



Welsh Directorate welcomes wide support for the pharmacist's role

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Welsh Directorate has welcomed support for the pharmacist's role from all four major political parties in Wales following publications of the Society's manifesto for pharmacy in Wales.

In their own manifestos for the Welsh Assembly Government elections in May, all four parties have expressed support for the development of pharmacy as a core component of health care provision in Wales.

The chairman of the Society's Welsh Pharmacy Board, Peter Jones, commented: "It is encouraging to note that Welsh political parties have all expressed their support for advancing the role of the pharmacy profession and for providing community-based health care advice tailored to local needs."

As part of its lobbying process, the Society in Wales has invited all Welsh Assembly election candidates to see first hand the contribution pharmacists make to Welsh health care services. All prospective Assembly members are being offered a visit to a pharmacy in their constituency. A comprehensive briefing pack has been produced to provide information and support to pharmacists on hosting pharmacy visits.

The Society's manifesto for pharmacy was produced by the Welsh Directorate to coincide with the Welsh Assembly elections. It is available from the Welsh pages of the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org.uk/wales), as is the pharmacist briefing pack on hosting visits by politicians.

The Society in Wales has also welcomed recognition of pharmacy in the Welsh Assembly Government document "Designed to improve health and the management of chronic conditions in Wales: an integrated model and framework".

Mr Jones said that he was pleased to note that the document recognised the pharmacy profession as one of the key foundations for change.

Mr Jones added: "The Society in Wales has been fully engaged with the multidisciplinary task and finish groups that have scoped current evidence and practice. We are continuing to work hard to ensure that all NHS organisations are fully apprised of the opportunities for the development of the pharmacy profession in improving health and management of people with chronic conditions in Wales."

This week

- **Welsh support for pharmacy**
The Welsh Directorate has welcomed support for the pharmacist's role from political parties in Wales (p469).
- **Annual review now available**
The Society's annual review for 2006 has now been published and is being distributed with this issue of *The Journal* (p470).

Death of pharmacist at 102

A retired pharmacist in Suffolk has died at the age of 102 (see p471).

Martin Graham was born on 22 September 1904. He left school at 14 to take up a pharmacy apprenticeship in his home town of Invergordon at a starting salary of 2s 6d (12.5p) a week. After nine years he left to serve a further two-year apprenticeship in London before moving to Aberdeen in 1926 to study at the Robert Gordon School of Pharmacy. On gaining his pharmacy certificate, he joined his pharmacist brother Alister to work as a manager for the Catton Chemists chain in Ilford.

Later he acquired a pharmacy business in Haverhill, Suffolk. He retired at the age of 86, leaving his son Gordon (who died in 2002) to run the business. He left the Register in 2003. He leaves three daughters, eight grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

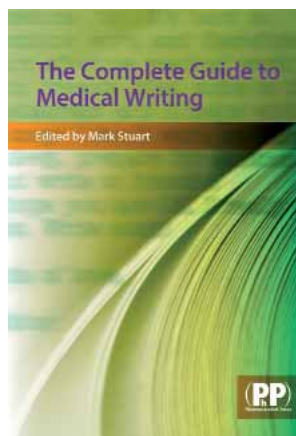
Society publishes guide to fundamental principles of medical writing

A new book offering guidance on medical writing is now available from the Pharmaceutical Press (the imprint of Royal Pharmaceutical Society Publishing).

Edited by Mark Stuart, a contributor to *The Journal*, the new book is an introductory text designed to cover all aspects of scientific and medical documentation from the regulatory domain to the advertising arena.

The book covers the fundamental principles of good writing techniques and provides tips on how to write different kinds of document. Sections include: medical writing essentials; reviews and reports; medical journalism and mass media; medical writing in education; medical writing for medical professionals; and medical publishing.

The book begins with chapters on style for accurate and readable medical writing, writing in plain English and referencing. Subsequent chapters provide specific guidance on the writing of research reports, reviews, medical case reports, conference posters, editorials, letters for publication, articles for magazines and newspapers, press releases, advertisements, examination and assessment papers, presentation materials, theses, medicines information for



health care professionals, procedures, and marketing authorisation applications for medicinal products. Further chapters cover medical media and the law, writing and editing books, writing for the internet and getting published. Appendices cover common medical abbreviations, measurements, normal values for common laboratory tests, proof correction marks and a guide to medical terms in plain English.

