



Council makes first Rules to implement Section 60 Order

The Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society has made Rules setting out much of the detail of how the requirements of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007 (pharmacy's Section 60 Order under the Health Act 1999) are to be implemented.

The Council made its decision at the **February Council meeting**, held a few days after the Section 60 Order was made by the Privy Council (*PJ*, 10 February, p153).

Among other things, the Rules set out the ways of working for the four new committees established by the Section 60 Order — the Investigating Committee, the Disciplinary Committee, the Health Committee and the Registration Appeals Committee.

The Rules are set out as schedules to three further Orders made by the Privy Council which come into force on 30 March. Transitional provisions apply to allegations being considered under the Society's existing fitness-to-practise machinery (see p229).

The Rules are essentially the same as the draft Rules on which the Society consulted last year (*PJ*, 17 June 2006, p733, 24 June 2006, p767, and 1 July 2006, p23). However, to minimise parliamentary time, the Department of Health decided that the six sets of Rules should be amalgamated into three: the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Registration) Rules 2007; the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Fitness to Practise and Registration Appeals Committees and Their Advisers) Rules 2007; and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Fitness to Practise and Disqualification etc) Rules 2007 (see Panel).

During the Council's discussion on the Rules, John Gentle commented that the Investigating Committee had to produce an annual report setting out trends, patterns and learning points. He hoped it would pass on learning points not only on an annual basis.

Mandie Lavin, the Society's Director of Fitness to Practise and Legal Affairs, said that she expected the continuation of current practice such as issuing Law and Ethics Bulletins about matters with which pharmacists were having difficulty. Nothing in the Rules would stop that. The difference was that there would now be a statutory duty to do it.

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This week

■ New Rules

The Society's Council has made three sets of Rules setting out how requirements of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007 are to be implemented, with one set covering registration matters and the other two concerned with fitness-to-practise procedures (p227); guidance has been issued on transitional arrangements applying to fitness-to-practise investigations (p229 and p230).

■ Fees for members within EEA

Under new Rules, the retention fee payable by members of the Society resident in an EEA country and not practising in Britain has been reduced from £112 to £64 to match the fee paid by non-practising members living in Britain (p228).

■ Welsh Pharmacy Board meeting

Communication was high on the agenda at the Welsh Pharmacy Board's recent first meeting (p229).

What is in the new Society's Rules?

Rules on registration

- Part 1: Preliminary matters, including the service of demands, etc
- Part 2: The form and keeping of the registers, including format and the recording of fitness-to-practise matters
- Part 3: Detailed provisions relating to applications for registration and Register annotations to denote supplementary and independent prescribers.
- Part 4: Procedure for dealing with fraudulent registration and registrants' failure to declare that their fitness to practise may have been impaired.
- Part 5: The appeals procedure for a range of appealable registration decisions.

Rules on constitution of fitness-to-practise and registration appeals committees and their advisers

- Part 1: Preliminary matters
- Part 2: Composition of the new committees: Investigating Committee, Disciplinary Committee, Health Committee and Registration Appeals Committee
- Part 3: Appointment and removal of committee members and advisers
- Part 4: Provisions relating to meetings and hearings, including administrative support, quorums, voting and measures to prevent bias
- Part 5: Functions of legal, clinical and other specialist advisers to the committees

Rules on fitness to practise and disqualification

- Part 1: Preliminary matters, including additional functions of the committees
- Part 2: Initial consideration of allegations by the Registrar
- Part 3: Consideration by the Investigating Committee
- Part 4: Initial stages of consideration of allegations by the Health Committee and Disciplinary Committee
- Part 5: Matters arising before and during hearings, including referral of allegations between committees, specialist advice, evidence and joint hearings
- Part 6: Conduct of meetings and hearings, including order of proceedings, postponement and adjournment, disposal of allegations without hearings, attendance of the public at hearings, representation at hearings, burden and standard of proof, witness evidence, protection of vulnerable witnesses, costs of hearings and transcripts of hearings.

