

**NOTES ON THE ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
THURSDAY 12 MAY 2011, 13.30 HRS
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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 year's Report describes a Society with healthy growth in membership, a strong bank balance, sustained interest amongst trainees, and forward-looking meetings in which able speakers address exciting themes. Schemes have been developed to facilitate a career path for research-savvy histopathologists, and at each step there are now impressive examples of successful candidates. Moreover, opportunities are being taken to encourage more contact with the BDIAP and the European Pathological Societies, and to pursue common aims with the College of Pathologists in UK. These combine to deliver an up-beat message concerning the Society itself and the people it seeks to support. So is all right with the world?

Not yet. In an article to appear elsewhere, Adrian Bateman and Emily Shaw identify factors that tend to reduce the sustainability of high quality research through the formative years of histopathology training. Amongst these are familiar demons: increased training time, an unclear career path, and the unfortunate conflict in priority of academic and diagnostic work where these share the same 24 hours of the day. Bateman and Shaw also point to the heavy bureaucracy implicit in handling human tissues for research purposes and – perhaps most seriously – a lack of critical research mass in many of today's Departments of Pathology, so that training in research and diagnosis may have to be found in different places.

Nonetheless, the rewards of research into human disease remain enormous and worth striving after. Many of today's trainees and young consultants have the capacity to be leaders in the translational research of tomorrow. To get there, the career path may need to be found in places where there is already a culture for supporting research in a hospital setting. The CRUK's countrywide programme in establishing Cancer Centres is a determined effort to supply just this sort of environment for cancer. Academic Clinical Fellowships already exist in many places, and this Society amongst others will be seeking to add to their number.

The young professional histopathologists who hold these Fellowships will find themselves in laboratories that also host research-oriented trainees from many different specialties in medicine as well as career scientists. The atmosphere will undoubtedly be international. In this new world – which is already forming – the hard-won skills that link mechanisms of disease to cell and tissue structure will continue to give the histopathologist a unique viewpoint.

One more outstanding ingredient is required to ignite the explosive mixture that will propel young molecular histopathologists into front-line science: wise mentors. This Society can provide finance to initiate research, facilitate the gathering of research skills through visits to other labs, underwrite Academic Clinical Fellowships, even provide laboratory assistance to the Fellows on their return to completion of training, but mentors can't be bought or packaged. They must be searched for, and they must make themselves available – to undergraduates as well as older would-be medical scientists. Amongst its many resources, the Pathological Society has its share of mentors too.

Andrew Wyllie, March 2011

AGENDA ITEM No 5: GENERAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

5.1 Proposed Rule Changes

The Annual Business Meeting book (circulated separately to members) contains details of proposed changes to rules 9 and 11, which will provide a degree of flexibility in the size of the committee, the latter having been determined when the Society included microbiology members (prior to 2001).

5.2 Society Lectures, Medals and Awards

Many members will be aware that the 2011 Goudie lecturer, Professor Mark Smith, from Cleveland, Ohio, was tragically killed in an accident on December 19, 2010. The lecture, which was scheduled for the Winter meeting in Hinxtton, was therefore cancelled and replaced with a reading of the citation submitted to nominate Professor Smith for the Goudie lecture and award, followed by a period of silence. The Society's condolences were extended to Professor Smith's family and colleagues and we will, in due course, be making a donation to the charitable fund that is being set up in his memory. A review article that was commissioned by the Journal of Pathology to accompany the lecture was close to completion before his death and is available from the Wiley Online Library (<http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/path.2885/abstract>).

Members are referred to the General Secretary's notices for deadlines for nomination/application for this year's lectures, medals and awards.

5.3 Membership

I am pleased to report that membership numbers have increased again and now stand at 1490. This reflects not only that more people are joining the Society but also that concessionary members are converting to ordinary membership when they move into career grade posts.

5.5 Website and Publications Strategy Group

The website continues to develop, with the addition of new content and, in particular, the re-organisation of the educational portal, for which I am very grateful to Emyr Benbow. We are now starting to develop research content, driven in part by improving the reporting processes for grant schemes. The first of these, generated by the centenary clinical fellowships, can be found on the website.

Simon Herrington, April 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 6 – THE TREASURER'S REPORT

As is tradition, all members of the Society will have had access to the summary of the annual accounts ahead of the ABM. The committee members, all of whom are Trustees, have seen the fuller set of accounts and I am happy to have these forwarded to any member who wishes to see them. The very good news is that our overall assets have continued to grow. This was a stronger year for the equities market with the FTSE breaching the 6000 mark. On going to press with this report there are a number of issues that potentially threaten global markets, including the effects of recent major natural disasters and unrest in the Middle East, but the initial sign is that the markets remain buoyant. We continue to work very effectively with Cazenove, our financial advisors, to ensure that our quite substantial investment portfolio is protected as much as possible from any adverse geo-political influences.

