



Council adopts new Code of Ethics

A final version of the draft revised Code of Ethics for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians has been approved by the Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. It will be presented to the Society's annual general meeting in May for the approval of members, with a view to bringing it into force on 1 August. Every member and registered pharmacy technician will receive a copy before that date.

The **March Council meeting** was reminded that a fundamental review of the current Code of Ethics and Standards and the Code of Ethics for Pharmacy Technicians had been in process since late 2005. After a series of preliminary consultations, a final consultation (*PJ*, 11 November 2006, centre pull-out) had sought views on the detailed wording and content of the proposed revised Code. Respondents overall had been supportive of the proposals. The working group had made further refinements to the text in the light of the responses and had now finalised the revised code for formal approval.

The chairman of the code revision working group, Sheila McLean, told the Council that no fundamental changes had been proposed in the final consultation.

The President asked whether any other profession had made the change from a code with everything spelt out to one in which practitioners had to interpret the situation.

Professor McLean said that nursing provided a good example. It had made its change in a similar way to the Society.

The President said that after 1 August pharmacists would need a bit of help. He asked whether there were adequate support mechanisms to deal with the situation.

The Society's fitness to practise and legal affairs director, Mandie Lavin, said that she expects a rising number of calls to the Society's legal and ethical advisory service as people get to grips with the new approach.

The Society's head of ethics (Lynsey Cleland) said that the Society was looking at ways of getting the message out to the profession, including continuing professional development articles in *The Journal* and published case studies and answers to frequently asked questions. There would also be visits to branches.

Bob Michell said that an excellent example of a profession that went from a detailed and prescriptive code of conduct to one based on broad principles was the veterinary profession. If the experience of pharmacists mirrored that of the veterinary surgeons, there would be an initial "flourish of skirmishes", which the Society would need to be well equipped to handle. It would then rapidly subside.

The Council congratulated Professor McLean and her team on their work.

This week

■ Revised Code of Ethics

The Society's revised Code of Ethics, which covers both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians, has been approved by the Council (p407).

■ Erasures for non-payment of fee

A total of 423 pharmacists and registered pharmacy technicians have had their names erased from the Society's Registers for failure to pay their retention fees for 2007 (p407).

■ Special resolutions

The production of Regulations concerned with the making of special resolutions is being rushed through by the Council in case current discussions with the Government result in the need for the Council to seek major changes in the Society in the not-too-distant future (p408).

March Council meeting

The Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society met in London on 27 and 28 March 2007. News about various matters raised at the meeting appears on this page and the following page. Further reports will appear next week. These reports 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, Sultan Dajani, Stephen Denyer, Dorothy Drury, Phillida Entwistle, Davan Eustace, John Gentle, Andrew Gush, John Hanlon, Sylvia Hikins, Corinne Hunt, Lorna Jacobs, Ray Jobling, Alan Kershaw, Bob Michell, Lesley Morgan, Graham Phillips, Colin Ranshaw, Marcia Saunders, Michael Schofield, Douglas Simpson, David Thomson and the Secretary and Registrar (Ann Lewis). Also present were the chairmen of the English Pharmacy Board (Paul Bennett), the Scottish Pharmacy Board (Rose Marie Parr) and Welsh Pharmacy Board (Peter Jones). **Apologies** Apologies for absence were received from Seema Agha and Stephen Wells. **Guests** Present by invitation were Wendy Gidman (representative of the Society's Central Lancashire branch), Barry Clarke (treasurer of the Society's Sherwood region) and Jen de Val (president, British Pharmaceutical Students Association).

423 struck off for non-payment of retention fee

The Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society has instructed the Registrar to remove the names of 393 pharmacists from the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists and 30 pharmacy technicians from the Society's voluntary Register of Pharmacy Technicians for failing to pay their retention fees for 2007 (Official Notice, p411).

