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Royal
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Society starts search for members to serve on new national boards

The search has begun for representatives of the profession to serve on the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's new national pharmacy boards for England, Scotland and Wales.

The first elections to the new boards are announced on p431 by the Society's President, Hemant Patel, who urges practitioners to consider standing for election.

Official Notices seeking the nomination of candidates for election appear on p436.

The Society is calling for nominations of both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, subject to the eligibility criteria for each board. In England and Wales there will be elections for 11 pharmacist board members and one pharmacy technician member. In Scotland, where there are no plans for pharmacy technicians to be regulated by the Society, all 12 elected places will be filled by pharmacists. Five of the 11 places for pharmacists in England will be reserved for representatives of the five main areas of practice.

All candidates must be on the practising register. A candidate in Scotland or Wales must have a registered address in that country. A candidate for the English board must live or work wholly or mainly in England but may have a registered address elsewhere in Britain.

Members of Council are not eligible to seek election to the Scottish or Welsh board.

The deadline for receipt of nomination forms and supporting material is noon on Friday 3 November. Nomination forms, a candidates' pack and further information about election to the boards, can be obtained from the relevant returning officer or can be found on the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org).

An individual's address as registered at 5pm on 16 November will determine which election that elector may vote in. It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 8 December, and voting will close at noon on Friday 12 January 2007.

Once their 12 elected members are in place, the Scottish and Welsh boards will each be able to co-opt a further three members, should they so wish.

In England, there will be no co-options. The 12 elected members will be joined by the pharmacist member of Council who represents the constituency of England, the Isle of Man and the Channel Islands — currently Jonathan Buisson — plus one further pharmacist member of Council and one lay member

of Council, both appointed by the Council. At its special meeting in September, the Council rejected a suggestion that it should make those appointments ahead of the board elections (*PJ*, 23 September, p376).

The President's appeal for candidates has been echoed by the chairmen of the Society's current structures in Scotland and Wales.

Peter Jones, chairman of the Society's Welsh Executive, said: "The establishment of the national pharmacy board for Wales is the culmination of years of hard work and will help ensure that the Society has the appropriate structures and processes in place to fully maximise the opportunities that devolution brings.

"It is important that we all make the most of this exciting new opportunity. People often think that this sort of thing is not for them, but but that really couldn't be further from the truth. The forthcoming election provides a unique opportunity for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to shape the future of their profession and I urge pharmacists and pharmacy technicians across Wales to think about the contribution they can make and to consider standing for election."

The chairman of the Society's Scottish Executive, Rose Marie Parr said: "This is a momentous time for the Society and for pharmacy in Scotland. The announcement of the start of the election process to the boards — and from my perspective, of course, to the Scottish board in particular — should be seen as the commencement of a new era for the profession and for the Society.

"The elections are an opportunity for individuals with passion and a commitment to driving forward pharmacy in Scotland to grasp the thistle and truly engage with the policy making process. I would encourage as many people as possible that want to deliver change from the inside to come forward and stand for election."

Jonathan Buisson — the only person whose seat on a national board is guaranteed (see above) — said: "Many people see devolution as something for Scotland and Wales that does not affect England. Devolution affects England too, because pharmacy is changing rapidly and is moving in a different direction here.

"We want people who want to make change happen to stand for election. The board will only be as good as the people on it. Please get involved."

This week

Pharmacy board elections

The Society has announced the first elections of pharmacists and pharmacy technicians to serve on the new national pharmacy boards for England, Scotland and Wales (p429); launching the board elections, the President has called for the nomination of "natural leaders" to serve on the boards (p431); Official Notices (p432).

CPD conference identifies problems with online records



A Royal Pharmaceutical Society regional conference with a focus on continuing professional development (CPD) has identified barriers to completing CPD records online.

The West Midlands event, held on 1 October, included an address by Peter Wilson, head of the Society's postregistration division, and workshops run by three Society CPD facilitators to help members review their CPD participation. The workshops included an opportunity to make CPD entries on computer.

The free conference attracted more than 100 pharmacists. Regional chairman Bob Saunders said: "The workshops enabled us to speak to local pharmacists and find out what the real barriers are to them completing their CPD records online. The clear message was that delegates were finding it difficult to find the time to input their entries and some were having problems using the website and the desktop CPD tool. This feedback has been passed on to the Society and shows the level of interest in CPD as a subject."