This year saw the rise in profit share for the Journal of Pathology. It has now reached its maximum level of 70%. The pound was slightly stronger against the dollar and as a consequence our net increase on earnings from the Journal was not quite as high as we might have predicted, nonetheless it has very significantly contributed to our continued growth. This year our outgoings fell significantly short of income. This has led a number of members to suggest recently that we need to increase our charitable spend. I fully support this but the notion that we commit a percentage of our assets as projected spend is arguably not the best strategy. One concern is that we continue to have some

funds that are undersubscribed. We have decided to increase the amount spent on the more popular and successful schemes. Thus because of exceptionally good applications to the PhD programme this year we funded two rather than one and Finances & General Purposes Committee have agreed that this will apply in future years. My successor as Treasurer, and the incoming FGP Committee will need to consider the future strategy for charitable spend by identifying the most attractive schemes that will achieve the overall objectives of the Society. These should be schemes that provide support for both members and non-members with a clear view of how any such spend is in the public benefit, as expected by the Charity Commission. The Grant Scheme expenditure in 2010 is attached as Appendix A.

At the ABM I will recommend retention of the services of Cazenove for at least one more year as our investment advisors; thereafter my successor may wish to put this work out to tender again. I am pleased to report that the engagement of Alliotts as accountant/auditor has been a very positive experience. They have worked extremely well with the office and represent better value for money than their predecessors.

Alastair Burt, April 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 7 – MEETINGS SECRETARY’S REPORT

I would like to start by drawing your attention to the presence of web based presentations of some of the key lectures given at our scientific meeting which are available to Members. *We would encourage members to view these lectures, accessible from the Society web site via the Members Area.*

2010: 29 June–1 July: Summer Meeting, University of St Andrews, Jointly hosted by Dundee & St Andrews

This proved to be a successful, enjoyable and reasonably well attended meeting at an excellent venue. We would like to thank Professors Stewart Fleming and Simon Herrington and their team for their work and commitment in putting together the excellent and well received programme and for hosting this meeting

- Abstracts submitted - 175 comprising 6 Plenary Oral, 48 Oral and 120 Poster presentations
- Delegates - in total, excluding invited speakers - 224
- Feedback details (see Appendix B)
- Web lectures available:
 1. Prof James Ironside, Edinburgh - Public Lecture: *“Brain Tissue Donation - a Unique Gift Essential for Neuroscience Research?”*
 2. Prof Robert Steele, Dundee: *“Colorectal Cancer Screening - Pilot's Programme”*
 3. Prof Chris Meijer, Amsterdam – Doniach Lecture: *“Back to the Future”*

2011: 6-7 January Winter Meeting, held at Hinxton and hosted by University of Cambridge

The meeting was well attended and received excellent feedback. The venue, although somewhat remote, was comfortable and the meeting included a satellite workshop *“Her2 Testing for Neoadjuvant Patients: Challenges and Opportunities ”* organised by NCRI/BCSG. We would like to thank Professors Andrew Wyllie and Peter Collins and their colleagues for organizing the meeting and putting together such a well received programme

- Abstracts submitted – 98 comprising 8 Plenary Oral and 90 Poster Presentations
- Delegates –in total, excluding invited speakers - 150
- Feedback details (see appendix C)
- Web lecture available:

Prof Anne-Lise Borresen-Dale, *“Molecular Classification of Breast Cancer: A Systems Pathology Approach”*

Future Meetings

2012

- 5-6 January Winter Meeting, London
3-5 July Summer Meeting, Sheffield
16 November 2nd Educational Day, Royal College of Pathologists, London
The borderlands of Molecular pathology & Urogenital pathology – what should a diagnostic pathologist know? How might molecular pathology change the practice of GU pathology.

2013

- January Joint Meeting with the Dutch Pathological Society, *Date and Venue to be confirmed*
18-21 June Edinburgh Pathology 2013, Joint Meeting with the BDIAP

2014

- 31 August-4 Sept Joint Meeting with the European Society of Pathology, London

Ian Ellis, April 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 8.1 EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

The Education Sub-committee has conducted its business by e-mail and by telephone conference. We have achieved the following in the last year:

Education grant scheme

One award has been made, to a total of £5000, and will contribute towards the digitisation of a teaching material for an undergraduate course. 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

These bursaries promote the study of pathology by undergraduates and increase the exposure of medical and related students to pathologists. 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. Awards were made to 27 students in 2010, to a total of £26,450, with very few turned down.

Intercalated BSc awards

Awards for Intercalated BSc studentship are made every year, and for the first time this year, three awards were offered to Departments, and three to named students. This is a change from the previous system, whereby all awards were made to Departments, and future practice will be reconsidered when this change has been evaluated.

PathSoc ambassadors

The Royal College of Pathologists has a list of individuals who represent pathology in their own medical schools, and has generously allowed us access to that list so that those individuals have been asked to become PathSoc ambassadors, or to nominate colleagues who will take on the role. They will be asked to promote the work of the Society, and in particular, to publicise our various awards.

