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Science and practice chairmen announced for BPC 2008

The names of the science and practice chairmen for the British Pharmaceutical Conference 2008 have been announced by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

The science chairman will be Andrew Lloyd, professor of biomedical materials at the University of Brighton, and the practice chairman is to be Carmel Hughes, professor of primary care pharmacy at Queen's University Belfast.

Professor Lloyd, who is also dean of the faculty of science and engineering at Brighton, serves on several UK biomedical material committees. He is a member of the editorial boards of the *International Journal of Pharmaceutics*, the *Journal of Applied Biomaterials* and *Biomechanics and Expert Review of Medical Devices*. He is also an adviser for a number of pharmaceutical and medical device companies.

His multidisciplinary interests in pharmaceutical, chemical, materials and biological sciences are reflected in the 300 articles he has published. The many awards he has received in recognition of his work include the Society's BPC science award in 2000 and the Lilly Prize for pharmaceutical excellence in 1999.

Commenting on his appointment, Professor Lloyd says: "I am delighted and honoured to accept the appointment as the Science Chairman for the British Pharmaceutical Conference 2008. In seeking to develop novel biomedical materials for drug delivery and other medical applications I have, over the past 20 years, had the privilege of working closely with pharmaceutical scientists in both academia and industry. With my experience of working with industrialists, clinicians and scientists in this transdisciplinary field, I look forward to the challenge of providing an exciting and stimulating scientific programme to consider both the advances in fundamental pharmaceutical research and the translation of the outcomes of this research to the clinic in order to maximise their direct benefits to patients."



Andrew Lloyd: looking forward to providing an exciting science programme



Carmel Hughes: BPC is a good vehicle for promoting practice research

Professor Hughes is a member of the clinical and professional practice research group within the Queen's University school of pharmacy. Her research focuses on long-term care for the elderly, rational prescribing, the interface between GPs and pharmacists, and evidence-based health care.

Through controlled trials in nursing homes, she is currently undertaking studies to evaluate the impact of an infection control intervention. She will soon begin supervision of a PhD study into the potential impact of organisational culture on prescribing in nursing homes, which is being funded by the Society through its academic excellence awards.

Professor Hughes was the first pharmacist to be awarded a Harkness fellowship in health care policy and is currently the only pharmacist to have been awarded a national primary care career scientist award from the NHS Executive.

She was awarded the British Pharmaceutical Conference practice research medal at the BPC in 2001.

Commenting on her appointment as the BPC 2008 practice chairman, Professor Hughes says: "It is an honour to have been elected as the practice chairman for 2008. Pharmacy practice research has developed over the years in terms of quality and importance in health care research generally, and the British Pharmaceutical Conference is an excellent vehicle to promote and celebrate this research."

This week

■ BPC 2008 chairmen

At the 2008 British Pharmaceutical Conference, the science chairman is to be Andrew Lloyd of the University of Brighton and the practice chairman is to be Carmel Hughes of Queen's University Belfast (p61).

■ New Welsh office

Members are being invited to apply to attend a Welsh Pharmacy Board reception during which the Society's new office in Wales will be officially opened by the health minister in the Welsh Assembly Government (p61).

■ Practice research awards

Applications are being invited for practice research awards worth a total of £55,000 (p62).

■ Retention fees

Statutory demands will be issued next week to pharmacists who have not yet paid the 2007 retention fee (p62).

Members invited to attend opening ceremony for the Society's new Welsh office

Members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society are being invited to apply to attend a celebration of both the first meeting of the new Welsh Pharmacy Board and the opening of the Society's new headquarters for Wales.

The new premises, which the Society's Cardiff staff moved into last month (*PJ*, 16 December 2006, p754) will be officially opened on Tuesday 6 February by Brian Gibbons, AM, the Minister for Health and Social Services in the Welsh Assembly Government.

The opening ceremony will take place at 7.30pm and the Welsh Pharmacy Board will host a reception with buffet from 6.30pm onwards.

Places at the event are limited and will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Members interested in attending are asked to contact the Welsh Office by e-mail (wales@rpsgb.org).

The address of the new office is Unit 2, Ashtree Court, Woodsy Close, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Cardiff CF23 8RW. Its telephone number is 029 2073 0310 and the fax number is 029 2073 0311.

Applications are invited for the 2007 practice research awards

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust is inviting applications for 2007 pharmacy practice research awards worth £55,000 in total.