The Pharmaceutical Press says that the book is intended as a reference source for use by health care professionals and students who wish to communicate scientific and medical information effectively. It adds: "Effectively presenting and communicating information for any medical document is paramount. It is essential that medical information is presented clearly and accurately so that it can be interpreted, validated and used safely. 'The complete guide to medical writing' will help you do this in detail."

The 512-page paperback book costs £19.95. UK orders can be placed by telephone (01767 604 971), fax (01767 601 640) or e-mail (rps@turpin-distribution.com) or through the Pharmaceutical Press website (www.pharmpress.com).

Society's diverse role reflected in 2006 annual review

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society's annual review for 2006 has now been published and is being distributed to members with this issue of *The Pharmaceutical Journal*. The Society says that the review focuses on the diversity of the work achieved during 2006 and profiles work undertaken by the Council, Society committees and staff to ensure the continued promotion of the profession.

Commenting on the review, the Society's President, Hemant Patel, said: "There has never been a more exciting and inspiring time for the profession, with pharmacists now playing key roles in modern, multidisciplinary health care teams — in the community, industry, primary care and secondary and specialist hospital settings.

"Increasingly, pharmacists are being recognised for their public health and clinical skills as much as their expert knowledge of medicines. In 2006, the profession achieved independent prescribing status and, in turn, the Society launched a curriculum for the training needed by members wanting to develop into this role. The Society also

continued to support the continuing professional development needs of members and, by the end of the year, nearly 20,000 members had registered online."

Along with the Society's financial statements for 2006, the annual review will be presented at the Society's annual general meeting, which takes place on Wednesday 16 May at 7.30pm at the Society's London headquarters (see Official Notices, p471).

The Society is offering members the opportunity to submit questions about the financial statements in advance of the AGM so that a complete answer can be provided at the meeting. Questions can be submitted in writing to Graham Duncan, financial controller, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (e-mail accounts2006@rpsgb.org). Questions should be received by noon on Friday 11 May. Any questions received after this date will be answered individually after the AGM.

The annual review and the full financial statements for 2006 are also now available from the Society's website (www.rpsgb.org).

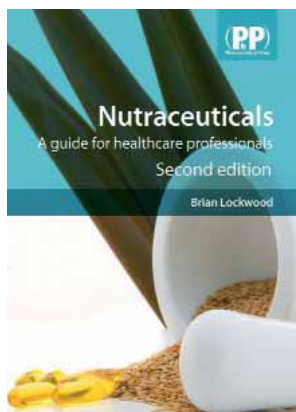
New edition of nutraceuticals book published

A second edition of 'Nutraceuticals' is now available from the Pharmaceutical Press (the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's book publishing imprint).

The text assesses the medical and scientific evidence for the use of nutraceuticals — complementary medicines of natural origin — in the prevention and treatment of important disease states.

The publisher says that the international market for nutraceuticals has been rapidly expanding, with new research leading to new products, some with novel therapeutic applications.

The new edition reflects these changes and its coverage has broadened to include monographs on 25 nutraceuticals, including soy and tea, plus discussion of nutraceuticals



according to disease state, with additional chapters on synergism and combination therapies, on safety, adverse effects and interactions, on quality issues and on minor nutraceuticals.

Written by Brian Lockwood, senior lecturer in the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences at the University of Manchester, the book is aimed at practising pharmacists, other health care professionals and complementary medicine practitioners.

The 448-page hardback book costs £39.95. UK orders can be placed by telephone (01767 604 971), fax (01767 601 640) or e-mail rps@turpin-distribution.com or through the Pharmaceutical Press website (www.pharmpress.com).

BPSA honours Society's membership manager

Amanda King, membership manager at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, has been awarded honorary life membership of the British Pharmaceutical Students Association.

Ms King is one of only a few non-pharmacists to have received the honour and is the only member of the Society's staff ever to be so honoured.