February Council meeting

The Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society met in special session London on 15 February 2007. News about matters raised at the meeting appears on this page and the following page. These report will be supplemented in due course by a verbatim transcript of the meeting's open sessions published on the Society's website along with relevant agendas, supporting papers and minutes.

Attendance Those present at the meeting were the President (Hemant Patel), the Vice-President (Gerald Alexander), the Treasurer (John Jolley), Martin Astbury, Jonathan Buisson, David Carter, Brian Curwain, Stephen Denyer, Dorothy Drury, Phillida Entwistle, John Gentle, John Hanlon, Sylvia Hinks, Corinne Hunt, Lorna Jacobs, Ray Jobling, Lesley Morgan, Colin Ranshaw, Marcia Saunders, Douglas Simpson, David Thomson and the Secretary and Registrar (Ann Lewis). Also present were the chairman of the Society's Scottish Executive (Rose Marie Parr) and the chairman of the Welsh Pharmacy Board (Peter Jones).

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Seema Agha, Sultan Dajani, Davan Eustace, Andrew Gush, Alan Kershaw, Bob Michell, Graham Phillips, Michael Schofield and Stephen Wells.

Members in Europe can now pay non-practising fee

New Rules setting out the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's fees relating to registration include a reduced retention fee for members who live in other European Economic Area countries and do not practise in Britain.

Once the Rules come into force in April, all such members will pay the £64 fee that currently applies only to non-practising pharmacists resident in Britain. The Rules, approved at the **February Council meeting**, otherwise set out the fees that were incorporated into the Society's Byelaws in October 2006 after a period of consultation. Other members outside Britain will continue to pay

the "overseas (non-practising in Great Britain)" fee of £112.

The reduced fee cannot be applied retrospectively and will therefore apply only to pharmacists applying for registration or being restored to the Register from April onwards.

The change has been made on the advice of the Department of Health. Under EU law, it is unlawful to discriminate between residents in Britain and other EU residents in Part 2 of the Society's Register. The current fee differential — which was agreed by the Privy Council when it approved the Byelaw changes in October 2006 — is based in part on the cost of sending *The Pharmaceutical*

Journal to overseas registrants. However, the Department has advised that, based on current postage costs within the EU, the Society would be vulnerable to legal challenge on this issue.

The fees are set out in the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Fees in Respect of Registration) Rules 2007, which are among several sets of Rules made at the February Council meeting to meet a requirement of the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007. Unlike the other new Rules (see p227), the Rules on fees do not have to be approved by the Privy Council.

Martin Astbury and Seema Agha appointed to English Pharmacy Board

At the **February Council meeting**, the Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society appointed Martin Astbury and Seema Agha to complete the membership of the English Pharmacy Board.

In the election of a pharmacist Council member resident in England to serve on the board, Mr Astbury, nominated by Brian Curwain, was the only candidate.

In the election of a lay Council member resident in England to serve on the board, there were two candidates. Ms Agha was

nominated by John Gentle and Ray Jobling was nominated by Marcia Saunders. On a vote, Ms Agha was elected.

Both appointments to the national board are for three years or until the appointee ceases to be a Council member, whichever is the earlier.

Ms Saunders asked whether it was possible to appoint a deputy for the lay member of Council. If the pharmacist Council member was unable to attend, there would at least be other pharmacists there, but if the lay Council

member was unable to attend, there would be no other lay member there.

The Society's head of corporate governance, Christine Gray, said that there was no provision for deputies in the regulations, although it would be open to the board to invite another lay person along for a specific meeting, if it chose to do so. The Council had agreed to review the regulations after three years, and that would give an opportunity to introduce a provision for deputies, should the Council so wish.

Report identifies requirements of future role for pharmacists working in pharmaceutical industry, higher education and private health care

Specific future role requirements of pharmacists working in the pharmaceutical industry, higher education and private health and social care are identified in the final report in the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's "Competencies of the future pharmacy workforce" series.