Dr Wilson said that the Society has provided a great deal of CPD support to pharmacists and more than 21,500 have used the CPD website. The Society will work hard to engage those who have yet to start their CPD. Information is available via the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org).

The photograph shows facilitator Raminder Sihota helping delegates during a CPD workshop.

Law and ethics bulletin

Sale of paracetamol

In the light of a recent study of individuals admitted to hospital for acute paracetamol overdose (*Postgraduate Medical Journal* 2006; 82:520), pharmacists are reminded of the need to exercise their professional judgement when they meet requests for large quantities of paracetamol.

Restrictions on the pack sizes of non-effervescent tablets or capsules of paracetamol available from both pharmacy and non-pharmacy premises were introduced in 1998 following changes to legislation. The changes were designed to improve the safety of over-the-counter painkillers because of concern about the number of deaths and serious morbidity connected with overdosing and evidence that many people who intentionally overdose use products that are readily available in the home.

The Medicines (Sale or Supply) (Miscellaneous Provisions) Regulations 1980, as amended, limits the pack size of non-effervescent paracetamol products. Pharmacies may not sell packs containing more than 32 non-effervescent tablets or capsules and may not lawfully supply more than 100 non-effervescent tablets or capsules, or a combination of both, to any one person at any one time.

Pharmacists are advised to use their professional judgement when meeting a request for large quantities of paracetamol. The appropriateness

of supplying more than one pack of 32 paracetamol tablets or capsules should be assessed on a case-by-case basis and pharmacists must be satisfied that a decision to supply, or indeed refusal to supply, large quantities of paracetamol is in the individual's best interests. Pharmacy staff must be appropriately trained to deal with requests for large quantities of paracetamol and able to recognise when referral to the pharmacist may be necessary.

Products containing citronella oil or eucalyptus oil

Citronella oil and eucalyptus oil (among other active substances) have been "identified" under the Biocidal Products Directive (BPD)(98/8/EC), which means that biocidal products containing those active substances had to be removed from the EU market by 1 September and cannot be stored for any purpose (except for export and disposal).

The Health and Safety Executive website (www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/issues.htm) provides further information and has a list of biocidal products currently approved under the Control of Pesticides Regulations that are affected. Pharmacists are advised to check the list and remove from sale biocidal products containing citronella oil or eucalyptus oil (www.hse.gov.uk/biocides/listbpappcopr.pdf).

There will be no phased withdrawal as it was the industry's responsibility to ensure that no

biocidal products containing such active substances remained on the EU market after 1 September. Pharmacists should contact the suppliers of biocidal products affected by this for further advice.

For further advice, the HSE can be contacted (tel 0151 951 3535; e-mail biocides@hse.gsi.gov.uk).

Strychnine no longer approved for mole control

Pharmacists are reminded that since 1 September 2006, strychnine is no longer approved for purchase or use for mole control. Therefore no supplies for this intended use should be made.

Strychnine is classified as "Special Waste" and to dispose of unwanted stock appropriately, the local Environmental Agency should be contacted. Consignment notes will have to be completed before it can be removed and there may be a charge for the removal. If stock is accepted back from authorised users for destruction, the pharmacist would be responsible for ensuring it was disposed of as special waste and would incur the costs.

Pharmacists, however, are not required to take strychnine back from authorised users. It is the user's responsibility to arrange the safe disposal through a licensed waste collector. (*PJ* 2005:275:360.)

Further information is available from the Pesticides Directorate website (www.pesticides.gov.uk/approvals.asp?id=1475).

MEP: October amendments

In the first issue of each month, *The Journal* updates the guidance on the legal status of medicines published in the 30th edition of 'Medicines, ethics and practice: a guide for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians'. A

product's legal status can be obtained by consulting first the amendment list and then the guide. The abbreviations used in the list are explained in the key to annotations in the body of the guide (p33).

Human medicines

Abilify tablets entry should read: Abilify preparations POM

Acomplia tablets POM

Anadin Ultra Double Strength capsules P

Baraclude tablets POM

Clairette 2000/35 POM

Clenil Modulite inhaler POM

Competact tablets POM

Detrunorm XL capsules

POM

DulcoEase capsules GSL

Evoltra solution for infusion

POM

Evotrox oral solution POM

Exjade dispersible tablets

POM

Exubera insulin POM

Metोजect injections POM

Metsol oral solution POM

Nexavar tablets POM

Nicorette microtab entry

should read: Nicorette

Microtab GSL

Preatact POM

Prialt solution for infusion

POM

Sutent capsules POM

Tysabri solution for infusion

POM

Number of registered technicians reaches 4,000

The number of names on the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's voluntary Register of Pharmacy Technicians has reached 4,000.