The practice research awards, which are administered by the trust on behalf of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, are intended to build research capacity in pharmacy practice. The trust has granted 11 awards since the scheme was established and it has funded research covering issues such as medication safety, patient attitudes, self-care, concordance and skill mix.

Pharmacists wishing to start or develop a research career are encouraged to apply. Awards are available for:

- Those requiring funding between PhD and postdoctoral grants
- Those requiring funding to go from MPhil to PhD
- Practitioners new to research
- PhD students requiring "research costs" to enhance their PhDs

The awards can also be used to fund new areas of research, such as pre-pilot and feasibility studies that would not be considered by other funding bodies.

Two types of practice research award are available — Galen awards and Sir Hugh Linstead fellowships. One or more Galen awards are made annually to a total value of £10,000 funded by a bequest by Rowland Henry Williams. One or more Linstead Fellowship are made annually to a total value of £45,000 funded by a grant from the Leverhulme Trade Charities Trust to support research relating to community pharmacy.

Dyfrig Hughes, who won a Galen award in 2004, said: "The Galen award has afforded me unrivalled personal and professional opportunities, provided both formal and informal training opportunities and enhanced my experience in the areas of community pharmacy and pharmacy practice research, an area in which there is a nationally identified gap."

Non-paying pharmacists to be issued with statutory demand

Pharmacists who have yet to make their 2007 retention fee payment will be sent a statutory demand next week.

The Society's head of registration, Andrew Gardner, says that every year several thousand pharmacists are so late in paying their fees that the Society has to invoke a requirement of the Byelaws and send a recorded delivery statutory demand for payment.

The statutory demand gives those who have not paid a final deadline. Those who fail

The practice research trust

The Pharmacy Practice Research Trust was established by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in 1999 as an independent research charity. Its broad objective is to promote and develop research relating to the practice of pharmacy. It aims to promote research that will enable policy makers, manufacturers, prescribers and others to better understand the people who use medicines and the contexts in which they do so.

As well as offering awards and bursaries, the trust, through its "Medicines and people" research programme, commissions research relating to the place of medicines in society and the practice of pharmacy. It also aims to stimulate debate and spread knowledge about medicines and the people who use and take them and to develop a new generation of academic leaders who can lead the debate and inform thinking, particularly within pharmacy.

The trust is governed by a board of trustees and managed by staff from the Society's research and development division. The trustees are drawn from among senior health policy makers, leading academics, industrialists and retailers.

The Society provides core funding for the trust as part of its investment in practice research.

The deadline for all completed applications for the awards is 25 May and it is expected that interviews will be held on 10 July 2007 at the Society's London headquarters.

Further details, application forms and guidance notes are available from Beth Allen, Research Programme Co-ordinator, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2466; e-mail beth.allen@rpsgb.org) or from the practice research awards page in the "Awards and scholarships" section of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/societyfunctions).

Brief information about the Pharmacy Practice Research trust is set out in the Panel. Further information is available from Beth Allen or the Society's website (see above).

to pay by the final deadline may be removed from the Register by the Council. Their names will be published in *The Journal* and they will be subject to a £540 penalty fee in addition to the annual retention fee if they wish to return to the register.

Pharmacists can make payment and obtain receipts online through the "Payment of fees" page in the registration section of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/registration and support).

Replica jars available for purchase from Museum

Hand-finished replicas of seven ceramic jars from the collections of the museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society are available for purchase from the Society:

- Leech jars — copies of a fine example of a 19th century glazed earthenware show jar for leeches, 15cm high with a circumference of 15.5cm, £50
- Drug storage jars — replicas of a pot used for storing candied orange peel, bearing the inscription "C: CORT: AUR", which is an abbreviation of the Latin "Conditus Cortex Aurantium", 16cm high, £56
- Syrup jars — copies of a jar bearing the inscription "S ROSAR. CU AG", an abbreviation of the Latin "Syrupus Rosaceus Solutivus cum Agarico" (solutive syrup of rose with agaric), 18cm high, £86
- Pill jars — replicas of a multicoloured jar bearing the date 1723 and the inscription "P COCH MAJ", an abbreviation of the Latin for cochia major pills, 8.5cm high, £25.
- Viper lozenge jars — copies of a late 17th century jar inscribed "T DE VIPER", an abbreviation of the Latin for viper lozenges, coral lozenges and extract of Peruvian bark, decorated in blue with Apollo and two peacocks, 8.5cm high, £25.
- Coral lozenge jars — replicas of a jar inscribed "T DE CARABE", an abbreviation of the Latin for coral lozenges, dated 1674 and with a design in blue showing an angel with outstretched wings, 8.5cm high, £25.
- Extract jars — copies of an 18th century jar inscribed "EXT CORT PERU", an abbreviation of the Latin for extract of Peruvian bark (cinchona) and decorated in blue with songbirds, 8.5cm high, £25.