The report is part of a programme to identify the knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviour needed by pharmacists for their future roles. This final phase focuses on three of the smaller sectors of the profession and identifies the need for pharmacists in these sectors to acquire new areas of skills, and new requirements for pharmacy education and training.

The report identified a number of role developments that create new requirements of pharmacists working in the industry, academic and private health care. Although most of these were sector-specific, it was found that pharmacists in all three sectors share a need for:

- A continued focus on the appropriate and effective use of medicines
- An awareness of pharmacy practice in all the main sectors
- Working across professions, organisations and sectors
- Processes for quality assurance; business and commercial skills
- Up-to-date scientific knowledge

Sector-specific requirements for pharmacists working in industry are a broad understanding of the policy and regulatory context in which the industry operates, a good scientific and clinical knowledge and a familiarity with processes relating to development, production, marketing and sales of pharmaceuticals.

For academic pharmacists, sector-specific requirements include skills and knowledge of practice-based teaching methods, strong research skill and a knowledge of process for audit and quality assurance of teaching and research.

For those working in private health care, sector-specific requirements are strong clinical skills, including communication skills, an understanding of the principles of patient-centred care and competence in budget and financial management.

The full report is available on the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org). It can be accessed from the home page via the "Download documents" link, indexed under "Policy".

Commenting on the report's publication, the chairman of the Society's Education Committee, Graham Phillips, said: "At a time when pharmacy is becoming much more prominent in the forefront of health care delivery, and pharmacists diversify into new activities and expanding job roles, it is increasingly important to establish a shared sense of belonging to a unified profession. We must identify and reinforce those professional values and objectives, which are shared by all pharmacists — regardless of where they work or their day-to-day activities."

Mr Phillips added: "The findings of this report fit nicely with a number of other initiatives from the Society. The ongoing education review and the new Section 60 Order both point to common professional values such as good communication skills, and effective group and interprofessional working. The report confirms that these values are just as important in the pharmaceutical industry, higher education, and private health care as they are in other sectors of pharmacy."

Welsh board seeks to strengthen communications

Efforts to improve the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's communications in Wales were made at the first meeting of the Society's new Welsh Pharmacy Board, held on 7 February.

The board agreed to establish a Communications and Public Affairs Group, which would be reviewed in January 2008. The group would be chaired by the vice-chairman. Its other members would be the chairman and two board members. Richard Evans and Diane Heath were elected to the places for board members.

Discussing a draft communications and public affairs plan for 2007, the board agreed that a number of comments should be discussed at the first CPAG meeting, on 15 March. A final draft of the plan would then be sent out to the board for ratification.

It was agreed that engagement with patient and voluntary organisations should be strengthened by nominating board members to key organisations to develop stronger links and to promote ongoing working relationships with these bodies.

It was also agreed that board members would attend all four political party conferences in Wales in the spring, as follows: Labour (Llandudno, 22–24 February), Carwyn Jones; Conservative (Cardiff, 3–4 March), Alan Crabbe; Liberal Democrat (Swansea, 9–11 March), Jodine Evans; Plaid Cymru (Caernarfon, 24–26 March), Carwyn Jones.

The board also agree to improve its engagement with the Society's branches in Wales by aligning one board member with each of the 10 branches. In the first instance, contact would be made by telephone to establish how



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active each branch was and to obtain a brief verbal report on activities. This would facilitate further discussion by the board.

Election of officers The board began its meeting by adopting the Society's national boards governance handbook and then electing a chairman and vice-chairman in accordance with procedures set out in the handbook.

In the election of a chairman, Peter Jones was the only candidate. He was nominated by Phil Parry and seconded by Richard Evans. In the election of a vice-chairman, there were two nominations. David Temple was nominated by Rowena McArtney and seconded by Alan Crabbe. Marc Donovan was nominated by Fiona Price and seconded by Diane Heath. After the two candidates had been given an opportunity to explain why they wished to be considered for the position, Mr Donovan was elected by eight votes to three.