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 2010 essay prize, entitled "*The Autopsy is Dead*", was Chei Yong Koo of University College London: the winning essay is published on the PathSoc website. The closing date has been moved from May to September, avoiding the main undergraduate examination period, starting in 2011: this year's title is "*So, what will the pathologist be doing in ten years time?*"

Summer Schools

Peter Hall, with the help of Jorge Reis-Filho, organised a Pathological Society Summer School for 2010, in collaboration with the Institute for Cancer Research and Breakthrough Breast Cancer. This lasted two days, from August 23rd to 25th 2010, and the title was "Topics in molecular pathology: concepts, methods and applications. Lessons from breast cancer"; this was the first of a rolling programme of Summer Schools, running over three years, thus providing a comprehensive course on molecular pathology. This year's theme will be gynaecological pathology.

Education and the Journal of Pathology

Virtual issues (VIs) were developed for their value as marketing, but they are also designed to have educational utility: note the reflective questions in them. Feedback on the VIs would be valued. There was a third symposium, funded by the Journal at USCAP 2011. This also provides significant educational benefit and it is possible that we may be assigned formal Companion status at USCAP, allowing this to develop further.

Educational Day

We organised a meeting at the Royal College of Pathologists' premises on November 17th 2010, entitled "Molecular pathology & colorectal neoplasia - what a diagnostic pathologist should know and do". This attracted a moderate number of delegates, making it financially viable; it was very well received by delegates, and a second meeting is to be organised with the help of Dr Dan Berney. This meeting will closely follow last year's pattern; the theme will be urological pathology.

Emyr Benbow, March 2011

AGENDA ITEM No. 8.2 REPORT OF RESEARCH SUB-COMMITTEE

Promotion of pathological research is one of the key aims of the Pathological Society which runs a number of schemes to support such research and these are administered by the Research Sub-committee. The Society's research scheme portfolio aims to develop and support young academic pathologists, as well as supporting established academics. Hence, our schemes support trainees to move from the initial stages of a research idea through to running a full research project.

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. We make research 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 April 2010, six Small Grant awards (from nine applications reviewed) have been funded.

Visiting Fellowship Scheme

The Visiting Fellowship (formerly "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. Visiting Fellowships are available for a period of study of up to twelve months. The Research 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 this scheme are from members of the Society, but we also support applications from non-members. We did not receive any applications to this scheme this year. Therefore, the Research Sub-committee has agreed that this previously entitled "Fellowship" scheme should be rebranded as the "Visiting Fellowship" scheme in order to highlight its primary function and encourage applications.

PhD Studentship Scheme

Established researchers can apply to host a traditional 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 very good or excellent quality projects turned down. This year two new PhD Studentship awards were funded (from a particularly strong field of 9 applications that were reviewed).

Centenary Clinical Fellowships Scheme

This year, the three Centenary Clinical Fellows completed their three years of research and were asked to submit reports on their projects and other aspects of career progression. All three of these fellowships were completed satisfactorily with two project reports considered to be of excellent quality (summaries were made available on the Society website).

Sino-European Awards Scheme

One excellent Sino-European Award was funded this year. Some changes have been made to this award: the deadline has been changed to 1 October and there has been an increase in funding for this award, up to a maximum funding level of £10,000 to be used in a more flexible and multipurpose way (up to £5,000 for travel, £5,000 for laboratory running costs, £3,000 for sending specimens – up to a maximum of £10,000 in total). The intention is to encourage greater links between pathological researchers in Europe and China.

Japanese-European Awards Scheme

The Japanese-European Award (£5000) was relaunched in 2010 and is jointly funded by ourselves and the Japanese Pathological Society. It is designed to promote meaningful and long term collaborations in any area of pathological research or scholarship (including undergraduate education). Two 2010 applications were received and funding was agreed for both. The award will be administered by the Japanese Pathological Society in 2011 (and its administration will alternate in subsequent years).

Career Development Fellowships Scheme

The Career Development Fellowships scheme was launched in 2010. This award is designed to provide funding for the transition or bridging period between finishing a PhD or MD and the completion of clinical training by young academic pathologists. This is an important period of the career of a young academic during which the momentum of their research should be supported for movement on to a Clinician Scientist or Senior Lecturer post. This scheme provides some technical support and funding for consumables over a 2 year period (with possible extension to a third year), for high quality research programmes which build on the candidate's track record. The Sub-committee agreed to fund 1 Career Development Fellowship in 2010.

There are mechanisms for review of applications for all of the schemes by the members of the Research Sub-committee, along with review of interim, annual and final reports by award holders. All of these schemes are advertised on the Pathological Society website together with application forms and guidelines with deadline timetables.

Finally, as Chair, I would like to thank all of the members of the Research Sub-committee who have contributed to the work of the Sub-committee during the 2010/2011 year, including Jonathon Bury (Trainee Rep, stepped down in 2010), Frank Carey, James Going, Andrew Hanby, Simon Herrington (General Secretary), Latch Ilyas, John LeQuesne (Trainee Rep stepped down in 2010), Jo Martin, Gerrit Meijer, Phil Quirke, Jorge Reis-Filho, Eldo Verghese (Trainee Rep) and Andrew Wyllie (President), as well as the administrative support that we receive from Julie Johnstone and Ros Pitts.

Mark Arends, April 2011

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

Overview

This year was a year of change, seeing the departure of four members of the Sub-committee with Eldo Verghese, Adrian Jubb, Ahmad Miremadi and myself stepping down. However, last years' recruits are keen and eager to take things forward and we have five excellent candidates up for election this year. Trainee membership continues to grow strongly which can only be good news for PathSoc.