At the **March Council meeting**, the Council was reminded that the fees had been due by 1 January. A statutory demand for payment had been issued to pharmacists for whom a fee payment had not been received and the statutory demand notice period expired on 24 March. Pharmacy technicians who had not paid their fee by 1 February had been sent a letter advising them that, if payment was not received by 23 March, the Council would be asked what action should be taken, which could include removing their names from the register.

Asked how the figures compared with previous years, the head of registration, Andrew Gardner, said that 584 pharmacists had been removed from the Register for non-payment in 2006 and 875 in 2005.

Giving a breakdown of the 2007 pharmacist erasures, Mr Gardner said that 20 per cent were non-practising pharmacists in Britain, 28 per cent were overseas, per cent were practising and 12 per cent were new registrants. Half those on the list had overseas addresses. About 57 per cent were women. The list also included one or two designated fellows of the Society.

Mr Gardner added that the non-paying pharmacy technicians should have been removed on 1 January under the protocol for the registration of pharmacy technicians. They had been allowed to remain registered because of the Council's stated policy of bringing the two fee processes into line.

Regulations for the making of special resolutions to be rushed through

Draft Regulations concerned with the making of special resolutions were agreed by the Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society at the **March Council meeting** without having to go through the normal process for making Regulations. The Council agreed to condense the process because current discussions with the Government may require it to seek confirmation of a decision or decisions by special resolution in the near future.

The draft Regulations will now be submitted to Privy Council advisers for comment as a matter of urgency before being gazetted.

The Council was reminded of a requirement in Article 12 of the 2004 Royal Charter that Council decisions on certain defined subjects must be confirmed by special resolution, "in accordance with regulations, either at a duly convened general meeting of members of the Society by not less than a two-thirds majority of the votes of the members present in person (or by proxy), or by ballot of the membership".

The types of decision that would require confirmation by special resolution are: any new category of membership of the Society; any application by the Society for a change in the Council's composition; any alteration to the Charter; any change in the Society's name; and the surrender of the Charter and dissolution of the Society, including the destination of any residual assets.

The Council was advised that no special resolution could be processed until appropriate Regulations were in force. Because the Council might wish to seek confirmation of a decision or decisions by special resolution in the not-too-distant future, the Officers had

The proposed Regulations

SECTION X: SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

1. Where the Council passes or proposes to pass a resolution of the Council on a matter specified by the Charter as requiring to be subject to a Special Resolution, the Council shall determine in relation to such resolution of the Council that it shall be confirmed:

- (1) by a two-thirds majority vote on a show of hands (or in a poll, conducted by secret ballot) of the members present at a general meeting of the Society; or
- (2) by a two-thirds majority vote of the members present at a general meeting, including the votes cast by the chairman of the meeting on behalf of absent members for whom he holds proxies indicating how the proxy-giver wishes to vote on the resolution; or
- (3) by a two-thirds majority vote of the members voting electronically or in a postal ballot or by a combination of both methods as determined by Council.

recommended that the draft Regulations should be considered by the Council without first going through the Governance Committee.

Having agreed the shortened procedure, the Council went on to consider the draft regulations (see Panel).

It was explained that it was sensible to take the power to allow an electronic vote, even though it would probably not be used for obtaining the view of the membership until the Society was sure about the process.

It was also explained that the draft reflected the Charter in giving the Council a choice of methods by which membership confirmation could be obtained. External legal advisers had suggested that, in making that choice, the Council would need to have regard to the scale and importance of the proposal and whether the need for open debate had been adequately met.

Graham Phillips said that he was concerned about that suggestion, which seemed somewhat paternalistic. He wanted reassurance as to the implications.

The Society's head of corporate governance, Christine Gray, said that, by their nature, all decisions requiring confirmation by special resolution had to be considered fundamentally important. What was being suggested was that the Council would need to have proper regard to certain matters when considering the method by which the members' consent should be sought. In no way was it suggested that some decisions requiring confirmation by special resolutions would be considered unimportant and that the Council might somehow bypass due process.

Answering a question about the choice of a two-thirds majority vote rather than a simple majority, Mrs Gray said that it was common to require more than a simple majority when decisions of a fundamental nature were made. In fact, the Society had been advised that the Privy Council would be unlikely to be willing to approve a simple majority for such decisions.