The Society's head of support staff regulation, Janet Flint, says: "Joining the register before it becomes compulsory is the conscientious thing to do and it helps the whole profession of pharmacy move forward at a critical time in its development."

Pharmacy technicians interested in registration can contact the Support Staff Section, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2610; e-mail pharmacytechnician@rpsgb.org). Registration application packs can be obtained from the same source or from the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org).

National boards: your country needs YOU!

The President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, **Hemant Patel**, announces the launch of the first elections for the Society's national pharmacy boards for England, Scotland and Wales and calls for nominations for service as members of the new boards

Have you ever felt that you have something more to contribute to your profession? Would you like more of a role in the leadership of pharmacy practice development in your country? If so, this week marks the start of a new era.

After all the planning, consultation and fine-tuning, I am truly delighted to announce the first elections to the Welsh, Scottish and English pharmacy boards of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (Official Notices, p432). One way and another it has taken a huge, concerted effort to get to this point — an effort that demonstrates the Society's commitment to meeting the needs of devolution.

All the elected places for each pharmacy board are vacant in this first election, so this really is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape your profession. I would like to encourage as many of you as possible to put your names forward.

Fine, you may be thinking, but how will I know if this is the right step for me? I hope that this article will give you a few pointers on that front.

Background

First of all, I would like to summarise the background to all this.

Political devolution was introduced in the UK in 1999. Certain powers, including those concerned with health care, have been transferred away from Westminster to the Scottish Parliament and Welsh Assembly, leading to unique and different relationships between the devolved administrations and Westminster. Policy divergence is occurring now, and is expected to increase, particularly if or when different political parties control the various administrations. There are now

three health departments for England, Wales and Scotland and each has its own strategy for pharmacy.

In the summer of 2004, the Society began a broad review of its functions, structures and ways of working to ensure that we could meet the needs of devolution. The main recommendation made by Lord Fraser and his Devolution Review Group was to establish national boards in England, Scotland and Wales. After consultation with the membership and other stakeholders, the Society's Council accepted this recommendation in August 2005.

Remit

The remit of the devolved boards is set out in the Panel below.

For many years, we have had executives in Scotland and Wales to support the work of the Society in these countries. The Scottish and Welsh pharmacy boards will have wider remits and powers than the executives and are not simply a new name for the executives.

The English Pharmacy Board is new. In the past, the Practice Committee has dealt with issues affecting England alone. The English Pharmacy Board will give a new focus for the Society's professional leadership and development role in England and will bring a uniquely English perspective to the Society's work.

Although the Council remains the governing body of the Society accountable for the discharge of all the Society's functions, it should not interfere with the working of the boards unless it has good reason to do so.

Natural leaders

So what sort of person do we need to serve on the boards? Given the remit of the boards, I think we are looking for practitioners with a sound professional reputation — natural leaders for what is a leadership role. A thorough understanding of pharmacy policy and the wider health environment within your country would be an advantage.

Beyond that, each board member will bring his or her own knowledge and skills, and it would be the best possible start for these new structures if the different backgrounds and experience of board members were to provide a range of perspectives and a rounded picture in the board's debates. Communication with and about the profession will, of course, be a key activity for all board members.

It is not yet possible to give an accurate idea of how the boards will choose to carry out their work or of the time commitment involved. However, it is probably safe to assume that you will have at least six days a year



The President: "your chance to make a difference to your profession"

timetabled for board meetings and review days, together with preparation in your own time, and that this will increase over time as boards' work takes off. Attendance fees and expenses will be provided, in line with Society procedures.

New ground

The Society is breaking new ground with the creation of the national pharmacy boards, and so it is hard at this stage to say exactly how things will evolve. Furthermore, the three boards will not be constituted in exactly the same manner, nor will they have identical ways of working — that is devolution.

What I can say is that I expect the job of a board member to be a demanding and responsible one, but also one that is enjoyable and fulfilling. I hope very much that we get a wide range of candidates with a variety of skills, knowledge and background but, most importantly, with integrity, commitment and a real passion for their profession, so that the boards can hit the ground running.