BPSA president Jennifer de Val told *The Journal* that the association can award honorary life membership to individuals who have given their time or expertise to the association above and beyond the call of duty, and who have undertaken outstanding service for the association. Ms King, she added, had given invaluable guidance and advice to the BPSA executive over the years. She had supported the strong relationship between the Society and the association, which served to ensure that pharmacy students and BPSA members were a vital part of the profession.

New section added to museum's webpages

The museum of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society has added a new section to its webpages (www.rpsgb.org/museum) to give information about the changing treatment of different conditions over time.

The new section, "Developing treatments", has arisen from the museum's display of the same name in the Society's reception area. Although the display will change annually, the information will not be lost. Each year's display will be captured in the form of illustrated information sheets to be built up into an online resource.

The "Developing treatments" section of the website currently contains three information sheets, each with colour illustrations of images and objects in the museum's collections. They cover malaria, pain and asthma. Three further topics — syphilis, "melancholia" and "mania", and the common cold — are to be added in due course.

The keeper of the museum collections, Briony Hudson, said: "The new 'Developing treatments' webpage provides a great opportunity for us to make information as accessible as possible. The significant research that goes into producing our annual display is now available beyond the bounds of the physical exhibition itself. This fascinating online archive of material about a wide range of conditions and remedies will continue to grow."

Law and ethics bulletin

Correction to the "Denatured alcohol" section of 'Medicines, ethics and practice'

Pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are advised of a correction to 'Medicines, ethics and practice: a guide for pharmacists and pharmacy technicians' (30th edition, July 2006). In Section 1.7, on "denatured alcohol" (p74), the second paragraph (headed "In Scotland") refers to the revocation of earlier legislation by the Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005. However, this Act has yet to be enacted by the Scottish Parliament and, until a commencement order comes into force, it will remain unlawful in Scotland to sell completely denatured alcohol (formerly known as mineralised methylated spirit) between 10pm on Saturday evening and 8am on the following Monday morning and to any person under the age of 14.

OFFICIAL NOTICES

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

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 7.30pm.

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 M. Lewis
Secretary and Registrar

Statutory Committee inquiries

The Statutory Committee will meet at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1, at 9.30am on Monday 23 April, Tuesday 24 April, Wednesday 25 April and Thursday 26 April 2007 to hear the following matters:

1. The committee will hear the new inquiry into the case of **Rakesh Kumar Panesar** (registration number 72139), who (1) on 8 June 2001 at Birmingham Magistrates' Court was convicted of failing to comply with the

requirements of an improvement notice under Section 21 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974, requiring him to carry out remedial works to repair defects, contrary to Section 33(1)(g) of the Act, failing to comply with the requirements of an improvement notice under Section 21 of the Act, requiring him to carry out remedial works to repair defects to prevent rainwater penetration, contrary to Section 33(1)(g) of the Act, and failing to comply with the requirements of an improvement notice under Section 21 of the Act, requiring him to provide a hot water supply, contrary to Section 33(1)(g) of the Act, and who (2) on 23 May 2005 at Birmingham Magistrates' Court was convicted of keeping or knowingly permitting the keeping of controlled waste without holding a waste management licence, contrary to Section 33(1)(B)(i)&(6) of the Environmental Protection Act 1990, and failing to take all such measures available applicable to him in that capacity as were reasonable to prevent contravention by any other person, contrary to Section 4(1)(A) and (6) of the Act.

2. The committee will hear the new inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Gordon Trefor Cannell** (registration number 62697), which alleges that: the supply of 28 amitriptyline 10mg tablets labelled as 28 atorvastatin 10mg tablets against a prescription calling for atorvastatin 10mg tablets; a failure to follow procedures put in place by employers to reduce risk by failing to make an entry in the error log in respect of a dispensing error; the supply of 84 propranolol tablets 10mg against a prescription calling for 168 propranolol tablets 10mg; the supply of 84 bendroflumethiazide tablets 2.5mg which were not prescribed; the supply of 3 boxes of Bendroflumethiazide tablets 2.5mg incorrectly labelled as Propranolol tablets 10mg, may amount to misconduct.
3. The committee will hear the new Inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Lindsay Wilson** (registration number 83018), which alleges that a failure to comply with key responsibilities 1 to 3 of the Code of Ethics and Standards may amount to misconduct.
4. The committee will hear the new inquiry into the case of **Kenneth Sanderson Brown** (registration

number 1058800), who on 22 July 2004 was convicted at Hamilton Sheriff Court of driving a motor vehicle while unfit to drive through alcohol, contrary to Section 5(1) (A) of the Road Traffic Act 1988. A complaint by the Society's Council further alleges that the signing of a false declaration may amount to misconduct.