Meetings and events The board agreed that no annual meeting of the members in Wales would take place in 2007. Instead, ideas

would be developed for an event in spring 2008 that would enable greater participation and involvement for all members in Wales.

The board was advised that the meeting had never been particularly successful, typically attracting only about 40 members, including members of the former Welsh Executive. It was agreed that the CPAG would look in details at ideas for engaging with the members in Wales and would bring proposals back to the board.

The board agreed that the annual meeting for secretaries of branches and pharmacy development groups should continue as planned for 3 May, with a review following the meeting to consider the purpose and structure of future meetings.

It was also agreed to hold a dinner for key stakeholders in Wales in June.

February board meeting

Attendance Present at the meeting were the chairman (Peter Jones), the vice-chairman (Marc Donovan), Alan Crabbe, Jodine Evans, Richard Evans, Diane Heath, Carwyn Jones, Alan Kershaw, Rowena McArtney, Phil Parry, David Temple, Fiona Price and Cath O'Brien (Director for Wales).

Apologies Apologies for absence were received from Mair Davies, Hemant Patel (President of the Society) and Colin Ranshaw (Council member and ex-officio board member). **Guests** Present by invitation were Alan Hughes (Clwyd branch), Gemma Inkpen (Cardiff and Vale branch) and Lesley Morgan (member of Council).

Guidance on fitness-to-practise changeover

Guidance has been prepared by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society on transitional arrangements for the changeover to the new fitness-to-practise machinery that comes into force on 30 March through Rules made under the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007 (see p227).

The guidance (see p230) says that allegations referred to the Statutory Committee before 30 March will be considered in accordance with the current Rules. If the chairman has ordered an inquiry and a date has

been fixed, then the Statutory Committee will hold the inquiry. If a date has not been fixed, then the new Disciplinary Committee will hold an inquiry under the current Rules.

Allegations that have not been referred to the Statutory Committee by 30 March, and all new allegations after that date, will be considered under the new Rules by the Disciplinary Committee or the Health Committee.

All applications for restoration to the register after a striking-off will be considered by the Disciplinary Committee under the new Rules.

Logos approved for Society's national pharmacy boards

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society's three national pharmacy boards have been provided with logos based on the Society's corporate design.

The logo for the Welsh Pharmacy Board appears at the top of this page, accompanying a report on the board's first meeting. The other logos are similar but with the words "English Pharmacy Board" in white on a red

bar or "Scottish Pharmacy Board" in white on a dark blue bar.

When two boards work together on a project, their logos can be combined by adding the second board's coloured bar to the first board's logo.

There is also a version of the Welsh logo that includes the Society's name in Welsh, as well as the board's name.

International achievement award nomination sought

Nominations for the 2007 GlaxoSmithKline international achievement award are now being sought by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. The winner will receive £1,000 and be invited to give a lecture at the British Pharmaceutical Conference in Manchester in September.

The award recognises researchers who have demonstrated a substantial advancement in the application of scientific knowledge within the pharmaceutical sciences. Previous winners of the award are Hans Lennernäs (Uppsala University), Patrick Couvreur (Université Paris-Sud), William Charman (Monash University, Victoria), Bob Langer (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), Sandy Florence (University of London), Peter Byron (Virginia Commonwealth University), a team led by Martyn Davies (University of Nottingham), Chris McGuigan (Cardiff University), Clive Wilson (University of Strathclyde) and Ruth Duncan (Welsh School of Pharmacy).

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Fitness to practise transitional arrangements

On 7 February 2007, the Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians Order 2007 ("the Order") received royal assent. On 30 March 2007, the new fitness to practise provisions of the Order, and new fitness to practise Rules, will come into force.

Schedule 2 of the Order sets out detailed transitional provisions that will apply to allegations being considered under the Society's existing fitness to practise machinery when the new provisions come into force, and to new allegations notified to the Society after 30 March 2007. This note sets out the transitional provisions in broad terms, but it is not a substitute for reading the Order.