The Official Notices explain how you can obtain nomination forms and candidate packs. These should answer many of your questions about who will be eligible, how to stand, and what board membership will involve.

Over the coming weeks you will see more articles from my colleagues in the three countries, setting out their plans and hopes for the future. For now, I would like to repeat my call for nominations. This is your chance to make history within your country and to make a difference to your profession.

Remit of the national pharmacy boards

1. Provide strategic leadership and support for pharmacy practice development in each country
2. Assist development of Council policy and its implementation in each of the countries and develop and implement policy specific to each
3. Promote the science and practice of pharmacy and its contribution to health
4. Provide advice to government and its agencies, NHS bodies, and other health and social care organisations in each country
5. Support the Society's branches
6. Support pharmacists in their professional roles

OFFICIAL NOTICES

Communications to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society should be addressed, unless otherwise stated, to: The Secretary and Registrar, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7735 9141; fax 020 7735 7629). Official Notices also appear in the Notice-Board section of PJ Online (www.pjonline.com/notices).

Elections to the English Pharmacy Board of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Nominations for election as pharmacist and pharmacy technician members of the English Pharmacy Board should be received (via post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by David Pruce, Returning Officer for England, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street London SE1 7JN, by noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

Vacancies Elections are being held for:

- (a) Six vacancies for pharmacists in unreserved places
- (b) Five vacancies for sectoral pharmacists; that is, one in each of the following sectors:
 - (i) Community
 - (ii) Hospital
 - (iii) Industrial
 - (iv) Academia
 - (v) Primary care/public health
- (c) One vacancy for a pharmacy technician.

Pharmacist candidates may be nominated for election in the unreserved category and/or in one sectoral category, should they so wish. No candidate may be nominated to more than one of the sectoral pharmacist places.

Eligibility A prospective candidate shall be eligible for election only if his or her name appears within part 1 (practising) of the relevant Society register and his or her address in that register is in Great Britain and he or she lives or works wholly or mainly in England.

A prospective candidate shall not be eligible if he or she has failed, by noon on Friday 3 November 2006, to pay any retention fee then due and payable by him or her to the Society.

Nominations Nominations for pharmacist candidates in the board election must be signed by 10 pharmacist nominators whose

registered addresses are in England.

Nominations for pharmacy technician candidates must be signed by one pharmacy technician nominator whose registered address is in England.

Nominees who are accepting nomination to the Board must enclose with the nomination form the declaration and undertaking for candidates for election to the board, duly signed, particulars of the extent and type of work undertaken by the candidate within and for the profession of pharmacy, a signed statement confirming that no Society retention fee or penalty due from the candidate remains unpaid, a declaration of relevant interests, and a declaration of any relevant adverse decisions, as shown in the statement of policy on election procedures.

The deadline for receipt of all the supporting material, including the candidate's details of professional qualifications, photograph and election statement, should he or she choose to provide them, is noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Returning Officer for England at the above address, or by e-mail to EPBelections@rpsgb.org. The nomination form and the guidance papers are also available from the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/).

A nomination may be withdrawn by notice in writing (not by e-mail) signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to the Returning Officer for England at the above address no later than noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

Timetable The electoral roll will be closed at 5pm on 16 November 2006. Only those pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are registered with the Society and whose registered addresses are in England at this time shall be entitled to vote in this election.

It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 8 December 2006. Completed voting forms must be returned by post to the Electoral Reform Ballot Services Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive not later than noon on Friday 12 January 2007.

David Pruce
Returning Officer for England

Elections to the Scottish Pharmacy Board of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Nominations for election as pharmacist members of the Scottish Pharmacy Board should be received (via post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by Lyndon Braddick, Returning Officer for Scotland, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 36 York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3HU by noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

Vacancies Elections are being held for 12 vacancies for pharmacists.

Eligibility A prospective candidate shall be eligible for election only if his or her name appears within part 1 (practising) of the Register of Pharmacists and his or her address in that register is in Scotland.

A prospective candidate shall not be eligible if he or she is a member of the Society's Council, or if he or she has failed, by noon on Friday 3 November 2006, to pay any retention fee then due and payable by him or her to the Society.

Nominations Nominations for pharmacist candidates in the Scottish Pharmacy Board election must be signed by five pharmacist nominators whose registered addresses are in Scotland.