The Council then agreed that the draft Regulations should be submitted to the Privy Council advisers for comment.

Council seeks approval for first batch of Regulations

The Council of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society has agreed to seek the approval of the Privy Council for a first batch of Regulations that will succeed the Society's Byelaws.

At the **March Council meeting**, the Secretary and Registrar reported that no comments had been received during the required 60-day period after the draft Regulations were gazetted (*PJ*, 21 October 2006, p498).

The Regulations include sections on the interpretation of various words, on remuneration of auditors, on the Society's seal, on *The Pharmaceutical Journal*, on the museum and on the Council's powers in relation to codes, protocols and guidance. The Regulations will entirely supersede the existing Byelaw sections concerning casual vacancies on the Council (Section VIII), the Society's Secretary (Section X), the auditors (Section XI), the common seal (Section XIII), meetings for the reading of papers (Section XVIII), *The Pharmaceutical Journal* (Section XXV) and the museum (Section XXVI), which will be revoked.

Ten motions for debate at branch representatives' meeting

Ten motions from branches and the British Pharmaceutical Students Association are to be debated at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's branch representatives' meeting this year. At the **March Council meeting**, the

Society's Council approved background information to assist debate on the motions. The motions and background information, will be circulated to branch secretaries and will be published in *The Journal* next week.

BPC £5 student day-rate extended to all pharmacy students

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is again offering a special student day rate of £5 (+VAT) for the British Pharmaceutical Conference, but this year the offer is open to all undergraduate pharmacy students and preregistration trainees. Last year the offer was not open to first- and second-year students.

This year's conference takes place from Monday 10 to Wednesday 12 September 2007 at Manchester Central (formerly Manchester International Convention Centre and GMEX), with the special student day on the Wednesday. This agenda for this day of BPC focuses on science and practice sessions for students, with symposia featuring key speakers from across all sectors of the profession.

Student places are available on a first come, first served basis. Students can register through the BPC website (www.bpc2007.org) or by contacting Angela Lyons, at conference organiser Health Links (tel 0121 248 3399).

Other conference bookings can also be made through the website, which gives up-to-date programme details.

BPC 2007 attracts three main sponsors
Boots The Chemists, the Pharmacists' Defence Association and AstraZeneca have signed up to be main sponsors for the British Pharmaceutical Conference and Exhibition 2007, the Royal Pharmaceutical Society has announced.

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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).

Annual general meeting

Notice is hereby given that the 166th annual general meeting of the members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain will take place at 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN on Wednesday 16 May 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

The following business will be conducted:

1. Presentation of the annual review of the Council for 2006.
2. Presentation of the financial statements for 2006.
3. Presentation of the revised Code of Ethics for Pharmacists and Pharmacy Technicians.
4. Adoption of rules of procedure for debate of motions (Byelaws Section VI, Paragraph 3): "A member may raise any matter or move any motion at any annual general meeting of which he has given the Secretary notice in writing not later than the 20th day of April in each year in which the said meeting is to be held. The Rules of Procedure for debating such motions shall be proposed by the Council and presented for adoption at each annual general meeting at which such a motion is to be moved."
5. Consideration of any matters raised or motions moved by members of which notice has been given in writing no later than 20 April 2007.

Ann Lewis
Secretary and Registrar

Erasures from Registers for non-payment of fees

The names of a number of persons have been removed from the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists for non-payment of fees for 2007. The list set out below is published for the benefit of employers, NHS trusts, local health authorities/boards, the public and others. Registration number are given in parentheses.

Also set out below is a list of persons who have been removed from the Register of Pharmacy

Technicians for non-payment of fees for 2007.

Any persons who believe their names have been wrongly listed are requested to contact the Society's registration division (tel 020 7572 2322).

Either list may include the names of deceased persons whose deaths have not been notified to the Society. The Society would welcome information in such circumstances.