David Gomez
Secretary to the Statutory Committee

Hospital Pharmacists Group election 2007

Voting papers for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's 2007 Hospital Pharmacists Group election have now been posted to members of the group. After completion, the papers should be returned to Robert Clayton, Room 102, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN.

The business reply envelope sent to members living in Great Britain and Northern Ireland is marked "second class". Overseas members are asked to affix a stamp to the envelope. Members are asked to post their voting papers as early as possible. The closing date for receipt of voting papers is Friday 18 May 2007 (noon).

For enquiries in connection with this election please contact HPG administrative support (tel 020 7572 2407).

Robert Clayton
Secretary, Hospital Pharmacists Group

Industrial Pharmacists Group election 2007

Voting papers for the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's 2007 Industrial Pharmacists Group election have now been posted to members of the group. After completion, the papers should be returned to Sadia Khan, Room 102, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN.

The business reply envelope sent to members living in Great Britain and Northern Ireland is marked "second class" and members are asked to post their voting papers as early as possible.

The closing date for receipt of voting papers is 12 May (noon).

For enquiries in connection with this election please contact IPG administrative support (tel 020 7572 2412).

Sadia Khan
Secretary, Industrial Pharmacists Group

DEATHS

Graham On 27 March, Davidson Martin Graham, MRPharmS, aged 102, of Roskeen, Hill Crescent, Haverhill, Suffolk CB9 0DF. Mr Graham registered in 1927 and retired from the Register in 2003. (See also p469.)

Williams On 22 March, Dennis George Williams, MRPharmS, aged 75, of 8 Waverley Road, Backwell, Bristol BS48 3LP. Mr Williams registered in 1952.

TRIBUTES

Wells in a tribute to the late Kenneth Charles Wells (*PJ*, 24 February, p231), **NORAH THORNTHWAITE** writes: Ken Wells was much respected as a pharmacist by colleagues and customers alike. He was always ready to listen to other people's troubles and would go to great lengths to comfort and advise them. His colleagues at Boots, his employers and the staff at Vane House pharmacy hugely regret his passing. Many of those people have sent messages to Ken's family expressing their gratitude.

I am proud to say that Ken Wells was one of my dearest friends, always cheerful and welcoming. I miss him greatly. For 40 years I have been privileged to be a part of the family Ken and his wife Judith created. Ken was enormously proud of the achievements of their two sons Christopher and Jonathan and was truly delighted when grandson Daniel came along. He was supportive to his family and friends, always unselfish and giving even when he was ill. Ken remained positive and strong throughout the three years of his final illness and is an inspiration to many.

As Ken was always ready to offer the hand of friendship and loved Sunderland and its people, his family thought it would be fitting to have a lasting tribute to Ken's life. Judith is exploring ways of helping disadvantaged and homeless people in the Sunderland area. Ken's family are grateful for the generous donations (£3,500 to date) received for the Ken Wells Memorial Fund mentioned in John Jolley's tribute (*PJ*, 24 February, p231) along with the many kind messages and tributes to Ken. He was such an unassuming person he would have been overwhelmed to realise he had made such a difference to so many lives.

Ken will never be forgotten by those who knew him. As his brother remarked. "Ken has made an indelible footprint on this world and had a wonderfully successful life."

DIARY

Headquarters meetings

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

Monday 23 April

Statutory Committee. 9.30am.

Tuesday 24 April

Statutory Committee. 9.30am.

Wednesday 25 April

Statutory Committee. 9.30am.

Thursday 26 April

Statutory Committee. 9.30am.

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 23 April

Nottingham "Aspects of clinical nutrition", followed by annual general meeting. Foyer, School of Pharmacy (East Drive). Finger buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Tuesday 24 April

Ayrshire Annual general meeting. Gailes Lodge, Irvine. 7.30pm.