The jars are available by mail order from the museum. Full details and an order form can be downloaded from the museum section of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/informationresources), which also has photographs of the jars. Alternatively, orders can be placed by contacting the museum (tel 020 7572 2210; e-mail museum@rpsgb.org).

The mail order postal charge within the UK is £22, which covers up to five leech or drug jars or two syrup jars. Postage charges for Europe and the rest of the world are given on the order form or are available by contacting the museum.

The jars and other merchandise, including cards and books, can also be bought in person from the library at the Society's headquarters during normal working hours.

DEATHS

Allen On 3 December 2006, John Arthur Allen, aged 85, of Hydref, 2 Llys Gwilim, Pentre, Llanrhaeadr, Denbigh, Clwyd, and formerly of Wistaston, Crewe. Mr Allen registered in 1944 and retired from the Register in 1985. (Tribute, Column 3.)

Chester On 15 December 2006, Peter Michael Chester, MRPharmS, aged 68, of Oakleigh, Millhouse Lane, Goole, North Humberside DN14 5JX. Mr Chester registered in 1960.

Forster On 18 December, John Edward Hall Forster, FRPharmS, aged 74, of North Court, North Road, Ponteland, Newcastle upon Tyne NE20 0AA, Mr Forster registered in 1954. He spent his career in pharmaceutical wholesaling with the family firm of Hall Forster & Co Ltd, becoming managing director. He was a long-serving council member of the National Association of Pharmaceutical Distributors and was its chairman for 1978–80. He was chairman of the Pharmaceutical Society's Northumbrian branch in 1967 and secretary of the local organising committee for the British Pharmaceutical Conference held in Newcastle in 1980. (Tribute, Column 4.)

Gray On 6 November 2006, Ann Maxwell Gray, aged 69 years, of 15 Woodcroft Drive, Eastbourne, East Sussex BN21 2XW. Miss Gray registered in 1962 and retired from the Register in 2005. She worked in a variety of employments,

including hospital pharmacy, community pharmacy and manufacturing, and ended her career in the pharmacy department of Eastbourne District General Hospital.

Jeffery On 17 December 2006, Herbert John Neville Jeffery, MRPharmS, aged 90, of Maniton, Camp Road, Ross-on-Wye, Herefordshire HR9 5NJ. Mr Jeffery registered in 1941.

Large On 24 December 2006, Marianne Large, of 283 Eaton Road, Liverpool L12 2AQ. Miss Large was a pharmacy graduate whose illness prevented her competing her preregistration year. (Tribute, p64.)

Levine On 11 December 2006, Seymour Levine, MRPharmS, aged 72, of 102 Spencer Close, Finchley, London N3 3TZ. Mr Levine registered in 1958.

Stow On 25 October 2006, Andrew Walter Stow, MRPharmS, aged 51, of 1 Rua Do Tassara, Coloane Village, Macau, China SAR. Mr Stow registered in 1978. He was president of the British Pharmaceutical Students Association for 1977–78. In 1980 he moved to Macau, initially working as a pharmacist and then as a discotheque manager. In 1989 he opened Lord Stow's Bakery, where he blended Portuguese and British culinary techniques to create a baked custard tart, the "Macau egg tart", that has acquired an international following. He was awarded a medal of merit in 2005 for promoting tourism in Macau.

TRIBUTES

Agnew In a tribute to the late Edward Agnew (*PJ*, 16 December 2006, p755), MALCOLM ESPLEY writes: I would like to pay tribute to my old friend Ted Agnew who died recently. I first met Ted in 1993 while working at Chirk and I was full of admiration for his dedication to pharmacy. He was popular with the patients and the Chirk doctors, who valued his expertise. Certainly he was held in high esteem and great affection. He was a lovely person and I treasured his friendship.

Allen In a tribute to the late John Arthur Allen (see Column 1), BRIAN COOPER writes: I met John Allen at the beginning of my professional career in 1959 when I joined Calmic as a new graduate. John was works manager of our small manufacturing unit, a job which he carried out with professional skill, good humour and a light but effective management style. The company in those days was fun to work for with a unique and idiosyncratic style, as those who were with us at the time will well remember.