Meetings

The Trainees' Sub-committee continues to organise sessions at both the Winter and Summer meetings. We are grateful to our Belgian colleagues for continuing this tradition at this year's summer meeting. These sessions focus on topics which are both relevant to our exams and of interest to the wider membership.

Research

The Trainees' Sub-committee is committed to encouraging the research activities of its trainee membership and are greatly encouraged by the funding opportunities offered by PathSoc, especially the newly founded Career Development Fellowship Scheme.

Members of the Trainees Sub-committee also supported the annual '*Academic Training Day*' arranged by the National Histopathology School for new SHOs. This event aims to promote research amongst new recruits to the specialty and provide useful advice on how to get started in an academic career.

This April, the Society will be sending two trainee members to the Japanese Pathological Congress where they presented their research and visited a number of laboratories. It is hoped that this will help to strength ties between the two Societies, especially amongst the trainee members.

Website

The PathSoc website continues to be a useful site for trainees. The Trainee's portal now contains material from the trainee-organised sessions at the winter and summer meetings and more recently we have included a *case-of-month*. This features an interesting case with questions and background information. Members of the committee have initially identified cases but we are keen to have fellow trainees send in their own interesting cases.

Ian Proctor, March 2011.

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

Just prior to last years' Annual Business Meeting our 2009 Impact Factor was published (**6.466**) putting is well above the competition and in particular the *American Journal of Pathology*. The new IF for 2010 will not be released until June 2011 but we anticipate that we will at least maintain our excellent performance. Certainly we continue to attract excellent material and have an increasing reputation in the scientific publishing arena. We anticipate that this will continue and strive hard to innovate and bring value to readers and the Society members.

Last year we introduced Virtual Issues (see below). This year we have begun to record podcasts that provide short (5 to 8 minute) summaries of material in the Journal and other matters of interest to all. These can be found on the Journal website, the Society website and also I am pleased to say on iTunes!

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 last year (*Journal of Pathology* 2007:218:1-6). Our performance continues to be good in this area. Broadly we publish ~25% of submissions with ~33% 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 and time to final decision are a remarkable ~13 days and 23 days respectively (from last years 14 and 28 days respectively). We rapidly publish accepted material within days of acceptance (as a PDF or an edited manuscript) and a few weeks later as a fully proofed PDF. We continue to be market leaders in pathology in these parameters and highly competitive in having no submission or page charges, no fees for online supporting material, and competitively priced colour charges.

Recent Editorials and Reviews

Building on our commitment to openness and transparency of processes, this year we published an Editorial on our approach to research and publishing ethics (March 2011). This in particular highlighted our introduction of plagiarism detection software. Richard Poulosom has again spearheaded the task of commissioning excellent Reviews and Commentaries for the Journal. We would always be keen to hear your suggestions and ideas for review material and possible authors.

Free material, Open Access and Web presence

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 (OnlineOpen) for Open Access publication for any author who desires this option, and automated Open Access and PMC deposit services for NIH and HHMI funded authors.

Our publishers, Wiley-Blackwell have restructured their website and as part of this the *Journal of Pathology* website has changed. This has been a successful development with easier navigation of the site.

Virtual Issues

One of last years' initiatives was the production of thematically based virtual issues (VIs) providing an annotated compilation of material we have published in a particular area. This is supplemented by questions that can form the basis of reflective study for CPD. We endeavour to publish 4 a year and link their release to major international meetings and/or meetings of the Society, thus maximising impact.

So far we have published six such VIs

2010 p53
 breast pathology
 renal pathology
 haematopathology

2011 neuropathology
 miRNAs

The third VI of 2011 is to be on sarcoma pathology

Future VIs will collect material together in a range of topical areas and we hope will prove valuable resources for Society members and others.

Annual Review Issues

Marc Ladanyi (Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Centre) and Pancras Hoogendoorn (Leiden) acted as Guest Editors for the January 2011 ARI which was on the general subject of *Cancer Genomics and Biology*. The articles in this ARI are available freely on line. 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 San Antonio: the third such Symposium and we will repeat this in future years.

The 2012 ARI is being Guest Edited by Nick Wright and Richard Poulosom and is on the topic of *'The Cell Biology of Disease'*. They have collected together an impressive array of high profile authors and this ARI will be published in January 2012. Plans for future ARIs are in hand.

Editorial Board Meeting

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. We held the first such 'linked' Board meeting at the St Andrew's meeting of the Society last July and the next will be in Vancouver at USCAP 2012.

Associate Editors

Pancras Hoogendoorn has stood down as Associate Editor after highly distinguished service. We went through a process of open competition for his replacement and also decided to proleptically appoint next years' new incumbent at the same time. We have 17 excellent applicants. Dr Eric White from University of Michigan was appointed and has taken up his position. Eric is a respiratory physician with a major program in the pathobiology of inflammation and fibrosis, broadening our Editorial coverage. Dr David Bonthron from Leeds has also been appointed and will take up his role later in the year.

