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## Privy Council appoints veterinary surgeon to serve on Society's Council

The Privy Council has appointed a past president of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons as one of its three nominees on the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Council. The new Council member is Professor Bob Michell, BSc, BVetMed, PhD, DSc, FRSA, MRCVS, who has an academic and research record in both animal and human medicine.

Professor Michell will serve a three-year term of office on the Society's Council until 31 October 2005. His appointment follows the recent retirement of Dr John Evans, who had been a Privy Council nominee on the Council since 1987.

Professor Michell's career has been mainly in comparative medicine and in strengthening links between basic and clinical science. Since 1993 he has held a personal chair in applied physiology and comparative medicine at the University of London, and he is currently based at St Bartholomew's Hospital Medical School. His research focus is renal disease and hypertension in man and animals, and involves researchers at Addenbrooke's Hospital (University of Cambridge) and veterinary collaborators in



*Professor Bob Michell: an expert in comparative medicine*

Cambridge, the University of Oslo and the University of California, Davis.

Professor Michell was president of the RCVS in 1999–2000 and remains on the college's council. He is also vice-chairman of the Comparative Clinical Science Foundation, which exists to fund the first five years of a Medical Research Council comparative clinical science panel, for which no capital or research funding is initially available from the MRC itself.

Professor Michell has served as president of the Veterinary Research Club (1988–89) and of the Association of Veterinary Teachers and Research Workers (a specialist division of the British Veterinary Association).

He graduated from the University of London (Royal Veterinary College) in physiology in 1962 and in veterinary medicine in 1964. He is the only veterinarian to have been awarded both the Harkness Fellowship of the Commonwealth Fund of New York (1969–71) and the Beit Memorial Fellowship for Medical Research (1974–76); no other veterinarian has subsequently won either award.

## Replica leech jars now available by mail order

The popularity of the replica leech jars offered by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's museum has led to the establishment of a dedicated mail order service to make their purchase easier.

When the hand-finished replicas were launched in September (*PJ*, 14 September, p377) the Society was flooded with orders. The first consignment sold out within two weeks and further supplies had to be commissioned.

The jars — copied from a 19th century original in the Society's collection — cost £50 each. They can now be sent anywhere in the United Kingdom for an additional postage and packing cost of £19 (which covers up to five jars sent to the same address). Orders for the jars should be sent with payment to: Museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (Sales), 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. An order form can be downloaded from the museum section of the Society's website ([www.rpsgb.org.uk/museum](http://www.rpsgb.org.uk/museum)).

Alternatively, the jars may be purchased from the library at the Society's headquarters. Also available from the library (but not

by mail order) are replica drug storage jars (£75) and syrup jars (£105).

Other museum items for sale include packs of greetings cards and postcards bearing images from the museum's collections, as well as three pharmacy history books illustrated by images from the collections. The cards and books can be purchased in person from the library or by mail order from the museum.

Examples of the museum merchandise are on display in the reception area of the Society's headquarters and within the library. Photographs can be found on the Society's website. Further information is also available from the museum office (tel 020 7572 2210; e-mail: [museum@rpsgb.org.uk](mailto:museum@rpsgb.org.uk)).

To guarantee receipt of mail order



*Spot the difference: a replica leech jar alongside the original*

goods in time for Christmas, the museum must receive completed orders by 6 December.

## DEATHS

**Arnold** On 10 October, Ian Arnold, MRPharmS, of Inspectorate Watson Gray UAE, c/o Kanoo Group, PO Box 290, Dubai, United Arab Emirates. Mr Arnold registered in 1972.

**Bagshaw** On 7 October, Dennis Harper Bagshaw, MRPharmS, of 20 Wellmeadow Gardens, Copthorne, Shrewsbury, Shropshire SY3 8UP. Mr Bagshaw registered in 1944.

**Bennett** On 19 October, John Harvey Bennett, MRPharmS, of "Broombank Cottage", Station Terrace, Lindal, Ulverston, Cumbria LA12 0AW. Mr Bennett registered in 1962.

**Bishop** On 14 October, James William Bishop, MRPharmS, of 8 Brigade Avenue, Stittsville, Ontario K2S 1J1, Canada. Mr Bishop registered in 1966.