Allegations referred by the Infringements Committee to the Statutory Committee before 30 March 2007

All allegations referred to the Statutory Committee before 30 March 2007 will be dealt with in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Infringements Committee) Rules 2005, the regulations governing the procedures of the Statutory Committee (SI 1978/20), and the Pharmacy Act 1954 ("the old Rules").

If an inquiry has been ordered by the chairman of the Statutory Committee, and a date has been appointed for holding that inquiry, the current Statutory Committee will consider the matter in accordance with the provisions of the old Rules.

If a day has not been appointed for holding that inquiry, the new Disciplinary Committee shall dispose of the inquiry in accordance with the old Rules.

As both the Statutory Committee and the new Disciplinary Committee will be able to hear cases under the old Rules, the Society will be able to speed up the consideration and disposal of old cases in the system.

Allegations that have not been referred to the Statutory

Committee by 30 March 2007 and new allegations which are notified to the Society after that date

Any allegation that has not been referred to the Statutory Committee by 30 March 2007, and all new allegations notified to the Society after that date will be considered under the Society's new fitness to practise machinery, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Order and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain (Fitness to Practise and Disqualification etc.) Rules 2007 ("the 2007 Rules").

Applications for restoration All applications for restoration following a direction for removal from the Register, will be considered by the new Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Order and the 2007 Rules.

Under the Order, a person whose name has been removed from the Register by the new Disciplinary Committee in accordance with the 2007 Rules, will not be allowed to apply for restoration until the expiry of a period of five years from the date of the decision.

However, this provision will not apply to the first application for restoration made by a person whose name was removed from the Register under the old Rules.

Features of the new fitness to practise scheme

The Order establishes three new statutory committees: the Investigating Committee, the Health Committee and the Disciplinary Committee. These committees will begin to operate after 30 March.

The current Statutory Committee will continue until it has heard all outstanding inquiries which must be disposed of under the old Rules. The last meeting of the Infringements Committee will be held on 26 March 2007.

Under the old Rules, the Society was only able to consider allegations of misconduct. Under the new scheme introduced by the Order, the Society will be able to consider a wider range of allegations, including those that relate to a registrant's health.

The new scheme will also provide the Society's new statutory committees with a wider range of sanctions and options for disposal. The new Investigating Committee will have the power, in certain circumstances and where the allegation is admitted, to accept written undertakings.

In addition to the power to make interim orders in very serious cases, the new Disciplinary and Health Committees will have the power to impose conditions on registration, and to suspend a person's name from the Register for a period of up to one year, as well as the power to direct removal from the Register.

A feature of the new fitness to practise machinery is a firm commitment to case management procedures. The new committees, and the existing Statutory Committee will have a new power to award costs against either party to the hearing.

The Society is in the process of updating its fitness to practise guidance documents and the Society's website will be updated in due course.

Ann Lewis Registrar

Council election 2007

Six unreserved places for elected pharmacists and one place for an elected pharmacy technician will become vacant on the Society's Council in May 2007. Nominations for election to these vacancies should be received (by post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by the Head of Corporate Secretariat, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High

Street, London SE1 7JN, by noon on Friday 2 March 2007.

Nominations for the pharmacist places in this election must be signed by 10 pharmacist nominators. Nominations for the pharmacy technician place must be signed by five pharmacy technician nominators.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Head of Corporate Secretariat (tel 020 7572 2204; e-mail averil.ridgway@rpsgb.org). The nomination forms and the guidance papers are also available from the Council election page in the "Society functions" section of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/societyfunctions).

Ann Lewis Secretary and Registrar

NOTE: For a more detailed version of this notice, see recent issues of The Journal or PJ Online (www.pjonline.com/notices).

Hospital Pharmacists Group Committee Election 2007

Nominations are invited from members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Hospital Pharmacists Group for candidates to stand for election to the committee.

There are vacancies for two committee members to represent England.

Candidates must be group members resident in England and may be nominated only by group members also resident in England.

Nominations should be submitted to Robert Clayton, secretary to the Hospital Pharmacists Group, at the Society's headquarters, and should be received by 17 March 2007.

