



## Pharmacist struck off for waste management offences and health and safety failures

The unlicensed and insecure storage of pharmaceutical waste and a failure to comply with health and safety improvement notices have led to the removal of a Birmingham pharmacist's name from the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists on the order of the Statutory Committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

At an inquiry held on 24 April 2007, the committee inquired into the case of Rakesh Kumar Panesar (registration number 72139). Information had been received that on 8 June 2001, at Birmingham Magistrates' Court, Mr Panesar had pleaded guilty and been convicted of three offences of failing to comply with improvement notices under Section 21 of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974. The offences, which all related to a pharmacy at 136 Garretts Green Lane, Sheldon, Birmingham, concerned (1) remedial works to repair defective lighting and provide adequate artificial lighting to a store-room and staircase, (2) remedial works to remove unsafe stacking from shelves, repair the shelves, replaster damp walls and ceilings and repair defective roof coverings to prevent rainwater penetration and (3) the provision of an adequate hot water supply to a wash hand basin for the hygienic washing of hands. He was fined a total of £3,000 and ordered to pay costs of £564.

Information had also been received that on 23 May 2005, at the same court, Mr Panesar had pleaded guilty and been convicted of two offences under the Environmental Protection Act 1980. The offences, which related to land at the rear of a

pharmacy at 299 Church Road, Sheldon, Birmingham, concerned (1) keeping controlled waste (or knowingly causing or permitting it to be kept) on land not occupied by the holder of a waste management licence, contrary to Section 33 of the Act and (2), being a producer of controlled waste (pharmaceutical waste), failing to take all reasonable measures to prevent any other person contravening Section 33 of the Act. He was fined a total of £10,000 and ordered to pay costs of £7,800.

The committee heard that the waste management offences related to large quantities of patient-returned medicines in garages behind the pharmacy. They included more than 2,350 oral dosage units of Schedule 2 opiates, including morphine and pethidine, and more than 200 ampoules of Schedule 2 opiates for injection, including 197 diamorphine ampoules.

Mr Panesar told the committee that the waste was from four different pharmacies. His accountant had advised him to keep all medicines he was writing off for 12 months against a possible query by the Inland Revenue. The waste had initially been in a pharmacy storeroom but had been moved out to allow decorating work.

Giving the committee's determination, the chairman, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, said it was difficult to know whether or not the garages were locked. Certainly one garage was locked, but a witness had reported seeing one garage door completely open with waste spilling out.

The chairman said: "We can only conclude that the convictions reveal a lack of

### Statutory Committee reports

*The Pharmaceutical Journal* apologises for the absence of reports from Statutory Committee hearings over the past year. This was a result of a long-term staff shortage which has now been resolved. Reports should now appear regularly.

concern for his employees and an extraordinary disregard for those parts of the law which ought to be known to any pharmacist in the country. We conclude these conclusions are such, in our opinion, as to render him unfit to have his name on the Register. This is particularly true of the second convictions where there is nothing *de minimis* about the quantities of drugs kept in the garages. . . .

"Mr Panesar has placed great store on the contribution he has made to his profession and to charity in Birmingham. We do not doubt this. He has certainly sat on, and continues to sit on, a variety of committees relating to pharmacy and its development. I am not in a position to place any precise value on his contribution but he has an impressive set of references.

"Notwithstanding this, we can only conclude in the public interest that we should direct that his name be removed from the Register of Pharmaceutical Chemists."

Mr Panesar was advised that he had three months in which to exercise his right of appeal. His name was removed from the Register on 24 July 2007.

## Reprimands follow false fitness-to-practise declarations

A Leeds pharmacy company and its superintendent pharmacist have been reprimanded by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's Statutory Committee for submitting false fitness-to-practise declarations to two primary care trusts (PCTs).

At an inquiry held on 26 July 2007, the Statutory Committee of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society inquired into a complaint by the Society's Council relating to P. H. Freeman Ltd and its superintendent pharmacist, Peter Howard Freeman (registration

number 86570). The company owned two pharmacies in Leeds — one on the South Leeds PCT pharmaceutical list and the other on the West Leeds PCT list.

The Council alleged that in August 2005 Mr Freeman submitted fitness-to-practise declarations to both PCTs, falsely representing that neither the company nor its superintendent nor any director had a criminal conviction in the UK nor had been the subject of an adverse outcome of an investigation into their professional conduct by any licens-

ing, regulatory or other body. The information was false in that in January 1999 the company and Mr Freeman had both been convicted under Section 58(2)(A) of the Medicines Act 1968, being fined a total of £600 (plus £737.60 costs), as a consequence of which both had in April 1999 received a reprimand and caution from the Statutory Committee. Furthermore, in February 2004, Mr Freeman had received a further conviction for contravening the provisions of Section 58(2)(A) of the Act, being fined

£1,000 (plus £4,000 costs) and had subsequently again been reprimanded by the Statutory Committee.