**Briggs** On 29 October, Alan Briggs, FRPharmS, of 192 Torbay Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA2 9QL. Dr Briggs registered in 1945 and went on to spend most of his career as a lecturer in the pharmaceuticals department of the School of Pharmacy, University of London. In 1955 he was awarded a PhD for a thesis on the effect of soaps on the bactericidal activity of a water-insoluble phenol. Dr Briggs served on the committee of the Pharmaceutical Society's Anglia region for many years. In 1980, after a long involvement with continuing education through the Society's region and the pharmaceutical advisory committees of both the North East Thames and the East Anglian regional health authorities, he took up a newly created post as director of continuing education. The appointment was jointly funded by the school and the North East Thames RHA at senior lecturer/principal pharmacist level. (Tribute, p763)

**Dean** On 29 September, Alastair Campbell Ross Dean, FRPharmS, of 21 Templar Road, Oxford OX2 8LR. Dr Dean registered in 1941.

**Dunlop** On 20 October, Warwick Richard Dunlop, MRPharmS, of Flat 1, 9 East Park Road, Harrogate, North Yorkshire HG1 5QT. Mr Dunlop registered in 2001.

**Farrow** On 28 October, Harry Peter Hewett Farrow, FRPharmS, of Adelaide Nursing Home, 203-205 New Church Road, Hove, East Sussex BN3 4ED. Mr

Farrow registered in 1941. In 1953 he was granted permission to practise pharmacy in Sweden after having to prove his competence in the Swedish language, undertake work experience in a Swedish pharmacy and pass practical examinations and an oral examination in pharmacy law.

**Howard** On 19 October, William Arthur Howard, MRPharmS, of Flat 1, 17 Bedfordwell Road, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 2BG. Mr Howard registered in 1940. He served for many years as secretary of the Society's South East Metropolitan branch and also as chairman of the South East London Chemists Association.

**Hunter** On 11 October, Beryl Sylvia Hunter, née Woodhouse, MRPharmS, of 4 Earlsmead, Witham, Essex CM8 2EH. Mrs Hunter registered in 1955.

**King** On 13 October, George Anthony King, MRPharmS, of 10 The Cloisters, Newcastle Upon Tyne NE7 7LS. Mr King registered in 1944.

**Lawrence** On 7 November, Thomas Gordon Lawrence, MRPharmS, of 6 St Andrews Walk, Cobham, Surrey KT11 3EQ. Mr Lawrence registered in 1938.

**Mackenzie** On 10 October, Ernest Reid Mackenzie, MRPharmS, of Sunnybank Nursing Home, Prospect Terrace, Cruden Bay, Peterhead, Aberdeenshire AB42 0HP. Mr Mackenzie registered in 1938.

**Martin** On 22 October, Peter Kenneth Martin, MRPharmS, of 12a Elm Court Gardens, Truro, Cornwall TR1 1DS. Mr Martin registered in 1941.

**Matthew** On 17 October, Elizabeth Ferguson Matthew, née Murdoch, MRPharmS, of 81 Vernon Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham B16 9SQ. Mrs Matthew registered in 1934.

**Murray** On 29 October, James Murray, MRPharmS, of 12 Lower Prestwood Road, Wednesfield, Wolverhampton WV11 1JP. Mr Murray registered in 1937. He was a community pharmacist in Wood End, Wolverhampton, for over 40 years

**Mussani** On 12 June, Salim Razakali Mussani, MRPharmS, of "White Oaks", 58 Oakleigh Park North, London N20 9AS. Mr Mussani registered in 1974.

**Pyne** On 17 August, Olive Pyne, née Noble, of Park Road, Tunbridge Wells, and formerly of Norwich. Mrs Pyne registered in 1935 after qualifying in Brighton. When war broke out in 1939 she was working at Southlands Hospital, Shoreham. After a break to raise her family, she continued in pharmacy in Attleborough, Norfolk. After retirement from full-time work she carried on working for many years as a locum in and around Norwich.

**Rillie** On 28 October, Ann Minette Rillie, née Roberts, MRPharmS, of 11 Arnprior Place, Alloway, Ayr KA7 4PT. Mrs Rillie registered in 1961.

**Roots** On 4 October, Dennis Gerald Roots, FRPharmS, of 1 Hereward Close, Wivenhoe, Colchester, Essex CO7 9SB. Mr Roots registered in 1942.

**Rowlette** On 25 October, Gladys Rowlette, née Tinsley, MRPharmS, of 27 Heather Avenue, Bearsden, Glasgow G61 3JD. Mrs Rowlette registered in 1949.

**Russell** On 28 September, David Arthur George Russell, MRPharmS, of 8 Queen Annes Grove, Bush Hill Park, Enfield, Middlesex EN1 2JP. Mr Russell registered in 1958.