Nominations need not be made on a special form. The proposer should state his or her registered

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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:** Current best practices, challenges and trends associated with the development, manufacture and registration of parenteral products

■ **Topics:** 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:** £995, including lunches, refreshments, course documentation and VAT. In addition, any company or institution that pays for five delegates can now send a sixth delegate free of charge.

■ **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). Symposium brochure and booking form can be downloaded from the "Events and meetings" page of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/worldofpharmacy).

name, registered address and registration number. The nominee must submit confirmation that he or she is agreeable to the nomination.

If more candidates are nominated than there are places to fill, an election will be carried out by postal ballot in April 2007. Only members of the group living in England will be eligible to vote for two committee members to represent England. Candidates will be required to submit a statement of policy amounting to no more than 200 words.

As the reforms of the Society stemming from the new Royal Charter and the proposed revisions of the legislative framework are agreed and implemented, the committee, advisory and interest group structures supporting the Council will also be reviewed. This may, depending on the timing and the outcomes of the review, impact on the terms of office that members elected to the Hospital Pharmacists Group Committee in this election are asked to serve. However, the period of service should not be longer than the three years stated in the group's constitution and might possibly be shorter.

Robert Clayton
Secretary to the Hospital Pharmacists Group

Industrial Pharmacists Group Committee election 2007

Nominations for election as members of the Industrial Pharmacists Group Committee should be received by the secretary of the group on or before 16 March 2007. Each nomination in the election must be signed by at least five members of the Industrial Pharmacists Group.

As the reforms of the Society stemming from the new Royal Charter and the proposed revisions of the legislative framework are agreed and implemented, the committee, advisory and interest group structures supporting the Council will also be reviewed. This may, depending on the timing and the outcomes of the review, impact on the terms of office that members elected to the Industrial Pharmacists Group Committee in this election are asked to serve. However, the period of service should not be longer than the three years stated in the group's constitution and might possibly be shorter.

Nominees who are accepting nomination to the Industrial Pharmacists Group Committee are asked to enclose with the nomination form their biographical details, and a statement of policy amounting to no more than 200 words.

Nomination forms are available from Sadia Khan, Industrial Pharmacists Group secretary, at the Society's headquarters. The election will be conducted using the single transferable vote system. Voting papers will be sent to all members of the Industrial Pharmacists' Group in mid-April. The closing date for the receipt of voting papers will be noon on 12 May 2007.

Sadia Khan
Secretary, Industrial Pharmacists Group

GSK international achievement award 2007

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is inviting nominations for the 2007 GlaxoSmithKline international achievement award, the winner of which will be invited to attend the British Pharmaceutical Conference in September to give a special lecture.

The award recognises an individual or a team of up to six researchers who through published work over the past three years have demonstrated a substantial advancement in the application of scientific knowledge within the pharmaceutical sciences. The award is open to researchers in academia, industry, public service or any other scientific establishment across the globe. There is no age limit. Applications will be judged on scientific quality and the actual or future applicability to industrial practice.

The successful applicant or applicants will be selected by a review panel of senior staff from GlaxoSmithKline. The award will consist of a commemorative presentation, a cheque for £1,000 and expenses for the successful applicant or team leader to attend the BPC in September to give a lecture on the work.

Nominations are requested either direct from the scientists nominated or from any other individual or organisation within the pharmaceutical industry. Submissions should include a curriculum vitae of the principal researcher, a summary CV for each team member, and a summary (up to 1,000 words) of published work over the past three years and its importance to the pharmaceutical industry.

Nominations should be sent by 31 March to Sanobar Shaikh, Science Advise, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN. Further information on submission guidelines, the application process and previous award winners can be found on the conference website (www.bpc2007.)

DEATHS

Mattock On 12 February, Terence William James Mattock, aged 71, of 234 Fosse Road North, Leicester LE3 5RR. Mr Mattock registered in 1961 and retired from the Register in 2006. (Tribute, see below.)