Erasures from the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists

Warren Mathew **Adsett**, London (1081113); Aina Maria **Aguilo Sabater**, Palma de Mallorca, Spain (1079580); Veronica Barbara **Agyei-Tabi**, London (87511); Fredua **Agyemang**, Herne Bay, Kent (1070920); Amna **Ahmed**, Birmingham (1078055); Roula **Alam**, New South Wales, Australia (1088871); Peter Geoffrey **Allan**, Narrabeen, Australia, R5634; Tamara **Alvarez Esteban**, Madrid, Spain (1076935); Amaya **Alzate Rivera**, Tolosa (Guipuzcoa), Spain (1082088); Jennifer Sheila **Anderson**, Portmarnock, Ireland (1072326); Elena **Angulo Lopez De Armentia**, Alava, Spain (1074581); Laura De Las Mercedes **Anton Perdiguero**, Madrid, Spain (1079084); Gonzalo **Aparicio Rodriguez**, Burnley, Lancashire (1072937); Noura **Arabi**, Aberdeen (1069580); Eva **Arbeo Blazquez**, Bridgwater, Somerset (1087081); Robert Winter **Ashton**, Victoria, Australia, R1769; Eric Patrick **Asiedu**, London (1072978); Agustin **Aytes Meneses**, Barcelona, Spain (1073740).

Azadeh **Baghaki**, Dublin, Ireland (1086267); Bjorn Philip **Baker**, Cambridge, New Zealand (1080902); Lorraine Jessica **Balfour**, Epsom, Surrey (1085425); Pamela Winifred **Ballinger**, London (5429); Sarah Jane **Balneaves**, London (1067788); Marlon Chadana **Banda**, Ballymena, County Antrim (85180); Jean Mary **Barr**, Cardiff (54604); Carlos **Barragan Antequera**, Seville, Spain (1079585); Maria **Barral Juez**, Barcelona, Spain (1074473); Margaret Mary **Beaton**, Lichfield, Staffordshire (54971); Corina Camille **Behrenbuch**, London (1087715); Marisa Magdaline **Bellantoni**, London (1080895); Tracey **Billson**, Taber, Canada (81249); Ian David **Blackburn**, Ontario, Canada (61962); Margarita **Blanch Saborit**, Barcelona, Spain (1077202); Chettina Hazel **Bolton**,

Londonderry, County Londonderry (88051); Stanley **Booth**, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham (4932); Tamara **Boutureira Morcillo**, Paris, France (1077194); Benjamin John **Bowen**, Springwood, Australia (1072925); Alan Henderson **Bowie**, York (55037); Brian Michael **Bradley**, Londonderry, Northern Ireland (88062); Richard Gordon **Bridge**, Lower Hutt, New Zealand (64111); Magdalena Anna **Budny**, Warsaw, Poland (1082062).

Francisco De Borja **Cabeza Maranon**, Bristol (1078910); Diarmaid Mary **Cahill**, Galway City, Ireland (1069916); Veronica **Candel Villanueva**, Valencia, Spain (1078628); Niall Patrick **Cantwell**, Limerick, Ireland (85906); Miguel Enrique **Carrasco Reyes**, Southsea, Hampshire (1085582); Edward Spencer Robson **Cass**, Newcastle Upon Tyne (89114); Maria Purificacion **Castro Romero**, London (1086793); Rebeca **Cebrian Borau**, Huesca, Spain (1081644); Celine Dominique Sylvie **Chabee**, Oxford (1086470); Miu Lan **Chan**, Kwun Tong, Hong Kong (90064); Chi Kong **Chan**, Taipa, Macau (78311); Kit Yue **Chan**, Repulse Bay, Hong Kong (77809); Patricia Sally **Chatham**, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands (51461); Paul Kibet **Chemwor**, Marietta, Georgia, US (92259); Josie Nabelle Jeanne-Anthide **Chetty**, Mahe, Seychelles (1069324); Tak Wing **Cheung**, Central, Hong Kong (73608); Anne Margaret **Chiplin**, Del Mar, US (74159); Vui Shin **Chong**, Coffs Harbour, Australia (92043); Yen Ni **Chua**, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (92109); Chris Keen Zhen **Chuang**, Happy Valley, Hong Kong (76767); Stephen Phillip **Clissold**, Auckland, New Zealand (66996); Joseph **Cohen**, Manchester (61290); Lilian Ofosua **Commey**, Nairobi, Kenya, F953; Stacey Rae **Condon**, Leneva, Australia (1081322); Francesca Maria **Contini**, Musselburgh, East Lothian (1072384); Nathan James **Cooper**, Manchester (1087078); Irene **Cordero Sanchez**, Bristol (1090858); Veronica **Corvino**, Romagnano Sesia, Italy (1078671); Menino Jesus Jose Osbert Largos **Cotta**, Victoria, Australia (1070092); Eamonn **Cotter**, County Cork, Ireland (1069802); Gregory Graham **Cotterell**, Holyhead, Gwynedd (1086641); Leonie May **Cramer**, Antrim, Northern Ireland, R6384; Michael John **Crooks**, New South Wales, Australia (63908); Dianne Leona **Crooks**, Bemboka, Australia