**Smith** On 28 September, Stuart Wilson Smith, MRPharmS, of Westcroft Nursing Home, 5 Harding Road, Hanley, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffordshire ST1 3BQ. Mr Smith registered in 1933.

**Spencer** On 27 September, Donald James Spencer, of 1 Elgata Court, Sale, Victoria, 3850 Australia. Mr Spencer registered in 1953 and retired from the register in 1964.

**Thomas** On 10 October, Norman Thomas, MRPharmS, of 50 Hartford Avenue, Kenton, Harrow, Middlesex HA3 8SY. Mr Thomas registered in 1938.

**Walton** On 13 October, Thomas Beaver Glynne Walton, MRPharmS, of 3 Great Kendale Cottages, Drifffield, North Yorkshire YO25 5UY. Mr Walton registered in 1949.

**Williams** On 14 October, Roland Williams, of "Poplars", 2 Sherwood Grove, Meols, Wirral, Merseyside CH47 9SL. Mr Williams registered in 1952 and retired from the register in 1999.

## RETURN OF CANCELLED REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

A certificate of registration as a pharmaceutical chemist is by law the property of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and must be returned to the Society when a member dies.

If the pharmacist's next of kin or other close family wish to preserve the certificate as recognition of the deceased's achievement of registration, the Society's registration section is able to cancel it discreetly and

send it back. However, it is only possible to do so if a request is received at the same time as the return of the certificate, since a lack of storage space means that certificates are normally destroyed as soon as they have been returned.

This procedure also applies if a replacement certificate is requested by a woman pharmacist who has changed her name on marriage.

## Former warden of Birdsgrove House dies

A former warden of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's convalescent home, Birdsgrove House, has died. She is Joyce Evans, who was appointed warden in 1983 and retired in 1998. She died on 9 November at the age of 71.

**Briggs** In a tribute to the late Alan Briggs (see p762), JOAN GREENWOOD, former regional pharmaceutical officer, North East Thames Regional Health Authority, writes: I knew Alan Briggs for many years as a colleague and friend. I first met Alan when he was course organiser for the Anglian region of the Pharmaceutical Society, running education courses for community pharmacists. Later Alan was appointed director of continuing education for North East Thames RHA, the first joint appointment between the School of Pharmacy, University of London, and the region. In the late 1970s and the 1980s Alan successfully ran, jointly for community and hospital pharmacists, the first large-scale clinical pharmacy education programme in London. That laid the foundation for later developments such as the diploma in clinical pharmacy.

Alan was an exceptionally efficient and hard-working organiser but his outstanding talents lay in his interpersonal skills. His persuasive powers were unrivalled. It is no small measure of Alan's achievement that senior clinicians across the region almost fell over themselves to collaborate with him, give lectures, run workshops and present patients to pharmacists in clinical meetings, at a time when such activities were rare.

Alan was a wonderful ambassador for pharmacy. He was liked and respected by all the senior medical staff with whom he came into contact and he established lasting links that have contributed greatly to the development of clinical pharmacy and pharmacy practice.

In retirement Alan had many outside interests and travelled widely with his wife, but he also maintained links with the School of Pharmacy. For those of us who met Alan at a North East Thames pharmacy reunion only a few weeks ago, his appearance and lively personality still the same as ever, the news of his subsequent short illness and death has been a great shock and sorrow.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes to Alan's widow Louise and her family.

**Lucas-Smith** In a tribute to the late Enid Lucas-Smith (P7, 9 November, p695), NICHOLAS WOOD, general secretary, Institute of Pharmacy Management International, and member of court, Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, writes: I was saddened to hear of the death of Enid Lucas-Smith, a past chairman of the Institute of Pharmacy Management International. The

institute had been founded for discussion on management issues for the independent proprietor. Enid, one of the earliest members, was a successful proprietor pharmacist at a time when few independent proprietors were women. She made a real contribution to the IPMI and regularly attended IPMI conferences. She also served on the institute's council. It was only in recent years that other commitments curtailed her activities for the institute, but she remained a committed and ardent supporter of the institute's work.

Among those other activities were her membership of the Worshipful Society of Apothecaries of London. She joined, first, the faculty for the history and the philosophy of medicine and pharmacy, serving on its executive committee for a number of years, and then, in 1993, she became a yeoman and subsequently a full liveryman of the society. As with her other involvements, she played an active role in the society and the faculty, supporting their meetings and functions.

Her interest and enthusiasm in the history of pharmacy was substantial and she was always a most sociable companion. In her passing, the profession has lost something of a pioneer, and few people today are able to be involved in quite so many areas as was Enid. Even fewer have made similar contributions to their chosen profession.