Samways On 17 February, David Frank Samways, MRPharmS, aged 55, of Marlboro, Shurdington Road, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL53 0NJ. Mr Samways registered in 1974. (Tribute, column 4.)

Wells On 14 February, Kenneth Charles Wells, MRPharmS, aged 62, of 16 Queens Avenue, Seaburn, Sunderland SR6 8DL. Mr Wells registered in 1968. He spent his working life in community pharmacy in Sunderland. (Tribute, column 4.)

TRIBUTES

Mattock In a tribute to the late Terence William James Mattock (see above), IAN BELL writes: In Terry Mattock, we have lost not just an elder statesman of pharmacy in Leicester, but a genuine character. Terry was literally born into pharmacy; he was proud that he came into the world in the chemist's shop owned and run by his father and mother "above the dispensary, below the dark room".

A true local lad, he studied at the School of Pharmacy at Leicester College of Art and Technology — now De Montfort University — and registered with the Pharmaceutical Society in 1961. He took over the family business, started by his father in 1933, and continued to run it for the next 45 years, providing a caring service to the people who lived in the area on the west side of the City.

Following a family tradition (his father was branch chairman in 1948), Terry was elected to the committee of the Society's Leicestershire branch in 1991. He was subsequently elected vice-chairman in 1997 and was chairman in the year 1997–98, after which he remained on the committee until 2000. In May 2000 he became the branch press officer for local issues. He remained in this post until compelled to resign on health grounds in 2006.

He was a great ambassador for the profession locally. Never one to take himself too seriously, his fund of pharmaceutical anecdotes from personal experience were often amusing and usually carried a serious message behind the

humour. As local publicity officer, he brought to the attention of local media many issues of pharmaceutical importance. A lifelong photography enthusiast, his photographic records of branch events were always technically and artistically superb. Pharmacy in Leicester will be all the poorer and duller without him.

Our thoughts and condolences go to his wife Joyce and their family, including their four grandchildren, of whom Terry was very proud.

Samways In a tribute to the late David Frank Samways (see Column 3), ROGER MILES, writes: I had the privilege of knowing and working with David for the past seven years as we were both appointed regional specialist procurement pharmacists. In recent years procurement practice has faced many challenges at national and regional level. David played a major contribution to the profession as we implemented some far-reaching changes. He brought vision but moderated it by a sense of the achievable based on many years' experience in the hospital service. His contribution to hospital pharmacy cannot be underestimated. He will be greatly missed.

Wells In a tribute to the late Kenneth Charles Wells (see Column 3), JOHN JOLLEY writes: I first met Ken Wells in 1965 while playing rugby at Sunderland School of Pharmacy. All his colleagues enjoyed his company and that of Judith, later to become his wife, in the many social events that were usual at that time.

After college we went our separate ways to practise in our different areas of pharmacy and Ken and Judith went to community practice in Sunderland. In 1977 Ken suffered a serious accident after which he had a number of illnesses culminating in his being diagnosed with cancer in 2004, but in all that time Judith recalls that he never complained.

Judith would like to create a lasting memory of Ken by setting up a trust to help disadvantaged people of Sunderland, to continue part of Ken's life work. She has suggested that, instead of flowers, memorial donations should be sent to her at 16 Queens Avenue, Seaburn, Sunderland SR6 8DL. They will be gratefully received.

Ken will always be remembered by all he touched.

He is survived by Judith and their sons Christopher and Jonathan, both doctors.

DIARY

Headquarters meetings

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

Monday 26 February

Adjudicating Committee. 10am.
Practice Committee. 10.30am.
Infringements Committee. Noon.

Tuesday 27 February

Law and Ethics Committee. 10am.

Wednesday 28 February

Education Committee. 10am.

Thursday 1 March

Joint Formulary Committee. 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 26 February

Bury and Rochdale "Pain control" by Andrew Dickman (senior clinical pharmacist, Hope Hospital). Village Hotel, Bury. 7.30 for 8pm.