(1078590); Anna Maria **Cushen**, Graignamanagh, Ireland (93135).

Filipa **Da Palma Carlos Alves Da Costa**, Lisbon, Portugal (1079593); Paul Richard **Daines**, Waltham Abbey, Essex (69058); Brett Jeffrey **Dalglish**, Aberystwyth, Dyfed, R6135; Maria Geraldine **Daly**, County Cork, Ireland (1082996); Hanna **Daoud**, Gateshead, Tyne and Wear (1086050); Maria Del Rocio **De La Iglesia Hidalgo**, Oxford (1077200); Meika Lea **De Vries**, Bristol (1086415); Christine Margaret **Dean**, Midhurst, West Sussex (62610); Michael John Railton **Dent**, Christchurch, New Zealand, R3384; Smita Manubhai **Desai**, Chiswick, London (74059); Claire **Devine**, Castlederg, County Tyrone (1077682); Anthony **Dewsbury**, Welwyn, Hertfordshire (54157); Ranjit Kaur **Dhillon**, Coventry (91281); Patricia **Diaz Ramos**, Carlisle, Cumbria (1086646); Kim Coby **Dobromilsky**, Rotherham, South Yorkshire (1079322); Amy Louise **Donnelly**, Manchester (1087077); Trevor Charles **Draysey**, Ashford, Australia (1082050); Matthew Mujere **Dune**, Ontario, Canada (72503).

Audrey **Earnshaw**, Halifax, West Yorkshire (42887); Keren Lucy **Ebong**, London (1071450); Alana Jana **Edlin**, Castletroy, Ireland (1086642); Iman **El-Takkale**, Mratin, Czech Republic (1085209); Cristina **Encinas Madrazo**, Salamanca, Spain (1071628).

Robert **Falconer**, Dublin 7, Ireland (73101); Ya Yee **Fam** (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (1062705); Zoi **Farmaki**, London (1078769); Mary **Fegan**, Jersey, Channel Islands (90131); Rebecca Marie **Fenwick**, Christchurch, New Zealand (1071705); Ciara Ann Marie **FitzGerald**, Sanycove, Ireland (1071666); Alison Jean **Flexman**, Pokeno, New Zealand (1070281); Mary Immaculate Ngwe **Foncha**, Douala, Cameroon (68347); Annette Elizabeth **Forrest**, Rd Otaki, New Zealand, R5105; Geoffrey **Friedman**, London (1087175).