The Jass Prize for Research Excellence

In 2009 and with the permission of the Jass family we have initiated a Jass Prize for Research Excellence in memory of the late Jeremy Jass. This is 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 second award went to Tim Forshew, Ruth G Tatevossian, and their co-authors [Activation of the ERK/MAPK pathway: a signature genetic defect in posterior fossa pilocytic astrocytomas. *Journal of Pathology* 2009; **218**: 172–181.]

Conclusion

Finally, can I again acknowledge the hard work and effort of the managing editor, Dr Jo Wixon (who had a period of maternity leave and added a new member of the team, Max) and Gavin Sharrock who very ably covered Jo's leave. In addition the other members of the editorial team, the deputy editor Richard Poulosom, and Associate Editors Pancras Hogendoorn, Gerald Niedobitek, Louise Jones, Ming Du, Phil Coates, Marc Ladanyi, Hartmut Koeppen, Eric White and David Bonthron who deserve public recognition for their efforts and hard work. I should also acknowledge the Officers of the Society, who continue to provide unwavering support and wise council.

Peter Hall, Editor in Chief, March 2011

GRANT SCHEME EXPENDITURE 2010

Grant Scheme	c/f from 2009 £	2010 Budget £	No of awards granted	Total allocated /spent £	Balance c/f to 2011 £	2011 Budgets £	Application Deadlines 2011
Bursaries (Undergraduate Elective)	4,450	30,000	27	26,450	8,000	30,000	31 Jan, 30 April, 31 July, 31 October
Career Development Fellowship	n/a	50,000 pa for 2 years	1	100,000	n/a	50,000pa for 2 years	1 April
Centenary Clinical Fellowships	n/a	35,201	3 in 2006 (for 3 years)	35,201	n/a	n/a	n/a
Educational Scheme Grant	10,000	10,000	3	11,000	9,000	10,000	1 April 1 October
Fellowships (to be rebranded as Visiting Fellowship for 2011)	56,494	0* ^①	0	0	?	0 (c/f from 2009 & 2010 will form full budget ^①)	1 April 1 October*
Intercalated Degrees		34,500 ^②	6	34,500	0	34,500	1 March

Japanese European Collaborative	0	2500 ^③	2	5,000	0	2,500 ^③	1 April
Open	14,370	30,000 ^④ +£3212.60	5	21,472	26,110	30,000 ^④	1 March, 1 June, 1 October, 1 December
PhD Studentship		89,853 (over 3 years) ^⑤	1	85,860 (over 3 years)	0	89,853	1 November
Pathological Society Meeting Bursary	12,160	2,500	1	90	14,570	2,500	1 June and 1 November
Public Engagement Scheme (new for 2011)	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	10,000	1 March, 1 June, 1 October, 1 December
Sino-European	0	5,000	1	5,000	0	10,000 ^⑥	1 October
Small Grants	27,971	20,000	6	45,049	2,922	20,000	1 April 1 October
Travel & Conference Bursary	9,723	2,500	6	2,614	9,609	2,500	Reviewed on receipt
Grant Overflow Pot ^①	0	20,000	0	0	0	20,000	

① £20,000 Due to large carry over from previous years, the £20,000 budget allocation was retained for 2010 as potential additional funds to be vired to other more popular grant schemes. The same will apply for 2011, giving a £40,000 amount in the pot.

② Awarded to: Aberdeen, Belfast, Leeds, Leicester, Barts & The London (QMUL), Newcastle, Sheffield and Southampton. Includes up to £2,000 in consumables per grant. Carried forward figure represents 2 grants returned/unused from 2009.

- ③ Will be matched by the Japanese Pathological Society – i.e. total budget £5,000. The Society deemed 2 applications worthy of funding for 2010. We are awaiting news from the Japanese Society on whether they are able to co-fund the second application. If the outcome is negative, the Society would underwrite the second application in full.
- ④ Includes £38.95 income from sales of MLD and £3173.65 income from royalties
Expenditure includes:
- Japanese Society of Pathology delegation to St Andrews Meeting – £5,001.70
 - £5,000 NCRI October 2010 symposium sponsorship
 - £1000 Prof F MacSweeney, sponsor speaker at Annual Meeting of Irish Society of Surgical Pathology
 - £5,000 Dr J Traherne, Cambridge to purchase Twister II Robot Automated Plate Loader
 - £5,471 Prof N Affara, Cambridge for Illumina hybridization oven, an Ambion MagMax purification robot and computer servers
- ⑤ 2011 – due to exceptionally high standard 2 awards will be made in 2011 and these are to Dr V Speirs, Leeds and Drs A Bateman/Prof D Eccles, Southampton
- Studentships currently running:
- 2010 Studentship awarded to Dr Chrzanowska-Lightowlers, Newcastle - 1st payment Sept 2010
 - 2009 Studentship awarded to Prof KC Gatter, Oxford – 2nd payment made Oct 10
 - 2008 Studentship awarded to Dr T Ward, London – 3rd (final) payment made Sept 10
- Grant includes up to £12,000 in consumables over the 3 year period.
- ⑥ Budget is to be increased from 2011.