John qualified from Liverpool during the war and for the last part of the war he served on troopships as a pharmacist. After demobilisation he worked in hospital pharmacy in Manchester and his home town of Wrexham, but in the early 1950s he joined Calmic, where he was at first responsible for product development and subsequently became works manager.

It was during this time that John met his future wife Peggy, who remained his constant companion and good friend for all of his life until she sadly died shortly before him. Their hospitality and sense of fun is remembered by all of their friends.

John retired from Calmic, which was by this time part of the Wellcome organisation, in 1979, but before long he was back working for Wellcome in Kenya as a consultant in its manufacturing organisation there. This began a love affair with Kenya for John and Peggy, which lasted for many years.

When they completely retired, John and Peggy moved to a small village in Denbighshire. Even though I had left Calmic many years before, my wife and I continued to visit them, enjoying their company and reminiscences.

John and Peggy had no children but they enjoyed strong ties with their families in North Wales and took a special interest in their

nephews. My wife and I felt privileged to know John and Peggy, we remember them with great affection and we offer our deep condolences to their families.

Forster In a tribute to the late John Edward Hall Forster (see Column 1), HUGH BUTLER writes: John Forster came from a family of pharmacists. His grandfather started the family company, Hall Forster & Co Ltd of Newcastle upon Tyne in 1908. His father Norman joined the company in 1927 after qualifying from Bloomsbury Square, and John in due course became chairman and managing director until his retirement on the sale of the business in 1994.

John took an active interest in almost every group involved in pharmaceutical wholesaling, where over some 40 years his experience and enthusiasm proved invaluable to the industry and to his colleagues.

After participation in the Northern Wholesale Druggists Association, John played an active part in the formation of the National Association of Pharmaceutical Distributors (now the British Association of Pharmaceutical Wholesalers) in 1966, and was chairman in 1978–80. He was a founder member of Onward Pharmaceutical Services Ltd, formed to act as a buying group and discussion forum for independent wholesalers and, in 1974, Hall Forster was one of the first wholesaler shareholders in NPU Marketing Ltd on the formation of the Care Chemists group, which afterwards became Numark. John was a director of Numark Management Ltd from 1976 to 1990 and chairman from 1985 to 1988.

John was also involved for a while with the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Wholesalers and learnt many new ideas, and formed lasting friendships, around the world.

It has been a great privilege and pleasure to have enjoyed John's friendship, and on many occasions, his support, over so many years. My thoughts are with Katy and John's family, to whom I send my sympathy and best wishes.

Iles In a tribute to the late John George Iles (*PJ*, 2 December 2006, p676), ANNE FELTON writes: John Iles came a little later than usual to pharmacy: his first degree was in physics, and mathematics was always one of his great interests. He was the son, grandson and father of pharmacists, and at one time there

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12th Arden House European Conference: Development and manufacture of parenteral dosage forms — quality and regulatory issues

- **Dates:** Monday 12 March to Wednesday 14 March 2007
- **Venue:** Royal Pharmaceutical Society headquarters, London
- **Content:** Best practices, challenges and trends associated with the development, manufacture and registration of parenteral products
- **Aim:** To provide an intensive course of study for pharmaceutical scientists in all aspects of the research and development, production, registration and licensing of parenteral dosage forms.
- **Topics:** The top issues for parenteral dosage form development; risk-based approach to development and manufacture; development and

- manufacture of biologicals; facilities, validation and plant design; packaging and devices; emerging new technologies; regulatory trends
- **Fees:** Members of the Society, APS or AAPs £1,433.50, others £1,504. Fee includes lunches, refreshments, course documentation and VAT
- **Further information:** Julie Churchill, Science Programme Manager, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2261; e-mail science@rpsgb.org). A symposium brochure and booking form can be downloaded from the "Events and meetings" page of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/worldofpharmacy).

were three related lles on the Register.

For many years he ran the old established family business in Highbury, and took an interest in pharmaceutical politics. He was a staunch supporter of the Pharmaceutical Society's North Metropolitan branch, holding all its offices over the years. He also had a session on Council, but was not impressed enough to seek re-election. After he retired he joined the British Society for the History of Pharmacy and was the treasurer for some years.