Nicola Clare **Gallagher**, Newport, Gwent (1077799); Isabel Nina **Galvez**, Camberley, Surrey (79824); Sonia **Garcia Soriano**, Eastbourne, East Sussex (1086473); Andrew John **Geall**, San Diego, US (89136); Ronel **Geldenhuys**, Gauteng, South Africa (1067002); Amalia Thomas **Georgakis**, Saronida, Greece (1076649); Naomi Wanjiru **Gichuhi**, Bristol (3000328); Claire Anne **Gilligan**, Belfast, County Antrim (77674); Anita Rajendra **Gore**, Goa, India

(73015); Melynda Rochelle **Goss**, Barnstaple, Devon (1086962); Adrian Daegal **Graamans**, Dunedin, New Zealand (1068908); Leslie Ralston **Graham**, Cupar, Fife (61070); Timothy Andrew **Grainger**, Guelph, Canada (69631); Premlata **Grainger**, Guelph, Canada (67253); Ralph Spencer **Greenwall**, Bradford (83594); Mary-Louise **Grohn**, Auckland, New Zealand (1070870); Bernard **Grubberman**, Manchester (50925); Monica **Guerra Espinosa**, Barcelona, Spain (1068748).

Frances Mary **Hamilton**, Larne, County Antrim, R6340; John Timothy **Hanly**, Liverpool (1084187); Peter **Harrison**, Rossendale, Lancashire (51165); Noor **Hawwa**, Cheadle, Cheshire (1083411); Sarah Louise **Hayes**, Warrington, Cheshire (86797); Alfred Edward **Haynes**, Rochester, Kent (39239); Ar dip Singh **Heer**, Coventry (92172); Kevin Joseph Gerard **Henry**, Sheffield (1074748); Kenneth **Herbert**, Liverpool (44095); Craig Ian **Hercus**, London (1067829); Cristina **Hernández González**, Grenada, Spain (1072749); Patricia **Hernandez Perez**, London (1079599); Janne Sebbelin **Hjortlund**, Copenhagen NV, Denmark (1085726); Gregory Luke **Hollier**, Exeter, Devon (1059264); Carolyn Jane **Honour**, New York, US (75682); Josephine Anne **Host**, Shailer Park, Australia (1081124); Laura Mary **Houlihan**, Shankill, Ireland (1074877); Fiona Mary **Hughes**, Magherafelt, County Londonderry (1085590); Marta **Huguet Mas**, Coventry (1086314); Parmjeet Singh **Hunjan**, New Westminster, Canada (75312); Dianne Lynne **Hunter**, Unanderra, Australia (R6245); David James **Hyland**, Dublin 4, Ireland, R4853; Emma Marie **Hynes**, Liverpool (1084131).

Ade Mark **Ituah**, California, US (80643).

Leah **Jacobs**, Johannesburg, South Africa (R5671); Gagan Kumar **Jairath**, Hessele, North Humberstone (1058772); Neil Simpson **Johnston**, Sutton, Surrey (52627); James Edward Owain **Jones**, Merthyr Tydfil, Mid Glamorgan (1079732).

Izabela Maria **Kalka**, Wielicka, Poland (1090082); Ronald Jack **Kelly**, Australian Capital Territory, Australia (R2989); Evelyn Mary **Kelly**, Garryhill, Ireland (1077875); Claire **Kenard**, Southampton, Hampshire (1054497); Kathleen Mary **Kerry**, Warrington, Cheshire (65810);

Natasha Preeya **Kewal**, London (1087076); Nausheen **Khan**, New Southgate, London (92632); Monsur Yazdani **Khan**, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire (77741); Joyce Meang Teng **Khoo**, Taunton, Somerset (1087253); David **Kinsella**, Clane, Ireland (1080579); Emily Mary **Kinsella**, Sutton, Surrey (1078080); Kay Anne **Knight**, Queensland, Australia (R6113); Mo Leung **Ko**, North Point, Hong Kong (71419); Tomasz Wojciech **Krzyszowski**, London (1086171); Priya **Kumari**, Uxbridge, Middlesex (1080499); Tzogani **Kyriaki**, London (1086281).