Total number of feedback forms received: 55

A. Programme Evaluation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
The Title of the meeting interested me	14	39	0	1	54
The meeting was relevant to my Continuing Professional needs	16	37	2	0	55
The meeting contained new ideas and material	19	34	1	1	55
Adequate time was given for discussion	14	38	2	1	55
The meeting met my expectations	15	34	4	2	55
The facilities, catering arrangements met my requirements	11	37	1	4	53
The AV facilities were of a high quality	17	38	0	0	55

I would like to see meetings held in:

London	N.England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland
19	18	14	9	11

How did you hear about this meeting:

M'ship Communication	Newsletter	Website	Colleague	Other
29	1	13	10	1

Tuesday 29th June

PathSoc Summer Meeting
St Andrews
29 June-1 July 2010

1. Symposium: Cell Signalling

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Prof P Ratcliffe		3	5	14	3	25	3.68
b Prof C Palmer		4	5	13	3	25	3.60
c Dr MJ Arends		1	6	13	5	25	3.88
d Dr N Leslie		2	8	14	3	27	3.66
e Dr Y Ishikawa		2	5	15	4	26	3.81

2. Trainees Session: Meet the Experts - Renal Tumour Pathology

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
Prof S Fleming		1	1	2	2	6	3.83

3. Public Lecture: Brain Tissue Donation - A Unique Gift for Neuroscience Research

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
Prof J Ironside		1	4	5	12	22	4.27

Additional Comments:

1. Some people seem to think they need to show all of the data of their lifetime in 45 minutes. Less information, more take home messages could be better. I like the "Public Lecture" - but where was the public? There were no signs advertising the lecture, so even if a member of the public could happen to come along the campus they wouldn't know that there was a lecture. Calling it "public" should be abandoned or more effort to make it public is needed.
2. Good varied day.
3. The public lecture is a good idea and Prof Ironside gave an excellent talk. Perhaps there should be more of them.
4. Very good content.
5. The content of the programme has shifted too far in favour of molecular pathology that is not of contemporary diagnostic relevance. These need to be a balance between research that may become relevant in many years time and updates or changes in diagnostic practice that are relevant today.
6. Good educational content on brain tissue donation.
7. I predominantly attended the oral presentations and found them to be highly relevant and interesting and of a good standard.
8. Excellent public lecture.
9. Dr Ishikawa's talk very important and well presented. Prof Fleming said I **could not** attend the Trainee sessions - for registrars only - I **did** ask him if I could attend! Ironside - protein misfolding
10. Generally useful. Some rather chaotic talks that did not seem to be very well prepared in the Cell Signalling Symposium.

Wednesday 30th June

PathSoc Summer Meeting
St Andrews
29 June-1 July 2010

1. Trainees Symposium: Molecular Pathology-What is it and what can it tell us?

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Dr A Jubb			2	12	3	17	4.06
b Dr JS Reis-Filho				6	10	16	4.62
c Dr EJ Soilleux			2	11	2	15	4.00

2. Keynote Lecture: Colorectal Cancer Screening - Pilot's Programme

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
Prof R Steele		1	8	12	11	32	4.03

3. Symposium: Pathology in the Developing World

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Prof FA Carey		2	4	8	4	18	3.77
b Dr I Bates		2	5	9	2	18	3.61
c Prof S Guild		2	3	11	2	18	3.72
d Dr AJ Howat		2	5	9	3	19	3.68

Additional Comments:

1. Did not attend the Trainee Symposium - with the overall low attendance I wonder how many trainees were there? Did not attend the "Pathology in the Developing World" symposium, but also not sure why this was included in Path Soc Meeting - this is more about training and diagnostic service development, thus better placed within ACP and BDIAP meeting.
2. Attended oral communications session 9-12. Very interesting mix of presentations.
3. The Keynote lecturer gave a good overview of the colorectal cancer screening programme, it's planning, executions and future developments.
4. Neither Keynote Lecture or Pathology in the Developing World are directly relevant to my practice but both sessions had high educational value.
5. Some excellent informative posters.
6. I attended the oral presentations. Again, they were very interesting covering a broad range of topics and of a very high standard. As well as being educational, this is an excellent forum for medical and PhD students to present their work and receive feedback from expert pathologists.
7. Very good symposium.
8. Jubb's lecture - extremely useful overview; Reis-Filho-another excellent talk - keep frozen tissue!; Soilleux-basic but very helpful.
9. Steele-contribution of Grampian not recognised; low key presentation - false negatives not addressed.
10. Carey - no practical educational value - charity why Malawi and not nearby equally poor states?; Bates-Malaria, AFB Micro Hb, transfusion, HIV main problem - (Ghana) - no kits for Coulter counter! No joined up goodwill! Broad based skills only OECD. Guild-irrelevant to histopathology - thieving of equipment. Howat - demographics - appropriateness
11. Trainees' Symposium well devised and chaired.

