the podiatry calendar and featured a presentation by our own President, Mr Ian Anderson, on the new Faculty of Podiatric Medicine.

Our exhibition stand was extremely busy and those on hand spoke to many professionals interested in joining the Faculty. Already, it seems the Faculty is establishing a firm position, and recognition of the important role we will play, within the profession.

Inaugural Admission Ceremony

The inaugural admission ceremony of the Faculty of Podiatric Medicine was held in the College Hall on 10 October.

The President welcomed the 44 new Fellows of the Faculty to the College before they each received their formal Fellowship Diploma. Among those admitted to the

Faculty were the new Dean, Dr Colin Semple, and members of the Executive Board.

A welcome drinks reception and the inaugural Annual General Meeting of the Faculty followed the Ceremony.



Founding Fellows of the new Faculty



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Workshop Series: Succeeding at Interviews

April:

26 April 2013

Annual Symposium

For further information and bookings visit <http://rcp.sg/podiatricmedicine>



Sir William Macewen – Surgical Innovator

Many visitors to the College will have passed by the operating table of Sir William Macewen on the way to Crush Hall. The table forms a very visual reminder of Macewen's practical and innovative approach to surgery.

A graduate of the University of Glasgow, Macewen became visiting surgeon at Glasgow Royal Infirmary in 1877, moving to the Western Infirmary in 1892 on his appointment as Regius Professor of Surgery. It was, however, during his time at the Royal Infirmary that much of his pioneering work in the fields of rickets, inguinal hernia and brain surgery was undertaken.

A firm follower of Lister's work on antisepsis, Macewen experimented extensively in obtaining reliable ways of preparing and disinfecting absorbable ligatures, sutures, and drainage tubes. He continued to seek practical solutions during the First World War, devising a pelvic elevator which he used at Mount Stuart Royal Naval Hospital on the Isle of Bute.



Macewen's pelvic elevator, 1915 (RCPSG 10/5/10)

Macewen had an ability to seek quick solutions to problems. Bowman, Macewen's biographer (London, 1942) sites an example of his acuity in this respect. When walking in the Highlands, Macewen came across a child in danger of suffocation from laryngeal diphtheria. Macewen had with him a pocket knife and a handkerchief that he could use as a sponge but had

nothing to use as retractors. He quickly utilised the mother's hairpins and, with the hairpins bent as retractors, he exposed and opened the trachea with his penknife and saved the child.

Further details about Macewen and his work can be found on the Library pages of the College website www.rcpsg.ac.uk

Online Resources

The library plays an important role in supporting the learning and information needs of College members and we are committed to improving access to our modern resources. In this issue we discuss online access to bibliographic databases.

Bibliographic databases

Bibliographic databases provide access to large collections of resources including journal articles, books, reports and guidelines. Many of these same resources can also be found by searching the Knowledge Network website, however, by going directly to an individual database, you can carry out much more in-depth searches - This is particularly useful if you are conducting a literature search.

The advantage of using a bibliographic database is that it gives you more search options – You can limit searches (e.g. by age group, publication year, stages of care), combine searches, save searches and set up alerts.

Through your College membership, you have access to over 80 databases specialising in content for a wide variety of topics, including:

- Medical and healthcare topics – Medline, Embase, OVID, Cochrane Library
- Pharmacy and Medicines Information – BNF, BNF for Children, Martindale, Micromedex
- Management and Business - Emerald, Health Business Elite, HMIC

Many of the databases have excellent help sections with online tutorials and tips on how to get started.

How to access bibliographic databases

You can access all 80 databases via the Knowledge Network – you will need an Athens Account to view full-text articles. Every College member is eligible for an Athens Account.

Contact library@rcpsg.ac.uk and we will send you details of how to apply.

Visit the Knowledge Network at www.knowledge.scot.nhs.uk

Need help with your literature searches?

If you are busy or finding it difficult to locate the information you require, the library can help.

Email library@rcpsg.ac.uk giving as much detail as possible on your research topic and we will search a wide range of resources on your behalf providing you with a list of abstracts and references.

We can also offer advice on carrying out your own searches and arrange one-to-one training sessions.

Access to all library services is part of the membership benefits package... are you making the most of your benefits?



Foundations in Critical Care in Surgery

Date: *Friday, 15 February 2013*

Venue: *Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow
232-242 St Vincent Street, Glasgow G2 5RJ*

This course will train foundation doctors to recognise critically ill surgical patients and initiate effective initial management that will improve patient outcomes.

You will learn vital non-technical skills that complement theoretical knowledge and technical skills in the provision of surgical critical care.

BOOK ONLINE: <http://rcp.sg/events>

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