John also took interest in many other organisations, among them the London Society, and his local residents association, and he was always prepared to work for them. He was an excellent pianist and played the organ for his local church. The coming of the computer age fascinated him and he took full advantage of it, even to the extent of ceasing to buy newspapers, but reading them on line.

In all John was a well rounded character who will be missed by many people as well as his family.

Large In a tribute to the late Marianne Large (see p63), ALISON EWING, clinical director of pharmacy, Royal Liverpool and Broadgreen University Hospitals NHS Trust, writes: Despite having cystic fibrosis, Marianne Large completed her degree in pharmacy at Manchester University in 2004. She became a preregistration trainee at the Royal Liverpool Hospital in that year.

She was bright, enthusiastic and dedicated and, in spite of her enormous health problems, never complained and worked twice as hard to compensate. She was determined to achieve her objective of being a hospital pharmacist, but her health deteriorated and sadly she was unable to complete her preregistration year.

She was a shining example to us all of how to get on with living life no matter how difficult things become and I know that she influenced many people in a positive way. I am personally sorry she was not able to attain her MRPharmS — a title she would have been so proud of. The profession has been robbed of someone who would have been a superb pharmacist.

At her funeral, the priest summed Marianne up perfectly by quoting her motto for life: "Wash your hands to prevent the spread of germs and live your life to the full!"

My deepest sympathies go to her family, who supported her unflinchingly in achieving her goals throughout her illness.

DIARY

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 15 January

Bromley "Supplement or real food?" by Rona Mattis (dietitian). Froggnal Centre, Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup. Meal 7pm, meeting 8pm.

Tuesday 16 January

Brighton "Skin infections" by Charles Darley (consultant dermatologist, Brighton and Sussex University Hospital). Audrey Emerton Education Centre, Eastern Road, Brighton. Supper 7pm (advise secretary if wishing to eat), meeting 8pm.

Wednesday 17 January

Cheltenham and Gloucester "Hands on with inhalers". Sandford Education Centre, Keynsham Road, Cheltenham. Buffet 7pm, meeting 8pm.
Hertford "Counterfeit medicines" by Bob Berger (corporate security adviser). Glaxo SmithKline, Ware. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Thursday 18 January

West Hertfordshire "Dermatology" by Frances Tatnall (consultant dermatologist). Park Hall, Leyton Road, Harpenden. Light buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.
Chelmsford "Basic life support" by John Collins (St John Ambulance). Contact Paula Wilkinson (tel 01245 398727/516442) for venue.

Tuesday 23 January

Harrow and Hillingdon "Dermatology" by Dr Punjabi. Cumberland Hotel, Harrow. Light buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.
Slough "Obesity management" by Omar Ali (formulary pharmacist, Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust). John Lister Postgraduate Centre, (Entrance 4) Wexham Park Hospital. Buffet 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.
South Cheshire "Medicines and patient safety: our national challenge" by Linda Matthews (National Patient Safety Agency). Fourways Hotel, Delamere. 7.30 for 8pm.

Thursday 25 January

Cardiff and Vale of Glamorgan "Herceptin: Veni, vidi, vici?" by Ash Paul (Health Commission Wales). Welsh Office, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Unit 2, Ashtree Court,

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 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.

Woody Close, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Cardiff. Refreshments 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.
Reading "NHS Ombudsman" by Charles Butler. Boehringer Ingelheim, Bracknell. 7.30pm for 8pm.

PERSONAL

This column is intended for announcements of births, engagements, marriages, anniversaries, etc. The charge for an insertion is £25 for up to 30 words, and £10 for every additional 10 or fewer words. Personal cheques only (payable to *The Pharmaceutical Journal*) should be sent with the notice to the Editor, *The Pharmaceutical Journal*, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. The sender's address and membership number, if applicable, should be on the reverse of the cheque.

Retirement

Beaman Mike Beaman, chief pharmacist at the former North Hertfordshire and Stevenage PCT, has taken voluntary early retirement after over 37 years in the NHS. He will work independently but continue as a CPPE tutor. Contact details: 95 Mallon Dene, Rustington, West Sussex; tel 01903 783769; e-mail Beaman_mw@yahoo.co.uk.

Thanks

Davies Following the death of Professor David (Dai) Davies, *PJ*, 16 December 2006, p755, his wife Barbara and daughter Jane write: We have been overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and respect expressed in the hundreds of letters and cards of condolence and the many generous donations received in our sudden loss. Our most grateful thanks to you all and please know that this will sustain us in the months ahead.



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