Nominees who are accepting nomination to the board must enclose with the nomination form the declaration and undertaking for candidates for election to the board, duly signed, particulars of the extent and type of work undertaken by the candidate within and for the profession of pharmacy, a signed statement confirming that no Society retention fee or penalty due from the candidate remains unpaid, a declaration of relevant interests, and a declaration of any relevant adverse decisions, as shown in the statement of policy on election procedures.

The deadline for receipt of all the supporting material, including the candidate's details of professional qualifications, photograph and election statement, should he or she choose to provide them, is noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Returning Officer for Scotland at the above address, or by e-mail to SPBelections@rpsgb.org. The

nomination form and the guidance papers are also available on the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/).

A nomination may be withdrawn by notice in writing (not by e-mail) signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to the Returning Officer for Scotland at the above address no later than noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

Timetable The electoral roll will be closed at 5pm on 16 November 2006. Only those pharmacists who are registered with the Society and whose registered addresses are in Scotland at this time shall be entitled to vote in this election.

It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 8 December 2006. Completed voting forms must be returned by post to the Electoral Reform Ballot Services Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive not later than noon on Friday 12 January 2007.

Lyndon Braddick
Returning Officer for Scotland

Elections to the Welsh Pharmacy Board of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain

Nominations for election as pharmacist and pharmacy technician members of the Welsh Pharmacy Board should be received (via post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by Cath O'Brien, Returning Officer for Wales, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, Gloucester House, 14 Mount Stuart Square, Cardiff CF10 5DP by noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

Vacancies Elections are being held for:
 (a) 11 vacancies for pharmacists;
 (b) one vacancy for a pharmacy technician.

Eligibility A prospective candidate shall be eligible for election only if his or her name appears within part 1 (practising) of the relevant Society register and his or her address in that register is in Wales.

A prospective candidate shall not be eligible if he or she is a member of the Society's Council, or if he or she has failed, by noon on Friday 3 November 2006, to pay any retention fee then due and payable by him or her to the Society.

Nominations Nominations for pharmacist candidates in the Welsh

Pharmacy Board election must be signed by one pharmacist nominator whose registered address is in Wales. Nominations for pharmacy technician candidates must be signed by one pharmacy technician nominator whose registered address is in Wales.

Nominees who are accepting nomination to the board must enclose with the nomination form the declaration and undertaking for candidates for election to the board, duly signed, particulars of the extent and type of work undertaken by the candidate within and for the profession of pharmacy, a signed statement confirming that no Society retention fee or penalty due from the candidate remains unpaid, a declaration of relevant interests, and a declaration of any relevant adverse decisions, as shown in the statement of policy on election procedures.

The deadline for receipt of all the supporting material, including the candidate's details of professional qualifications, photograph and election statement, should he or she choose to provide them, is noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Returning Officer for Wales at the above address, or by e-mail to WPBelections@rpsgb.org. The nomination form and the guidance papers are also available from the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/).

A nomination may be withdrawn by notice in writing (not by e-mail) signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to the Returning Officer for Wales at the above address no later than noon on Friday 3 November 2006.

Timetable The electoral roll will be closed at 5pm on 16 November 2006. Only those pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are registered with the Society and whose registered addresses are in Wales at this time shall be entitled to vote in this election.

It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 8 December 2006. Completed voting forms must be returned by post to the Electoral Reform Ballot Services Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive not later than noon on Friday 12 January 2007.

Cath O'Brien
Returning Officer for Wales

Statutory Committee inquiries

There follows the outcome of recent inquiries heard before the Statutory Committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain on Monday 25 September, Tuesday 26 September, Wednesday 27 September and Thursday 28 September 2006:

1. Following the inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Omotayo Enitan Adekaiyaoja** (registration number 1062304), **Martyn James Hardy** (registration number 71137) and **Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd** (Identification number 1003528), the committee resolved to take no further action against Mr Hardy or Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd. In relation to Mr Adekaiyaoja, the committee resolved to direct the removal of his name from the Register. The committee found proved the Council's allegation that the supply of methadone mixture otherwise than in accordance with the direction on a prescription, a number of erroneous supplies by Mr Adekaiyaoja or while he was the pharmacist in charge, an erroneous supply of porcine isophane insulin 30/70 to a patient and a failure to deal with the error appropriately, and a poor understanding of diabetes and its treatment, amounted to misconduct. Under Section 11 of the Pharmacy Act 1954, the direction to remove Mr Adekaiyaoja's name from the Register is not to take effect until the expiration of a period of three months from the date on which notice of removal was given or in a case where an appeal has been brought against the direction, until the appeal is determined or withdrawn.
2. The inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Korush Jalali Farahani** (registration number 1067185) was adjourned to resume at a later date.
3. The committee adjourned the inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Samuel Edwin Ashby** (registration number R6879) to deliver its determination at a later date.