PAT HOARE, a member of the Society's Council, writes: I am not sure when and where I first met Enid, but I do recall sharing a table with Enid and her son, Anthony, at the last Slough branch dinner several years ago. This was when I learnt that, although she lived on Eel Pie Island, she was still a member of Slough branch, having owned and run a pharmacy singlehandedly for many years in Langley. She was encouraging to newcomers, down-to-earth, always had an opinion (which she was happy to share!) and was good company. She was a familiar face at conferences and Society events at Lambeth, latterly manning a stand for the British Society for the History of Pharmacy. My collection of BSHIP mugs bears testament to her success as a saleswoman!

Enid was always happy to represent the National Association of Women Pharmacists at meetings in London even though she was no longer on the executive committee. I was confident when I asked her to go in my place that she would make a good contribution to the proceedings and leave a lasting impression.

I missed seeing her after her fall and am sorry that we lost contact when she moved.

However, I was honoured to be asked to represent the Society at her funeral and meet her family, who are a lasting tribute to this hardworking, fascinating and talented lady of a changing profession.

VELA BURDEN, executive committee member and past president, National Association of Women Pharmacists, writes: We were saddened to learn of the death of Enid Lucas-Smith, whose numerous and varied contributions to pharmacy included active membership of the NAWP for many years.

Enid was elected to the NAWP executive committee in 1971 and served for a period as secretary before becoming president from 1974 to 1976. She was president when I was elected to the executive and my first meetings were held at 19 Great College Street, Westminster, her elegant flat with a most prestigious address. After resigning from the executive in 1982 she continued to serve as secretary of the London branch of NAWP and as our representative at the Fawcett Society and other London meetings. She was always most generous with her time and energy for all the pharmaceutical organisations with which she was involved.

Enid will be much missed by all her pharmacy friends and colleagues.

**Shaw** In a tribute to the late Graham George Shaw (P7, 2 November, p661), J. M. MORRIS writes: Professor Shaw studied for his primary degree in pharmacy at the University of Nottingham and his PhD in pharmacology at Aston University, respectively. He joined the teaching staff in the school of pharmacy at Trinity College Dublin in 1979 as a professor of pharmacology.

He was appointed to the National Drugs Advisory Board in 1985 and continued as a member until the board was disbanded in 1995. The NDAB appointed Professor Shaw to its first veterinary committee, set up in 1986. Subsequently he joined the committee on evaluation and toxicity in 1988 and chaired this committee from 1992 until 1995. Graham was a major contributor to pharmacy education in Ireland and to the work of the school of pharmacy at TCD and played a hugely important role in the work of the NDAB in the regulations of medicines in Ireland.

In his private life he was a devoted husband, father and fisherman, and an enthusiastic rugby fan. Graham will be sadly missed by all who knew him, not least for his sense of humour.

He is survived by his wife Sandra and two sons.

## Cancer and child health experts to address BPC 2003

A former head of the World Health Organization's cancer control programme and England's National Clinical Director for Children are among the expert speakers already confirmed for the British Pharmaceutical Conference 2003.

On the opening day of the conference, Professor Karol Sikora will talk about innovations in cancer care. Professor Sikora is

visiting professor of international cancer medicine and honorary consultant oncologist at Imperial College School of Medicine and was head of the WHO cancer programme from 1997 to 1999.

On the second day, Professor Al Aynsley-Green, who is chairman of the Children's Taskforce as well as National Clinical Director for Children, will address

issues relating to developments in children's health care.

BPC 2003 takes place at the Harrogate International Centre from 15 to 17 September. The conference theme is "Delivering innovation for patients". Further details can be obtained from the conference organiser, Health Links (tel 0121 248 3399; e-mail alyons@health-links.fsnet.co.uk).

## HEADQUARTERS MEETINGS

*The following meetings take place at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's headquarters, London*

Monday 25 November  
Adjudicating Committee 10.15am

Wednesday 27 November  
Inspectors' meeting 2pm

Thursday 28 November  
Inspectors' meeting 9am  
Industrial Pharmacists Group  
Committee 10am

## LOCAL MEETINGS

*Events listed below are meetings of branches or regions of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. Details of all future meetings notified to The Journal appear in the Diary section of PJ Online (www.pjonline.com/noticeboard)*

Monday 25 November

**Chiltern Region** Regional lecture: "Where is pharmaceutical science leading society?" by Professor David Taylor (policy studies, University of London). GlaxoSmithKline, Stockley Park, Uxbridge. Refreshments 7pm, meeting 8pm. (Registration 0118 969 2510.)