Thursday 1st July

PathSoc Summer Meeting
St Andrews
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1. Trainees Breakfast Session: Ovarian Cancer Pathology

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Prof CS Herrington			1	3	2	6	4.16

2. Symposium: Viruses and Disease

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Prof SB Lucas			3	14	9	26	4.23
b Dr E-J Speel		2	9	7	5	23	3.65
c Prof R Jarrett			7	14	3	24	3.83
d Dr R Goldin			4	10	5	19	4.05
e Dr C Proby			2	9	8	19	4.31

3. Slide Seminar Discussion: Head/Neck/Oral Pathology

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Dr G Stenhouse			2	8	5	15	4.2

4. Doniach Lecture: Back to the Future

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
Prof CJL Meijer			1	11	5	17	4.23

4. Association of Clinical Electron Microscopists Annual Meeting

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Miss A Bigley			3	6	3	12	4.00
b Dr J Moss				8	4	12	4.33
c Mr M Aguirreburualde		1	3	5	3	12	3.83
d Dr A Knisely			1	7	4	12	4.25
e Mr B Wagner			3	6	3	12	4.00
f Dr M Groves			4	5	3	12	3.92
g Mrs T Dopping-Hepenstal			1	5	4	10	4.30
h Ms M Dixon			2	4	3	9	4.11
i Mr B Wagner			2	4	4	10	4.20
j Ms A Lee-Jones			1	4	3	8	4.25

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Additional Comments:

1. GI session not listed for scoring purposes - all talks attended good/excellent.
2. I couldn't attend this probably very interesting symposium about Viruses and Disease as I was involved in the GI session/oral presentations, which was poorly attended. Bad idea to have oral communications in parallel with a symposium. Too much details in Chris Meijer talk!
3. No signposting on campus, venue difficult to find. Food was disappointing; coffee breaks in the afternoon abandoned which made sessions too long and less opportunity to talk to colleagues. Catering queues too long, no coffee at all on Thursday morning; posters only up for a day thus less chance to look at them, although the quality of many was very poor. Too warm in Lecture Theatre B (no air conditioning). Too little space around reception and catering. No announcements regarding arrangements for reception or dinner - no description how to find it apart from tiny map. In summary, I was very much disappointed about this meeting and won't come for the Winter meeting which will be even smaller and in the middle of nowhere! Sorry! No info where to go out for a meal either.
4. Closely related to clinical practice.
5. Again, a good varied day.
6. Head and neck pathology: Good cases; good resolution and surprisingly, easy to navigate. Excellent review!
7. Excellent overviews with new (to me) information. Attended oral presentations in LT B from 11.30-13.00. Some excellent posters.
8. These meetings are increasingly becoming venues for presentations on molecular research whilst this is laudible, there is little or no relevance to work done by histopathologists on a daily basis. Apart from a few talks (and the trainee sessions which are not quite so useful for consultants!) most of the programme consisted of molecular research. There were no updates on various topics in diagnostic histopathology. We spend a great deal of money and time coming to this event but to go away no wiser about topical topics in diagnostic pathology and a head spinning with numerous molecules is less than desirable. I remember a time when Pathological Society meetings were exciting, useful and one always came away with ideas which were useful to every day work. This is no longer the case. The rarefied atmosphere of molecular research is mostly what its all about nowadays. I think it would be good if Pathological Society went back to being more useful and relevant and not just a venue to put one's research marker down. When was it decided that the Pathological Society is too "posh" to talk about diagnostics?
9. An excellent venue, although not easy to get to St Andrews from most of the UK.
10. Poster sessions: space very cramped - suggest large space better; would prefer to have posters up for all 3 days of meetings - allows review and poster discussion; discussions were good although time was tight.
11. Higr. Tums of ovary behave differently - platinum works! Excellent overview. 2a. Massive increase in HIV due to immigration into London 10¹⁰ visitors produced daily. Main infection time in 1st 12 wks (overran). 2b-Helpful overview of HPC-well illustrated, serious overrun. Jarrett-Good overview. Goldin-Not a lucid presentation. Proby-Very well illustrated overview.
12. Shame there wasn't more space for trade stands. There were various organisations (eg Novocastra-Leica) I was hoping to talk to about technical issues.

Total number of feedback forms received: 41

A. Programme Evaluation

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Total
The Title of the meeting interested me	13	17	1	1	32
The meeting was relevant to my Continuing Professional needs	12	20			32
The meeting contained new ideas and material	20	12			32
Adequate time was given for discussion	7	23	2		32
The meeting met my expectations	11	20	1		32
The facilities, catering arrangements met my requirements	17	15			32
The AV facilities were of a high quality	19	13			32

I would like to see meetings held in:

London	N.England	Scotland	Wales	N. Ireland
18	12	9	3	3

How did you hear about this meeting:

M'ship Communication	Newsletter	Website	Colleague	Other
23		6	2	1

1. Audio visual - Strong agree with the caveat that adjustment of audio less than ideal for slightly hard of hearing. Also, no microphone for audience questions.
2. Agreeable evidence of the adaptability and vitality of our venerable Society.
3. The poster abstracts were printed in a very small sized font: could they be printed in the same sized font as the plenary abstracts next time?
4. Exceptionally well run meeting - organisers to be congratulated.