David Gomez
Secretary to the Statutory Committee

Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group and Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences

Symposium: Material functionality and fitness for purpose in solid dosage forms

- **Date:** Thursday 7 December 2006.
- **Venue:** Hesperia Victoria Hotel, 2 Bridge Place, London SW1V 10A.
- **Organisers:** Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group in association with the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences. The JPAG is sponsored by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society and the Royal Society of Chemistry.
- **Aim:** To explore the properties of active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients that must be controlled to make processes more reliable and efficient and products more effective; to consider the philosophy of the controls required.
- **Speakers:** To include Lesley Mackin (AstraZeneca), Bob Docherty (Pfizer Global R&D), Anthony Taylor (GlaxoSmithKline R&D), Steve Hammond (Pfizer Global Manufacturing), Rob Price (University of Bath), Graham Buckton (University of London), Kevin McGlue (Colorcon) and Joep Timmermans (Pfizer Global Manufacturing).
- **Follow-up:** A linked JPAG linked meeting in London on 2 and 3 May 2007 will cover the techniques used to measure and control material properties.
- **Fees:** Members of JPAG and other members of the Society or RSC £95; retired or unemployed members of the Society or RCS or bona fide students £25; others £150. All fees include registration, symposium documentation, morning coffee and lunch. A block booking can be arranged for students, including documentation but without lunch.
- **Further information:** Julie Churchill, 3rd Floor, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2261; fax 020 7572 2506; e-mail science@rpsgb.org). The symposium brochure is can also be downloaded from the science pages in the "World of pharmacy" section of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org).

DEATHS

Anderson Recently, Simon Lee Anderson, MRPharmS, aged 32, of 69 The Pastures, New Bold Green, Travers Entry, St Helens, Merseyside WA9 4ZA. Mr Anderson registered in 1999.

Burns On 21 August, Edwin James Burns, MRPharmS, aged 66, of Flat 4/8, 11 Prince Albert Road, Glasgow G12 9JX. Mr Burns registered in 1961. He was employed by, and subsequently became proprietor of, R. B. MacRae Pharmacy, in Glasgow.

Shaw Recently, John Alexander Magill Shaw, of Winnipeg, Canada. Professor Shaw registered in 1950 and retired from the register in 1999. Tribute, see below)

TRIBUTES

Shaw In a tribute to the late John Alexander Magill Shaw (see above) W.WOODSIDE writes: John Shaw graduated in pharmacy from Queen's University, Belfast, and after completing a master's degree moved to Scotland to take up a lectureship at the Royal College of Science and Technology, Glasgow. While there, he graduated PhD from Glasgow University. In 1961 he was appointed head of the department of pharmacy at the Belfast College of Technology. In

1967 he moved to Canada to become professor of pharmacy at the University of Manitoba in Winnipeg, a post he held until retirement in 1992.

Professor Shaw was an accomplished teacher and won several awards, including the University of Manitoba's Olive Beatrice Stanton award for excellence in teaching. He is survived by his wife Ona, daughter Fiona, and sons Alan and Andrew. Deepest sympathy is extended to Ona and the family.

Direct debit

If you have not previously paid your Royal Pharmaceutical Society retention fee by direct debit and would like to do so, download a direct debit mandate form from www.rpsgb.org/registrationandsupport/registration/paymentoffees.html and return it to the Society's registration division by 31 October.

Direct debit is available to both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians but only for those on the practising registers.

DIARY

Headquarters meetings

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

Monday 9 October

Officers' Committee. 1pm.

Tuesday 10 October

Council meeting. 9am.
Council dinner. 8.30pm.

Wednesday 11 October

Council Meeting. 9am.