Kwok Wai **Law**, Main Street East, Hong Kong (86054); Minh Qui **Le** (Sydney, Australia (1070860); Dannelle Ava **Leggett**, Pukekohe, New Zealand (1071133); Shiow Huey **Leong**, Point Cook, Australia (1068827); Norman **Lestner**, Eastbourne, East Sussex (55723); Margaret Sau-Ling **Leung**, Tai Wai, Hong Kong (67549); Elinor Frances **Llewellyn**, Wallasey, Merseyside (41988); Laia **Llorens Pañell**, Barcelona, Spain (1076661); Sharon Cook Wai **Loh**, London (1085478); Shane David **Lonergan**, Dublin, Ireland (1078872); Sin Chek **Loo**, Perak, Malaysia (3001321); Miguel **Lopez Blasco**, Valencia, Spain (1076961); Kenneth Bentley **Lowe**, Chester, Cheshire (51583); Hung Ping **Lui**, Hong Kong (75443); Ronan Peter **Lynch**, Kilnaleck, Ireland (1084852).

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John **Marquess**, Cheadle, Cheshire (R6886); Vicente **Marti-Taus**, London (1089820); Alison Dorothy **Martin**, Ottawa, Canada (83097); Marine Alice Claire **Benedicte Massoulie**, Cambridge (1069608); Joanna Mary **May**, County Mayo, Ireland (E303); Adrian Kenneth **May**, Glasgow (1081225); Tomasz Tymoteusz **Mendrek**, Sheffield (1085210); Catherine Anne **Milner**, Peebles (R6449); John **Milwrick**, Glasgow (38515); George Mutch **Mitchell**, Cardiff (40847); Mahmooda **Moghul**, Maidenhead, Berkshire (91444); Alexander Ross **Moir**, Opunake, New Zealand (1080945); Ultan Garrett John **Molloy**, County Mayo, Ireland (93694); Jarna Lee **More**, Sydney, Australia (1068033); Jon Inaki **Morello Menchaca**, Newcastle upon Tyne (1088822); Stephen **Morgan**, Oxford (76456); Sarah Gabrielle **Morgan**, London (3000351); Timothy Lewa **Mtana**, Kilifi, Kenya (66850); Melanie **Muller**, Famagusta, Cyprus (1080551); Emma Louise **Mulvey**, Dublin, Ireland (1084100); Joanna Maree **Mulvey**, London (1086863); Michael George **Murray**, Hillcrest, South Africa (R5975); Laura Mary **Murray**, Ballymena, County Antrim (R6648); Philip Ian **Murtagh**, Ascot, Berkshire (71608); Margery Anne **Murtagh**, Ruislip, Middlesex (68147); Viknesh **Murugesan**, Colchester, Essex (1087646).

Leila **Naderi**, London (1080399); Anthonia **Nakamy**, Kampala, Uganda (3001142); Michelle **Natoli**, Victoria, Australia (1080774); Issa Amode **Nazroo**, Port Louis, Mauritius (44996); Martha **Neilan**, Edinburgh (1083383); Katherine **Newman**, County West Meath, Ireland (1077995); Pamela Barbara **Newton**, Ontario, Canada (62738); Dong Nam **Nguyen**, Colchester, Essex (1087358); Norman Eric **Nichol**, Port Elizabeth, South Africa (R3216); Marie Agnes **Niemet Gampika**, London (1078494); Elizabeth Wamuni **Njoroge**, Nairobi, Kenya (93207); Clare Joanne **Nolan**, Lymm, Cheshire (85083); Flora Margaret **Norgate**, Tadcaster, North Yorkshire (R2915); Chukwuemeka **Nwajiobi**, London (76728).

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Symposium: Analytical support for clinical trials

- **Date and time:** Wednesday 2 May, 10.20am to 4pm.
- **Venue:** Royal Pharmaceutical Society, London
- **Content:** Consideration of the challenges posed by the widening range of materials presented for clinical trials.
- **Aim:** To bring together the issues for everyone involved with clinical trials, including scientists and managers involved in clinical evaluation of new or reformulated products, regulatory affairs staff, hospital pharmacists working in clinical trial teams and "qualified persons".
- **Fees:** The fee, which includes registration, documentation, morning coffee and lunch, is £95 for Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group members or for other members of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society or Royal Society of Chemistry (joint sponsors of JPAG) who join JPAG by 1 May, £25 for bona fide retired, student or unemployed members of either society and £150 for others.
- **Further information:** Julie Churchill, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2261; fax 020 7572 2506; e-mail science@rpsgb.org). Symposium brochure, including registration form, also available from the "Events and meetings" page of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org/worldofpharmacy).