The Council also alleged that in January 2007, in response to a request for further information from Leeds West PCT, Mr Freeman had given information about the Statutory Committee reprimands but had failed to disclose the convictions that had led to those reprimands.

The Council alleged that the false declarations and the subsequent failure to disclose the convictions individually or cumulatively demonstrated misconduct such as to render Mr Freeman unfit to have his name on the Register and the company liable to disqualification.

Giving the committee's determination, the chairman, Lord Fraser of Carmyllie, QC, said that, under the National Health Service (Pharmaceutical Services) Regulations 2005, Mr Freeman was under a duty to disclose detailed fitness-to-practise information to the PCT. But on two occasions he failed to disclose criminal convictions. He was, however, careless, in that one PCT already knew of his 2004 convictions because it was that PCT that had instigated the Statutory Committee inquiry in 2004.

The chairman continued: "We have little hesitation in concluding that he has been guilty of such misconduct as to render him unfit to be on the Register. Indeed, he . . . conceded it was a serious error. Again, he has

a good set of references but we are not only influenced by them. No member of the public nor any patient has been harmed by his failure to answer these questions correctly. Nevertheless, he must know that he should observe what is required by the regulations. He now has a lighter workload and he will have to be more assiduous than he has been in the past in his attention to administrative details.

"Having said that, we will restrict our sanction on this occasion to a reprimand but do not want to see him again on any future occasion. He cannot expect to be dealt with as we have dealt with him today. Similarly, we will reprimand the company."

## From the branches: Can the Society form the basis for a royal college-type professional body

The Society's Oxfordshire branch debated the motion that "this branch believes that the Royal Pharmaceutical Society cannot assume the role of a royal college" on 8 January. Ian Simpson, branch member, proposed the motion and Graham Phillips, member of the Society's Council, opposed it.

An initial vote showed that 18 members supported the motion and five were against it. There were six abstentions.

Opening the debate, Mr Simpson confirmed that he was an enthusiastic supporter of the Society. So why, then, did he remain sceptical that the Society could assume the role of a royal college? He said that the changes that the profession is facing since the publication of the Government White Paper last February are the greatest changes that the profession has ever faced.

The White Paper makes it clear that the Society will need to have a strong and clear voice to assume the critical responsibility of a royal college and the confidence of its members. Mr Simpson said that it was a matter of confidence in the Society. He said that the Government had already shown its loss of confidence in the ability of the Society to regulate its own affairs [by establishing the General Pharmaceutical Council]. The present Society does not have the confidence of the public. The press have taken relatively little interest in the Society with the exception of its regulatory role, and in recent times only inflammatory and negative press has been given to its members. As a consequence, the public has little knowledge of the role of the Society and therefore has no confidence, he said. Even pharmacists are disillusioned and apathetic with only 20 per cent voting in Council elections.

Mr Simpson said that with such a vote of no-confidence the Society cannot assume such a critical new role. He cited the perceived arrogance of the Society towards its members, and that the Society does not represent its members publicly.

Mr Phillips agreed that the Society has a history of an appalling relationship with its members. He said that overall, pharmacists have been apathetic in voting for the Society Council representatives, but over 10,000 had been inspired to vote regarding the exorbitant increase in fees set for 2008.

He understood that the average pharmacist member was overregulated and overtaxed by the Society. He recognised that pharmacy did not have clear leadership and with nearly 200 special interest groups, identified by the Society, these could be united under one umbrella.

He said the future of the Society must be within common ground, and may evolve, with other pharmaceutical bodies to a royal college, since all the professionals are already working at Lambeth. He said that it was unfortunate that the Society has had an arrogant relationship with its members, and the Society needs to focus on improving its engagement with its members and become more



Ian Simpson (left) and Graham Phillips

inclusive. Its regulatory function, held for 75 years, had done it no favours in this respect. He said that the Government has invested in the negotiations and wants the Society to continue negotiating with its members afterwards to support a royal college as pharmacy's professional body.

The General Pharmaceutical Council to be formed by the Government will not be responsible for leadership of the professional body, said Mr Phillips. Under the Charter it would be the Society's members who would decide whether it would be the Society's assets that would underpin the new body. The Government cannot shape the future body without the introduction of legislation. The current Society should be the pivot for the new royal college and should not be destroyed in the process of its establishment, he said.

Mr Phillips said that the royal college body suggested by the Government is open to debate. He said he believes that what is important is creating a

vision which pharmacists will want to sign up to and a desire to come together with this common vision. This was being addressed in part by the 2020 Consultation which is due to report shortly.

However, he stressed, there is only a short window of opportunity to capture the confidence of the main body of enthusiasts for a royal college in order to exploit the opportunities for making a contribution to the development of the new body as the Society demerges.