Bath "Continuing professional development" by Sue Jones (lecturer, clinical pharmacy practice, King's College London). Room 1.2 6 West, University of Bath. Buffet. 7.30 for 8pm.

Brighton Annual general meeting, followed by discussion of motions for branch representatives' meeting. Audrey Emerton Education Centre, Eastern Road. Supper 7pm (advise secretary if wishing to eat), meeting 8pm.

Chelmsford Annual dinner and discussion of motions for branch representatives' meeting. Masons Too, London Road. 7.30 for 8pm.

Clwyd "How does the Disability Discrimination Act affect you?". Oriel House Hotel, St Asaph. Buffet 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

Croydon "Obesity: weight management programme" by David Tambey-Rajah and Andrew McCoig. Postgraduate Medical Centre, Mayday Hospital. Buffet. 8pm.

Dudley and Stourbridge "Medicines use reviews: the way forward" — discussion led by Duncan Jenkins (Dudley Primary Care Trust). Clinical Education Centre, Russells Hall Hospital. 7.45 for 8pm.

Harrow and Hillingdon Annual general meeting and "Society headlines" by Graham Phillips (member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Council).

Cumberland Hotel, Harrow. Light buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Reading Annual general meeting and "Cardiovascular". Trust Education Centre, Royal Berkshire Hospital. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Wednesday 25 April

Bristol "Renal pharmacy" by Claire Oates (Frenchay hospital). BAWA Leisure Centre, Southmead. 8pm.

Doncaster "Palliative care: pain and nausea" by Louise Parrack (consultant pharmacist, Doncaster and Bassetlaw Hospitals NHS Trust). Holiday Inn, Warmsworth (near A1 junction at Balby). 7 for 7.15pm.

Hertford Annual general meeting followed by "The autistic spectrum" by Margit Bommen (consultant paediatrician). Schering Plough, Welwyn Garden City. 7.30 for 8pm.

Lincoln "Depression" by Richard Hillier. Postgraduate Medical Centre, Lincoln County Hospital. Hot supper 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

South Staffordshire "Paediatric pharmacy". Lichfield Cathedral Study Centre. 7 for 7.30pm.

Teesside "A year on the Council" by David Carter (member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Council), followed by annual general meeting. Parkmore Hotel, Yarm Road, Eaglescliffe, Stockton on Tees. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Wirral "Medicine use reviews and the medicine referral scheme" by Victoria Vincent and Jasmine Islam (pharmacy department, Wirral

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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 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 on "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).

Primary Care Trust). Postgraduate Education Centre, Clatterbridge Hospital. Refreshments 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

Thursday 26 April

Birmingham "Zoonoses" by Martin Shakespeare. Birmingham Medical Institute, 36 Harborne Road, Edgbaston. 7.15 for 8pm.

Friday 27 April

Leicestershire Chairman's dinner. Leicester College, Aylestone Road, Leicester. 7 for 7.30pm. (Tickets £20 from Ian Bell, tel 0116 2715057.)

Monday 30 April

Bury and Rochdale "Alcohol support services" by Anne Livesey (team leader, Alcohol and Drug

Services, Rochdale) followed by annual general meeting. Village Hotel, Bury (off M66 at Junction 2). 7.30 for 8pm.

North Hampshire "Myocardial infarction treatment and discharge medication" by Janet Lock (emergency divisional pharmacist). Queen Mary's College, Basingstoke. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Stockport Annual general meeting followed by "Independent prescribing" by Michelle Beecroft (pharmacist, education and training, Stockport NHS Foundation Trust) and Caroline Austin (prescribing adviser, Stockport Primary Care Trust). Lecture Theatre B, Postgraduate Centre, Pinewood House, Stepping Hill Hospital. 7.15 for 8pm.

Thursday 3 May

Bedfordshire "Code of Ethics update" by Lynsey Cleland (head of professional ethics, Royal Pharmaceutical Society). LR7, Main Building, Cranfield University, Silsoe Site, Silsoe. Buffet 7.45pm, meeting 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.

Births

Richards Tim (Bradford 1990–94) and Marissa are delighted to announce the birth of Charles William on 22 March 2007, a brother to Georgia and Jessica.



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