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Veterinary Pharmacists Group conference: A bright future for veterinary pharmacy

- **Date and time:** Friday 8 June (conference dinner Thursday 7 June).
- **Venue:** Royal Pharmaceutical Society headquarters, London.
- **Content:** Topical issues include: the future of veterinary pharmacy and what will be the role of veterinary pharmacists in 2020; new models of working between vets and pharmacists in the future; reclassification of veterinary medicines; and a debate around "pharmacists are an essential part of the future animal health teams".
- **Fees:** £210 (conference and dinner with accommodation), £110 (conference and dinner), £60 (conference only).
- **Further information and booking:** Lorraine Fearon, Veterinary Pharmacists Group Administrator, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2409; e-mail lorraine.fearon@rpsgb.org).

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One-day conference: Pharmacists as prescribers — the UK experience

- **Date and time:** Monday 11 June, 11am to 4.30pm.
- **Venue:** Sheraton Hotel, Schiphol Airport, Amsterdam, The Netherlands.
- **Content:** An introduction to the UK experience of pharmacist prescribing.
- **Delegates** Representatives of pharmacy organisations, competent authorities and government health departments in Europe.
- **Fees:** €295 (including lunch, refreshments, course documentation and VAT), reduced to €245 for bookings received by 31 March.
- **Further information:** Julie Churchill, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London, SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2261; fax 020 7572 2506; e-mail science@rpsgb.org). Conference brochure, including registration form, also available from "Events and meetings" page of Society's website (www.rpsgb.org).

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Local meetings

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Tuesday 10 April

Stirling and Central Scottish Presentation on "Substance misuse and Controlled Drugs update". Stirling Royal Infirmary Conference Centre. Buffet 6.30pm, meeting 7pm.

West Surrey Annual general meeting followed by "Pharmacy and the new Surrey Primary Care Trust" Park Room, Guildford College, Stoke Road, Guildford. Light buffet 7pm, meeting 8pm.

Wednesday 11 April

West Cumberland "Our special service to you" by Phil Richardson (commercial director, Quantum Specials). Hundith Hill Hotel, Near Cockermouth. 7.15 for 7.30pm followed by bar supper.

Southampton "Initiatives to promote reporting to the Yellow Card scheme" by Anthony Cox (adverse drug reactions pharmacist, West Midlands). Drug Safety Research Unit, Blundell Lane. 7.30 for 8pm.

Tuesday 17 April

Ipswich and Suffolk "Herbal medicines and drug interactions" by Elizabeth Williamson (School of Pharmacy, University of Reading). Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Northern Scottish Annual general meeting and discussion of branch representatives' meeting motions. Marriott Hotel, Culcabock Road, Inverness. Tea, coffee and sandwiches. 7.30pm.

Oxfordshire "Diabetes update" by Jonathan Levy (consultant physician, Oxford Centre for Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolism). George Pickering Postgraduate Centre, Level 3, John Radcliffe Hospital, Headington. Light refreshments 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

South West Metropolitan "Independent prescribing" by Ashok Soni (community pharmacist prescriber). Phillip Constable Boardroom, St George's Hospital, London. Buffet 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.

Thursday 19 April

Glasgow and West of Scotland Annual general meeting. SIBS601E/F, John Arbuthnott Building, University of Strathclyde. Refreshments. 7.30pm.

Lanarkshire Annual general meeting and dinner. Hilton Strathclyde, Bellshill. 7.30pm.

Manchester, Salford and Trafford "Pharmacy 2020" by Michele Savage (Pharmacy 2020 project manager, Royal Pharmaceutical Society). Platt Lane Complex, Yew Tree Road, Fallowfield, Manchester. 7 for 7.30pm.



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