From the resounding reaction to Lord Hunt's letter in *The Pharmaceutical Journal*, in which he stipulated the need for the royal college to be a new body and not the Society, it was clear that pharmacists do not want outside governance. Lord Carter had responded to Lord Hunt and endorsed the recommendations of the White Paper.

Mr Phillips said that the rest of the world looked towards the Society and the UK in the way pharmacy is practised here, and that we should all be celebrating this. We should bang the drum for pharmacy much harder, he said.

He added that more cohesion is needed within the various pharmacy professional bodies to form the synergy needed to drive the vision forward.

Summing up, Mr Simpson concluded that the new body will not be the Society that we currently know. In developing a new body the profession should embrace a once in a lifetime opportunity to build on its solid foundations provided by the Society and come together to decide the best way forward into the future in close collaboration with the Society, he said.

Mr Phillips concluded that the Society is the only vehicle to deliver the new body as it relinquishes its regulatory role.

A vote at the close of the debate showed a swing against the motion with six members voting for it, 19 against it and two abstainers.

*From Susan Shelley, Oxfordshire branch*

## OFFICIAL NOTICES

Communications to the Royal Pharmaceutical Society should be addressed, unless otherwise stated, to: The Chief Executive 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](http://www.pjonline.com/notices)).

## Council election 2008

Three unreserved places for elected pharmacists, one place for an elected pharmacist reserved to each of the national constituencies of Wales, Scotland, England Isle of Man & Channel Islands, respectively, and one place for an elected pharmacy technician, will become vacant on the Society's Council in May 2008.

Nominations for election to these vacancies should be received (by post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by the Head of Secretariat, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street London SE1 7JN, by noon, Friday 29 February 2008.

**Eligibility** A candidate for an unreserved place shall be eligible for election only if his or her name appears within Part 1 (practising) of the relevant Society Register

and he or she is normally resident in Great Britain, the Isle of Man or the Channel Islands. A pharmacist candidate for a national constituency must normally live or work wholly or mainly in that constituency. A pharmacist may stand for both a national constituency and an unreserved vacancy in any one election. If elected to both places votes for the unreserved vacancy will be deemed void.

A prospective candidate shall not be eligible if he or she has failed, by noon on Friday 29 February 2008, to pay any retention fee or penalty then due and payable by him or her to the Society.

**Nominations** Nominations for the unreserved pharmacist places in this election must be signed by 10 pharmacist nominators. Nominations for reserved places in the national constituencies of Wales, Scotland and England must be signed by 10 pharmacist nominators whose addresses in the Register of Pharmacists are in their respective constituency. Nominations for the pharmacy technician place must be signed by five registered pharmacy technician nominators.

Nominees who are accepting nomination to the Council must enclose with the nomination form

## Election procedures

Procedures for the conduct of the Council and national pharmacy board elections were published in full last week together with an indication of the attendance at meetings of retiring Council and board members (PJ, 26 January, pp89–96).

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

A candidate is invited, but not required, to submit particulars of professional qualifications, an election statement, which when combined with the information on particulars of work and declaration of interests does not exceed 630 words, and a good quality photograph.

The deadline for receipt of all the supporting material, including the candidate's details of professional qualifications, photograph and election statement, should he or she choose to provide them, is noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Head of Secretariat (tel 020 7572 2204; e-mail [averil.ridgway@rpsgb.org](mailto:averil.ridgway@rpsgb.org)) The nomination forms and the guidance papers can also be downloaded from the Society's website ([www.rpsgb.org](http://www.rpsgb.org)) — see the "Council election" link on the right of the home page.

A nomination may be withdrawn by notice in writing (not by e-mail) signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to the Head of Secretariat at the above address no later than noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

**Timetable** The electoral roll will be closed at 5pm on Friday 14 March 2008. Only those pharmacists and pharmacy technicians who are registered with the Society at that time shall be entitled to vote in this election. It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 4 April 2008.

Completed voting forms must be returned by post to the Electoral Reform Ballot Services Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive not later than noon on Friday 9 May 2008. The newly elected Council members will take office at 12.01am on 22 May 2008.

**Jeremy Holmes**  
Returning Officer  
Chief Executive and Registrar

## English Pharmacy Board election 2008

Four unreserved places for elected pharmacists will become vacant on the Society's English Pharmacy Board in May 2008. Nominations for election to these vacancies should be received (via post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by the Deputy Head of Corporate Secretariat, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street London SE1 7JN, by noon, Friday 29 February 2008.

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

A prospective candidate shall not be eligible if he or she has failed, by noon on Friday 29 February 2008, to pay any retention fee or penalty then due and payable by him or her to the Society.

**Nominations** Nominations for pharmacist candidates in the board election must be signed by 10 pharmacist nominators whose registered addresses are in England.