Northamptonshire "The work of the intermediate care team" by Julie Shepherd and Marianne Price Sunley. Management Centre, Park Campus, Boughton Green Road, Northampton. Buffet 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

Tuesday 27 February

Bath "Dermatology" by Chris Lovell. Room 6 West, University of Bath, Claverton Down, Bath. 7.30 for 8pm.

Croydon "Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and asthma" by Ruth Whitfield (respiratory consultant, Mayday Hospital). Postgraduate Medical Centre, Mayday Hospital. Buffet 8pm.

Harrow and Hillingdon "Pharmacy information technology: the new agenda" by Mark Johnson. Cumberland Hotel, Harrow. Light buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Wednesday 28 February

South Cheshire "Palliative care: the team and the drugs" by Jackie Pooler (Macmillan nurse) and Graham Leng (medical director, Hospice of The Good Shepherd, Chester). Fourways Hotel, Delamere. Refreshments 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Thursday 1 March

Manchester, Salford and Trafford "Diabetes: devices and desires: which pen and monitoring device?" by diabetes nurse specialists (Manchester Primary Care Trust).

Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group

Symposium: The role of materials characterisation in pharmaceutical quality by design and manufacture

■ **Date and time:** 22 March, 9.30am to 5pm.

■ **Venue:** School of Pharmacy, University of London

■ **Content:** Review of developments in material characterisation techniques and their applications in exploring the pharmaceutical "design space" as part of "quality by design".

■ **Aim:** To provide an update for scientists and managers involved in product and process development at all stages of a drug's lifecycle, for colleagues in the allied fields of manufacturing and regulatory affairs and for those functioning, or training, as "qualified persons"

■ **Fees:** The fee, which includes registration, documentation, morning coffee and lunch, is £95 for JPAG members or other members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society or Royal Society of Chemistry (joint sponsors of JPAG), £25 for bona fide retired, student or unemployed members of either society and £150 for others.

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Platt Lane Complex, Yew Tree Road, Fallowfield, Manchester. Light refreshments. 7 for 7.30pm.
Mid Glamorgan East Annual Christmas meal. Cinnamon Tree, Upper Boat, Treforest. 7.30 for 8pm.

Friday 2 March

Clwyd "Another rummage in the cellar" (wine tasting) by Alan Hughes. Wrexham Medical Institute. 7.30pm.

Monday 5 March

Bradford "Alzheimer's dementia". Ramada Jarvis Bankfield Hotel, Bingley. 7.30pm for 8pm.
Cheltenham and Gloucester "Polypharmacy in the elderly" by Ian Donald (clinical director, Gloucestershire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust). Postgraduate Centre, Winfield Hospital, Tewkesbury Road, Gloucester, GL2 9WH. Meal 7pm, meeting 8pm.

Tuesday 6 March

Hertford "Oncology: new therapies" by Michael Powell (specialist cancer pharmacist, Mount Vernon). Merck, Sharp & Dohme, Hoddesden. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Moray and Banff See Northern Scottish branch.

Northern Scottish "Current pharmaceutical affairs" by John Gentle (member of The Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Council). Ramnee Hotel, Victoria Road, Forres. meeting 7.30pm, dinner 8.30pm. Joint meeting with Moray and Banff branch.

Wednesday 7 March

Bedfordshire "Controlled Drugs update" by Sue Melvin (Royal Pharmaceutical Society inspector. Main Building, Cranfield University, Silsoe site. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Reading "Herbal Medicines" by Elizabeth Williamson. School of Pharmacy Practice Laboratory, Reading University. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Sheffield "Lipid update" by Trevor Gray (consultant chemical pathologist, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals). EEF, Sheffield. Refreshments 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

Thursday 8 March

Huddersfield "Alcohol dependence" by Lawrence Daniels. Lecture Theatre, Huddersfield Royal Infirmary, Acre Street, Lindley. Light refreshments 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Saturday 10 March

Lanarkshire Ceilidh. Hilton Strathclyde Hotel, Bellshill. 7.30pm.

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.



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