**Dudley and Stourbridge** "Update on therapeutics: focusing on the National Service Framework for Diabetes and the new insulins" by Dr Tarek Fiad (consultant diabetologist, Dudley Group of Hospitals). Medical Services Centre, Corbett Hospital. 7.45 for 8pm.

**Slough** "New advances in the treatment of epilepsy" by Dr Phillip Patsalos (consultant, National Society for Epilepsy). John Lister Postgraduate Centre, Wexham Park Hospital, Slough. Buffet 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.

Tuesday 26 November

**Bury** "Shipman: the implications" by Detective Constable Mike Beard (pharmacy inspection officer, Greater Manchester Police drug department). Village Hotel, Bury, Waterfold Business Park, Rochdale Road, Bury (off Junction 2 of M66). 8pm.

**Clwyd** "Outreach needle syringe exchange and harm reduction". Rossett Hall Hotel, Chester Road, Rossett, Near Wrexham. Buffet 7.15pm, meeting 7.45pm.

**Croydon** "Managing common infectious diseases and role of antibiotics" by Shama Wagle, MRPharmS, and Dr Alex Trompetas (general practitioner, Croydon). Postgraduate Medical Centre, Mayday Hospital. 8pm.

**Durham** "Management of the anticoagulant patient and drug/disease interactions" by John Hall and Noel Dixon. Postgraduate Centre, University Hospital of North Durham. 7.30 for 8pm.

**Harrow and Hillingdon** "To err is human?" by Wendy Harris (head of community pharmacy, National Patient Safety Agency). Cumberland Hotel, Harrow. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

**Mid Glamorgan East** "Discovering new drugs". Simbec Research Ltd, Pentrebach, Merthyr Tydfil. Buffet 7.30pm meeting 8pm.

**Oxfordshire** "Modernisation of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society" by Sultan Dajani (member of the Society's Council). Level 3, George Pickering Postgraduate Medical Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington, Oxford. Light refreshments. 7.30 for 8pm.

**Worcester** Practical workshops in medicines management, led by by Rachael Montgomery (training and medicines management lead, Worcestershire Royal Hospital) and Hooman Ghalamkari (community pharmacist and consultant in medicines management), preceded by presentation to Yvonne Griffiths to mark her 25 years' service as branch secretary. Charles Hastings Postgraduate Centre, Worcestershire Royal Hospital, Worcester. Buffet. 7pm.

Wednesday 27 November

**Leeds** "Pharmacy prescribing and medicines management" by Clive Jackson (member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Council and director of the National Prescribing Centre). Leeds Business Centre, Clarendon Road, Leeds. 8pm.

**Medway** "Opportunities for pharmacists within the modernised NHS" by Beth Taylor (London Pharmacy Services). Medway Postgraduate Medical Centre, Medway Hospital. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Thursday 28 November

**Birmingham** "Pharmacy prescribing" by Susan Sharpe (chief executive, Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee) and Lynn Young (Royal College of Nursing). Room 644, Aston University. Light buffet. 7.15 for 8pm. Joint meeting with Birmingham Local Pharmaceutical Committee, Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists and other continuing education providers.

Announcements of branch and regional meetings for the Diary column should reach *The Journal* by 1pm on the Tuesday before publication.

Branch programme cards are welcome at the beginning of the season, provided that branches subsequently notify *The Journal* in good time about any programme changes and any essential meeting information that was not available when the card was printed.

**Manchester, Salford and Trafford** "How to develop your support staff and continuing professional development" by Janet Flint (Royal Pharmaceutical Society project manager for the regulation of pharmacy support staff) and Dr Robert Dewdney (the Society's head of education). Postgraduate Medical Centre, Manchester Royal Infirmary. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Friday 29 November

**Barnet** "Pharmacists: A star act". University of London Observatory, 553 Watford Way, Mill Hill, London NW7. 7.30pm. (Numbers limited: check with branch secretary on 020 8441 1151.)

Saturday 30 November

**Brighton** Annual dinner. Speaker: Dr Charlie Collins. Chartwell Suite, Hilton Metropole Hotel. 7.30 for 8pm.

Monday 2 December

**East Kent** "Pharmacist prescribing" by Dr June Crown (author, Crown report). Howfield Manor Hotel, Chartham Hatch, Canterbury. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

## Correction

The tribute to the late Alan Briggs (p763) was from Joan Greenleaf, not Joan Greenwood.