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

A candidate is invited, but not required, to submit particulars of professional qualifications, an election statement, which when

## BPC 2008 — applications invited for Conference Science Medal

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is inviting applications for the 2008 British Pharmaceutical Conference Science Medal.

Applications are open internationally to scientists working in a pharmaceutical or allied discipline (in industry or academia) with a proven track record of independent research, and published work that shows outstanding promise. Applicants with no more than 10 years' experience in the field as at 31 March 2008 at the post-doctoral level are invited to submit the following:

- A full CV detailing personal information, past and present appointments, research responsibilities and works published
- List of research students who have worked under nominee and their thesis titles and dates, plus any other instances of research collaborations
- Details of research grants as awarded and the candidate's role
- Invitations to speak at conferences in the United Kingdom and overseas, lecture or symposium titles, and names of awards

A brief resume of two pages should also be submitted indicating discoveries made (please note that copies of publications are not required).

The winner will receive the Commemorative Conference Science Medal, a cheque for £750 and an invitation to present a 30-minute lecture at BPC 2009. Submissions should be made to Sanobar Shaikh, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN, by 31 March 2008. The successful applicant will be announced by the end of May 2008.



combined with the information on particulars of work and declaration of interests, does not exceed 630 words, and a good quality photograph.

The deadline for receipt of all the supporting material, including the candidate's details of professional qualifications, photograph and election statement, should he or she choose to provide them, is noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Deputy Head of Corporate Secretariat (tel 020 7572 2446; e-mail EPBelections@rpsgb.org). The nomination forms and the guidance papers can also be downloaded from the Society's website ([www.rpsgb.org](http://www.rpsgb.org)) — see the "Boards elections" link on the right of the home page.

A nomination may be withdrawn by notice in writing (not by e-mail) signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to the Deputy Head of Corporate Secretariat at the above address no later than noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

**Timetable** The electoral roll will be closed at 5pm on Friday 14 March 2008. Only those pharmacists who are registered with the Society and whose registered address is in England at that time shall be entitled to vote in this election.

It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 4 April 2008. Completed voting forms must be returned by post to the Electoral Reform Services Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive not later than noon on Friday 9 May 2008.

The newly elected board members will take office at 12.01am on 22 May 2008.

**David Pruce**  
*Returning Officer for England*

### Scottish Pharmacy Board election 2008

Four unreserved places for elected pharmacists will become vacant on the Society's Scottish Pharmacy Board in May 2008. Nominations for election to these vacancies should be received (via post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by the Returning Officer for Scotland, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 36 York Place, Edinburgh EH1 3HU by noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

## BPC 2008 — applications invited for Practice Research Conference Award

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is inviting applications or nominations for the 2008 Practice Research Conference Award.

This award, sponsored by the Pharmacy Practice Research Trust, is intended to recognise individuals who have made a significant contribution to the field of pharmacy practice research and who have the potential to become a leader in the field. Typically, applicants should be at the mid-point of their career. The winner will receive a cheque for £1,000 and will be required to deliver a 30-minute lecture at BPC 2008, based primarily on the applicant's own research but also drawing on relevant published work from related fields.

An applicant is not required to be based in a school of pharmacy or to be a registered pharmacist. International applications are welcome.

To apply for the award or nominate a colleague, the following must be submitted:

- A full academic CV demonstrating professional and academic track record, including peer review experience, publications and significant grants awarded
- Brief personal statement of up to two sides of A4
- Proposed lecture title, an outline of the topics to be covered in the lecture and a statement of how the research to be presented contributes to knowledge in relation to healthcare generally and pharmacy practice specifically

Applicants will be judged by the BPC Practice Research Panel against the following criteria: grants held; quality of published research; collaborations (national and international); evidence of research leadership; relevance of research to policy and practice; and quality of proposed lecture content.

Applications should be received by 5pm on Friday 14 March 2008, addressed to: Julie Churchill, Science Programme Manager, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High St, London SE1 7JN. Alternatively submissions may be e-mailed to [julie.churchill@rpsgb.org](mailto:julie.churchill@rpsgb.org). The winner will be notified in May 2008.

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

A prospective candidate shall not be eligible if he or she is a member of the Society's Council, or if he or she has failed, by noon on Friday 29 February 2008, to pay any retention fee or penalty then due and payable by him or her to the Society.

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

Nominees who are accepting nomination to the board must enclose with the nomination form the declaration and undertaking for candidates for election to the boards, duly signed, particulars of the extent and type of work undertaken by the candidate within and for the profession of pharmacy, a signed statement confirming that no Society retention fee or penalty due from



the candidate remains unpaid, a declaration of relevant interests, and a declaration of any relevant adverse decisions, as shown in the statement of policy on election procedures.

A candidate is invited, but not required, to submit particulars of professional qualifications, an election statement, which when combined with the information on particulars of work and declaration of interests, does not exceed 630 words, and a good quality photograph.