Local meetings

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

Monday 9 October

Derby "Heart failure" by Steven Burn (consultant cardiologist, Derby City General Hospital). Conference Room, Landau Forte College, Fox Street, Derby. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Nottingham "Influences on prescribing" by Peter Burrill (assistant director of public health and National Prescribing Centre Trainer, North Derbyshire Public Health Network). Foyer, School of Pharmacy (East Drive), University of Nottingham. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Tuesday 10 October

Leicestershire and Rutland "Palliative care" by Christina Faulk (consultant in palliative care) and Cynthia Ludford (NHS Security Management Service). Leicester College. Buffet 7pm, meeting 7.45pm.

Oxfordshire "Obesity" by Nicola James-Moore (community dietitian). George Pickering Postgraduate Centre, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital. Light refreshments 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Plymouth "Hot topics in cardiology" by Ian Cox (cardiologist, Derriford Hospital). Postgraduate Medical Centre, Derriford Hospital, Plymouth. Buffet 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

West Surrey "Influenza, avian influenza and pandemic influenza planning" by Bharat Pankhania (consultant in communicable disease control, Health Protection Agency, Thames Valley Health Protection Team). Park Room, Guildford College, Stoke Road. Buffet 7pm, meeting 8pm.

Wednesday 11 October

Bedfordshire "National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence

guidelines on adult nutrition" by Z. Ballard and "Wound dressings" by S. Shackleton. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm. LR7, Main Building, Cranfield University, Silsoe.

Southampton "Coronary heart disease update" by Nick Curzen (consultant cardiologist, Southampton University Hospitals NHS Trust). Rose Road Association, 300 Aldermeer Road. 7.30pm for 8pm.

West Cumberland "Countering fraud in the NHS" by Cheryl McAdams. Hundith Hill Hotel, near Cockermouth, followed by bar supper. 7.30pm.

Thursday 12 October

Buckinghamshire "Pharmacists with a special interest" by Beth Taylor (national project lead, NHS Primary Care Contracting Team). Postgraduate Centre, Stoke Mandeville Hospital. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Tuesday 17 October

Croydon "Glaucoma and dry eye conditions" by Dilo DeAlwis (consultant ophthalmologist). Postgraduate Medical Centre, Mayday Hospital. Buffet. 8pm.

Harrow and Hillingdon "Breast cancer update". Cumberland

Hotel, Harrow. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Reading "Diabetes" by Omar Ali (pharmacist, National Obesity Forum). Royal Berkshire Hospital, Trust Education Centre. 7.30 for 8pm.

Slough "Coronary heart disease update" by George Kassianos (GP, Bracknell). John Lister Postgraduate Centre, (Entrance 4) Wexham Park Hospital. Buffet 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.

Teesside "Prescribing issues in paediatrics" by Andrew Fall (consultant paediatrician, James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough). Parkmore Hotel, Eaglescliffe. Buffet. 7.30 for 8pm.

Wednesday 18 October

South Cheshire "Drugs in heart failure" by John Somauroo (consultant cardiologist, Countess of Chester Hospital). Fourways Hotel, Delamere. 7.30 for 8pm.

South Staffordshire "Risk in the pharmacy" by Pharmacists Defence Association speaker. Longford House, Cannock. 7 for 7.30pm.

South East Metropolitan "Pharmacists with special interests" by Beth Taylor (national development lead). The Clarendon Hotel, Montpellier Row, London SE3. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

The Diary

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 notify *The Journal* in good time about any programme changes and any essential meeting information that was not available when the card was printed.

Thursday 19 October

Chelmsford "Topic of the day" by Hemant Patel (President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society). Holiday Inn, Brentwood. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Dudley and Stourbridge "Epilepsy" by Roland Etti (consultant neurologist, Dudley Group of Hospitals NHS Trust). Dudley Clinical Education Centre, Russells Hall Hospital. 8pm.

Ipswich and Suffolk "Current treatment of rheumatoid arthritis" by David O'Reilly (consultant rheumatologist) and Ruth Slack (rheumatology nurse specialist). Lecture Theatre, Postgraduate Centre, West Suffolk Hospital. 7.30 for 8pm.

Wald of Kent "A day in the life of a cardiologist prescribing pharmacist" by Helen Williams (cardiology prescribing pharmacist, King's College Hospital, London). Ramada Jarvis Hotel, Pembury. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8.15pm.

PERSONAL

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Births

Jones Joanne (née Norman) (ex-Cardiff 1991-94) and Mark are delighted to announce the safe arrival of their beautiful son Finley James Richard on 2 August. Now at 17 Bryn Isaf, Llanelli, South Wales SA14 9EX.



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