Thursday 6th Jan

PathSoc Winter Meeting
Hinxton, Cambridge
6-7 January 2011

1. Symposium: Molecular Pathology for Today and Tomorrow - 1

		1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a	Dr R Bulusu		2	11	12	8	33	3.79
b	Prof AL Borresen-Dale		1	6	14	16	37	4.22
c	Dr E Provenzano	1	2	2	22	8	35	3.97
d	Prof VP Collins		1	1	20	14	36	4.28

Additional Comments:

1. Excellent symposium. Stimulation for the general histopathologist, putting key areas of molecular genetics into context.
2. Great venue although Cloisters area very cold. Well organised conference. Good up to date reviews.
3. Good idea for slide seminar - combination of molecular & diagnostic - presentation a little "clunky".
4. Very good mainly the new developments on molecular biology.
5. Interesting lectures, well presented. The location was a bit difficult to get to.
6. Dr Provenzano - very useful for practising diagnostic pathologists. Dr Bulusu - lots of useful information - all aspects covered. Prof Borresen-Dale - Fantastic overview from the leader of the field. Prof Collins - Great to see a histopathologist!!
7. Very interesting but sometimes too much detail!
8. Thurs - No abstract for Dr R Bulusu - no excuse! Fri - Prof Grimm overran on time - could have stopped earlier.
9. Good selection of complementary speakers and topics cohesive.
10. Relevant. Insightful. Perhaps more translational research topics needed.
11. a, b & d - excellent - informative. C - more FRCPATH-like talk: disappointing and dull.

Friday 7th Jan

PathSoc Winter Meeting
Hinxton, Cambridge
6-7 January 2011

1. Symposium: The Involution of Normal and Cancer Tissue

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Prof AH Wyllie			1	14	13	28	4.43
b Prof S Grimm		1	10	12	4	27	3.7
c Prof C Watson			2	17	8	27	4.23
d Dr T Littlewood			1	15	10	26	4.35
e Prof B Levine			5	11	8	24	4.13

2. Meet the Experts: Trainees Session - Liver Pathology

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
Dr S Davies		1		3	4	8	4.25

3. Satellite Session: Her2 Testing for Neoadjuvant Patients: Challenges and Opportunities

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Dr L Hayward			2	3	3	8	4.13
b Dr A Shaaban				6	2	8	4.25
c Dr C Purdie				4	4	8	4.50
d Dr J Starczynski				5	3	8	4.38

4. Slide Seminar Discussion Session: The Partnership between Molecular and Conventional Histopathology

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Dr MJ Arends			2	4	6	12	4.33
b Dr N Coleman			3	3	7	13	4.31
c Prof VP Collins			3	5	5	13	4.15
d Prof M-Q Du			3	3	7	13	4.31
e Dr E Provenzano		1	2	5	6	14	4.14

5. Molecular Pathology for Today and Tomorrow - 2

	1	2	3	4	5	Total	Mean Average
a Prof LG Kindblom			5	7	7	19	4.11
b Prof M-Q Du		2	6	6	5	19	3.73
c Prof G Lenz			2	11	5	18	4.17
d Prof H Stein			1	6	8	15	4.47
e Prof P Johnson				4	10	14	4.71

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1. The educational value of the whole day was good. The overview by Prof Wyllie was excellent and set the high standard. In terms of clinical application, the potential for more precisely targeted chemotherapy in high grade B-lymphoma discussed by Prof Johnson provided a fitting end to a very good meeting.
2. Most sessions were interesting but very specialised. Useful to see where the future is heading but not often directly applicable to current practice. It's a shame there are so few pathologists producing the research - we have the clinical/morphological angle which is often missing. The gulf between diagnostic and research histopathology seems to be getting wider - where are all the bright young things?
3. The posters had quite a bit of audit work and service evaluation work, which was very useful. The Her2 session brought in to focus some of the problems which will arise translating research findings into the real world.
4. Good meeting.
5. Overall excellent scientific content and majority of speakers took non molecular based attendees with them. Some speakers failed to submit abstracts - this should not be tolerated. Chairmanship could have dealt more effectively with some who overran their timeslots. Main negative - Posters taken away (probably 60%) immediately after primary viewing slot. Programme needs readjusting. Please give members on-line only access to JPathol - it would save a lot of space!
6. Despite the quality of the material overall and the undoubted ability of contributors, the meeting (in common with others recently) has suffered from a determination to cram excessive information into too short a time. The slide seminar, for example, for the non specialist (who wants the educational content) could not be reasonably completed if one attended all the other sessions, examined the posters and paid lip service to the trade exhibition. The problem was compounded by inadequate time allocations in the review - so that, for example, only 4.5 minutes allocated to the background, morphology and analysis of a complex double translocation DLBCL with CLL!! Elsewhere in the meeting information overload was frequent, especially in over complex slides - I noted one with more than 100 identifiable objects and text for analysis on screen for less than 2 minutes, whilst one attempted at the same time to follow the speaker's comments.
7. Excellent meeting - thanks.
8. Sat in on the trainees session. Dr Davies is obviously knowledgeable on her subject, but she went much too fast and it was non-interactive. There did not seem to be structure to her talk.
9. Good. Ros & Julie & Sandra did a great job.