The deadline for receipt of all the supporting material, including the candidate's details of professional qualifications, photograph and election statement should he or she choose to provide them, is noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Returning Officer for Scotland at the above address, or by e-mail: [SPBelections@rpsgb.org](mailto:SPBelections@rpsgb.org). The nomination form and the guidance papers are also available on the Society's website ([www.rpsgb.org](http://www.rpsgb.org)) — see the

"Boards elections" link on the right of the home page.

A nomination may be withdrawn by notice in writing (not by e-mail) signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to the Returning Officer for Scotland at the above address no later than noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

**Timetable** The electoral roll will be closed at 5pm on Friday 14 March 2008. Only pharmacists registered with the Society and whose registered addresses are in Scotland at that time shall be entitled to vote in this election. It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 4 April 2008. Completed voting forms must be returned by post to the Electoral Reform Ballot Services Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive not later than noon on Friday 9 May 2008.

The newly elected board members will take office at 12.01am on 22 May 2008.

**Lyndon Braddick**  
*Returning Officer for Scotland*

### Welsh Pharmacy Board election 2008

Four unreserved places for elected pharmacists will become vacant on the Society's Welsh Pharmacy Board in May 2008. Nominations for election to these vacancies should be received (via post, hand delivery or fax — not e-mail) by the Returning Officer for Wales, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 2 Ash Tree Court, Woodsy Close, Cardiff Gate Business Park, Pontprennau, Cardiff CF23 8FW by noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

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

A prospective candidate shall not be eligible if he or she is a member of the Society's Council, or if he or she has failed, by noon on Friday 29 February 2008, to pay any retention fee or penalty then due and payable by him or her to the Society.

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

Nominees who are accepting nomination to the board must enclose with the nomination form

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

A candidate is invited, but not required, to submit particulars of professional qualifications, an election statement, which when combined with the information on particulars of work and declaration of interests, does not exceed 630 words, and a good quality photograph.

The deadline for receipt of all the supporting material, including the candidate's details of professional qualifications, photograph and election statement should he or she choose to provide them, is noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

All nominations must be made on an official nomination form. To obtain a nomination form and guidance papers, please contact the Returning Officer for Wales at the above address, or by e-mail: WPBelections@rpsgb.org. The nomination form and the guidance papers are also available from the Society's website ([www.rpsgb.org](http://www.rpsgb.org)) — see the "Boards elections" link on the right of the home page.

A nomination may be withdrawn by notice in writing (not by e-mail) signed by the prospective candidate and delivered to the Returning Officer for Wales at the above address no later than noon on Friday 29 February 2008.

**Timetable** The electoral roll will be closed at 5pm on Friday 14 March 2008. Only those pharmacists who are registered with the Society and whose registered addresses are in Wales at that time shall be entitled to vote in this election.

It is expected that voting papers will be posted to the electorate on Friday 4 April 2008. Completed voting forms must be returned by post to the Electoral Reform Ballot Services Ltd, PO Box 6352, London N1 1YR, to arrive not later than 12 noon, Friday 9 May 2008.

The newly elected board members will take office at 12.01am on 22 May 2008.

**Cath Savage**  
Returning Officer for Wales

## BPC 2008 — applications invited for GSK International Achievement Award

The Royal Pharmaceutical Society is inviting applications or nominations for the GlaxoSmithKline International Achievement Award.

The award is open to researchers in academia, industry, public service or any other scientific establishment, or researchers from these areas working collaboratively. Individuals or teams of up to six researchers from across the globe, who have demonstrated a substantial advancement in the application of scientific knowledge within the pharmaceutical sciences through published work over the past three years, are encouraged to apply.

There is no age limit for applicants or nominees, and applications will be judged on scientific quality and the actual or future applicability to industrial practice.

The successful applicant(s) will be selected by a review panel of senior staff from GlaxoSmithKline. They will receive a commemorative presentation, a cheque for £1,000, and expenses for the successful applicant (or leader of the successful team) to attend BPC 2008 to give a lecture on their work.

Applications are requested either direct from the nominee, or on behalf of the nominee from any other individual or organisation within the pharmaceutical industry. Submissions should include the following:

- CV of the principal researcher
- Summary CV for each team member
- Summary (100 words maximum) of published work over the past three years and its importance to the pharmaceutical industry

Submissions should be received by 31 March 2008, and sent to Sanobar Shaikh, Science Adviser, Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 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.bpc2008.org](http://www.bpc2008.org)).



### Disciplinary Committee

The Disciplinary Committee will meet at the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1, on Monday 11, Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13, Thursday 14 and Friday 15 February 2008 at 9.30am to hear the following Statutory Committee inquiries:

1. The new inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Rashad Arif** (registration number 1069237) which alleges that a number of dispensing and labelling errors may amount to misconduct.
2. The new inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Christopher Dotchin** (registration number 1051544) which alleges that: the removal of a Controlled Drugs Register from a pharmacy; entrusting the Controlled Drugs Register to someone who was not a pharmacist, thereby failing to respect and protect the confidentiality of those patients whose details were contained in the Register; the failure to store appropriately five or six boxes of Ritalin; storing patient-returned Controlled Drugs in a locker; the removal of an unknown quantity of date-expired and/or patient-returned Nicorette gum, Nicorette lozenges and vitamin products for his own use and without authority; enlisting the services of someone who was not a pharmacist, was not an employee of the pharmacy and did not have any pharmaceutical training, and instructing him to sort and then place on the dispensary shelves medicines which had been previously dispensed to patients, may amount to misconduct.
3. The new inquiry into a complaint by the Council of the Society against **Andrew Negus** (registration number 69957) which alleges that: failing to make an entry in the morphine Controlled Drug Register (the Register) on receipt, or within 24 hours of receipt, of 13 bottles of 120ml Oramorph; making an incorrect and/or deliberately false entry on a pharmacy stock

sheet; making an alteration to the Register without dating the alteration; failing to make an entry in the Register on the date of a supply of 30ml bottle of Oramorph, or on the day next following that day, recording the said supply; giving false information to a Controlled Drug inspector; asking a colleague to give false information; making a deliberately false entry in the Register; making an alteration to the Register without dating the alteration; and being convicted on 26 July 2005 at the Teesside Crown Court of failing to maintain a Register for a quantity of Oramorph, contrary to Section 18(1) of the Misuse of Drugs Act 1971, for which Mr Negus was conditionally discharged for two years and ordered to pay £800 towards the prosecution costs, may amount to misconduct.

### Statutory Committees Secretariat

### DEATHS

**Bristow** On 20 January, Edward Bristow, MRPharmS, aged 89, of 11 Haweswater Close, Beechwood, Runcorn, Cheshire WA7 3JF. Mr Bristow registered in 1942.

**Burnett** On 18 January, George Murray Burnett, FRPharmS, aged 84, of Zamora, Newton Road, Sudbury, Suffolk CO10 2RN. Mr Burnett registered in 1946.

**Crabtree** On 19 January, Philip Thompson Crabtree, aged 83, of 5 Brackley Road, Monton, Eccles, Manchester M30 9LG. Mr Crabtree registered in 1946 and retired from the Register in 1994.

**Crispin** On 24 August 2007, Colin Thomson Crispin, MRPharmS, aged 59, of 5 Cartington Close, Peterlee, County Durham SR8 1PG. Mr Crispin registered in 1972.

**Pinnick** On 24 September 2007, Alan Stuart Pinnick, MRPharmS, aged 77, of Flat 5, Brocton Court, Cavendish Road, Salford M7 4NB. Mr Pinnick registered in 1958.

**Robinson** On 19 January, Neil Robinson, aged 97, of 98 Barrowford Road, Colne, Lancashire BB8 9QW. Mr Robinson registered in 1932 and retired from the Register in 2004.

**Sanghera** On 16 November 2007, Narinderjit Kaur Sanghera, MRPharmS, aged 39, of Apartment 6, The Townhouse, 2

Kenilworth Road, Leamington Spa, Warwickshire CV32 5TE. Ms Sanghera registered in 1990.

## TRIBUTES

**Brown** In a tribute to the late William Robert Lang Brown, (*PJ*, 18 January, p64), JOAN GREENLEAF writes: Bill Brown was a larger-than-life character, who did a great deal for hospital pharmacy. After an academic career in the UK and Africa, he became chief pharmacist at St Bartholomew's Hospital, London, where he instituted many new developments, including microbiological control of pharmaceuticals, setting up what was to become the regional pharmacy microbiology laboratory. Bill was highly respected and active in pharmaceutical affairs in the region and nationally, both in the Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. As a member of the Noel Hall Working Party, he helped to shape modern hospital pharmacy. To me, personally, he was enormously supportive when I first became regional pharmacist and was a much valued colleague and friend. Our sympathy goes to his wife Maggie and their family.

**Dickman** In a tribute to the late Alan Wellesley Dickman (*PJ*, 5/12 January, p33), PENNY LYE writes: I was saddened to hear of the death of Alan Dickman on 25 December 2007. Mr Dickman had a profound influence on me and was my inspiration to become a pharmacist. My first job was as a Saturday girl in Dickman's Chemist in Berkhamsted and if it was not too busy I was invited "round the back" into the dispensary to chat with Mr Dickman. I remember being in complete awe that he knew what all the different tablets and capsules were for and how they worked on the body. He was a highly respected pharmacist in the town. Often on Saturdays the local GPs would pop in to have a chat with Mr Dickman and they would be invited "round the back" and stories would be swapped (which I later learnt was a euphemism for rather risqué jokes). I have happy memories of working with "Mr D" as he was fondly known and of funny tales that occurred. I decided when I went to university to study pharmacy and that if I could be a pharmacist just half as good as Mr D then I would have succeeded. I am still striving towards my goal. He was my hero and I am going to miss him. My thoughts are with his wife and family.

**Jackson** In a tribute to the late William Arthur Jackson (*PJ*, 19 January, p64), GEOFFREY BENSON writes: I was sad to learn of the death on Christmas Eve of Bill Jackson. Bill served as president of Manchester Pharmaceutical Association for four years between 1995 and 1999, an office that he was especially proud to hold because of the long history of this organisation, which predates the formation of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society. In recognition of his services he was elected as one of two honorary vice-presidents when he resigned as president.

Manchester has been extremely fortunate and proud to have such a source of expertise relating to the history of pharmacy in our midst. Although Bill was quiet and unassuming, his enthusiasm for the history of our profession in all its aspects was infectious. In spite of enduring a long-term disability, he was always willing to help. With his encyclopaedic knowledge, he was the first person I would contact with any questions or queries relating to the artefacts used in the practice of pharmacy. It was always a great pleasure to have the excuse to contact him and we had many long conversations. I can only remember one occasion when he was unable to provide me with an immediate answer.

He developed a great friendship with the local medical historian John Wilkinson, which I am sure benefited both in their quests to research and record past developments in the professions of pharmacy and medicine. This friendship enabled members of the association to visit on a number of occasions the reproduction apothecary shop established by Dr Wilkinson in his home at Mobberley Hall. On these visits we were able to view the priceless collection of delFTWARE drug jars, another of Bill's passion.

In retirement from general pharmacy practice, he successfully completed an MSc at the university of Manchester and later spent six years as honorary curator of collections in the medical school at this institution. His indefatigable energy for research and the number of papers and articles that he published never ceased to amaze me. Where did he find the time? His important contributions to our knowledge relating to the history of pharmacy, medicine and associated artefacts will be missed both locally and nationally.

The officers and council of the Manchester Pharmaceutical Association wish to convey their

heartfelt sympathy to Bill's wife Audrey, who was a great support to him, and his family at this sad time.

## DIARY

### Headquarters meetings

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

**Monday 11 February**  
Disciplinary Committee. 9.30am

**Tuesday 12 February**  
Disciplinary Committee. 9.30am

**Wednesday 13 February**  
Disciplinary Committee. 9.30am

**Thursday 14 February**  
Disciplinary Committee. 9.30am

**Friday 15 February**  
Disciplinary 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](http://www.pjonline.com/diary))

**Monday 11 February**  
**Aberdeen and North East Scottish**  
"Tocher lecture" by Bill Scott (chief pharmaceutical officer, Scottish Executive Health Department). MA7, School of Pharmacy, The Robert Gordon University, Schoolhill, Aberdeen. Buffet 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

**Bromley** "Smoking cessation" by Linda Defreitas (Smokefree Bromley co-ordinator). Frognaal Postgraduate Centre, Queen Mary Hospital, Sidcup. Buffet. 7 for 8pm.

**Nottingham** "Antibiotics and statins: therapeutic tips and current issues" by Chris Love (senior pharmacist, Queen's Medical Centre and Nottinghamshire County Primary Care Trust). School of Pharmacy, University of Nottingham. 7.30 for 8pm.

**Tuesday 12 February**  
**Brighton** "Skin cancer" by Russell Emerson (dermatology surgeon), Brighton and Sussex University Hospitals NHS Trust). Preston Park Hotel, 216 Preston Road, Brighton. 8pm.

**Harrow and Hillingdon**  
Presentation on "Diabetes". Cumberland Hotel, Harrow. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

**Oxfordshire** "Ophthalmology, new developments" by Peggy Frith (ophthalmologist, Redcliffe Trust). George Pickering Postgraduate Centre, Level 3, John Radcliffe

Hospital. Headley Way, Oxford. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.  
**West Surrey** "Obesity and weight management" by Harriet Murrell (health promotion specialist, Surrey Primary Care Trust). Park Room, Guildford College, Stoke Road, Guildford. Buffet 7pm, meeting 8pm.

**Wednesday 13 February**  
**Northamptonshire** "NHS mail" by Paul Cockerill (NHS mail facilitator). Kettering Conference Centre, Thurston Drive, Kettering. Buffet 7pm, meeting 7.30pm.

**Tuesday 19 February**  
**Barnet** "Full blood counts and their clinical significance" by Sylvia Berney (consultant haematologist, Barnet and Chase Farm Hospitals). Education and Information Centre, Barnet Hospital. Buffet 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.

**Slough** "Pain management" by Phil Wiffen (director of training, Cochrane Centre). John Lister Postgraduate Centre, (Entrance 4) Wexham Park Hospital. Buffet 7.15pm, meeting 8pm.

**Wednesday 20 February**  
**East Lancashire** "Death by Nurofen Plus and other stories" by Simon Nelson (coroner). Clayton Park Business Centre. 7 for 7.30pm.

**South East Metropolitan**  
"Pharmacy 2020: the English Pharmacy Board and how it is supporting pharmacy practice developments" by Beth Taylor (vice-chairman, English Pharmacy Board). Clarendon Hotel London. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.  
**Wirral** Annual general meeting, followed by a talk about the work of the National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence by Martin Stanley (specialised services commissioning manager, Cheshire and Merseyside Specialist Commissioning Team). Postgraduate Education Centre, Clatterbridge Hospital. 7.30 for 8pm.

**Thursday 21 February**  
**Chelmsford** "Practical management of diabetes" by Jane Young (diabetic clinical nurse specialist). Cosmopolitan Restaurant, 10 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford. 7.30pm for 8pm.  
**Halifax** "Pharmacist prescribing". Learning and Development Centre, Calderdale Royal Hospital, Halifax. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.  
**Hull** Presentation on "Music therapy". Postgraduate Education Centre, Hull Royal Infirmary, Anlaby Road, Hull. 8.30pm.

**Ipswich** "Foot care for diabetics" by Neil Baker (diabetes specialist and research podiatrist, Ipswich Diabetic Foot Unit, Ipswich Hospital). Cedars Hotel, Stowmarket. Buffet 7.30pm, meeting 8pm.

## LONG SERVICE

*The Journal* is marking long service of pharmacists by publishing the names of all members and fellows of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society who have been on the Register for 50 or more years at the end of 2007. From Christmas 2008, we will update the list on an annual basis.

In the issue of 5/12 January (p34) we published the names of those who registered in 1937 or before. On 19 January (p65) we published names of those who registered between 1938 and 1948. On 26 January (p97) we published names of those registered between 1949 and 1956. This week we publish the names of those who registered in 1957. Names are given in order of length of time on the Register.

Pharmacists wishing to have their contact details forwarded to any of these people should apply to Registration either in writing (Registration Department, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN) or by e-mail (registration@rpsgb.org).

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The Royal Pharmaceutical Society has established special interest groups for community pharmacists, for veterinary pharmacists, for industrial, regulatory and technical pharmacists, for hospital pharmacists and for pharmacy academic staff. The groups hold meetings to consider topics of interest within their own fields of practice and they provide a source of advice to the Society's Council on specialist matters. Details of the groups can be obtained from the Society. Contact details are given below.

**Community Pharmacists Group** The Community Pharmacists Group, formed at the beginning of 1994, is open to all pharmacists engaged in the practice of community pharmacy. The group committee has the discretion to grant membership to pharmacists who are not engaged in community pharmacy practice but who have a direct involvement or demonstrable interest in that aspect of pharmacy.

Contact: Angela Canning, practice division (tel 020 7572 2412; e-mail angela.canning@rpsgb.org).

**Veterinary Pharmacists Group** The Veterinary Pharmacists Group is open to all pharmacists who are engaged in, or actively considering engaging in, the preparation or supply of agricultural chemicals, veterinary medicines and allied products. Other pharmacists may be granted membership at the discretion of the group committee.

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## Cannabinoid medicines

- **Date:** Monday 10 March, 9.45am–4.30pm
- **Venue:** Royal Pharmaceutical Society headquarters, London
- **Aim:** There is currently considerable interest in the medical benefits of cannabis and related compounds for the treatment of a whole variety of conditions. This meeting will raise awareness of cannabis-derived medicines and how they may offer novel opportunities in drug discovery.
- **Fees:** £125 for members of the Society or APS; £140 for non-members; £50 for students. Fees include lunch, refreshments and course documentation.
- **Further information:** Julie Churchill, Royal Pharmaceutical Society, 1 Lambeth High Street, London SE1 7JN (tel 020 7572 2261; e-mail science@rpsgb.org).

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## Stability testing of pharmaceuticals

- **Date:** 18–20 February 2008
- **Venue:** The Moller Centre, Cambridge
- **Aim:** To provide delegates with a detailed appraisal of the rationale and techniques associated with the stability testing of pharmaceuticals and related products
- **Content:** Aspects covered will include criteria for product stability, challenges associated with specific product types, including biotechnology products, complex formulations and devices, new technology for stability assessment, and the application and limitations of stability test procedures. UK and international regulatory aspects will be discussed. Workshop sessions will use practical examples to illustrate essential steps in the development of stability testing protocols. Sufficient time will be available for detailed discussion and questions during the lecture programme.
- **Fees:** £1,690 for members of the Society or the APS, £1,760 for non-members
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