

BPC 2003: HARROGATE



HARROGATE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE

The 2003 meeting of the British Pharmaceutical Conference takes place at Harrogate International Centre from Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 September. The overall theme will be "Delivering innovation for patients". This three-page feature sets out highlights of the conference programme and gives booking details and other conference information. The conference is organised by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society in association with a number of partner organisations, and is sponsored by Merck Sharp & Dohme and Boots

Delivering innovation for the patient

This year's British Pharmaceutical Conference has "Delivering innovation for patients" as its principal theme, with each day focusing on a different aspect. Monday's topic is "Innovation and delivery with a focus on cancer care", Tuesday's is "Innovation and delivery with a focus on children's care" and Wednesday's is "Delivering innovation with patients and carers".

Each day begins with a plenary address relevant to the day's theme, and the daily topic continues among the programmes of parallel meetings for pharmaceutical scientists and for practising pharmacists.

Cancer care After an introduction to the conference by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society's President, Dr Gillian Hawsworth, the Monday programme begins with a plenary lecture by Professor Karol Sikora, visiting professor of cancer medicine at Imperial College, University of London. The focus on cancer then continues in a science symposium on resistance in cancer therapy and in two meetings for practising pharmacists on aspects of cancer care.

Other science symposia examine drug delivery, plants and psychopharmacology and new techniques in pharmaceutical analysis. Practising pharmacists have sessions on clinical governance, pharmacogenetics, skill mix, continuing professional development and prescribing.

Children's care The Tuesday programme starts with Professor Graham Buckton's Conference Science Chairman's address, followed by a plenary address by Professor Al Aynsley Green, the National Clinical Director for Children, who will give an update on the Children's

National Service Framework. For the rest of the morning, and continuing after lunch, one of the day's sessions for practising pharmacists looks at aspects of "Getting it right for children: managing the risks". For scientists, there is a symposium on paediatric drugs, also continuing in the afternoon.

Other science meetings include symposia on oral drug absorption and on combating counterfeiting, plus a biotechnology workshop and short papers in pharmaceutical analysis. Hospital pharmacists have sessions before and after lunch on hot topics in secondary care. An innovation this year is a series of sessions for primary care pharmacists, hosted by the chief executive of the National Prescribing Centre, Clive Jackson.

Patients and carers Wednesday begins with a plenary session addressed by the Society's President and by a minister (not yet named)

from the post-shuffle ministerial team at the Department of Health. Various aspects of the day's theme are then covered in sessions for practising pharmacists on concordance, pharmacy public health and "Delivering for, and with, patients". Science symposia examine various scientific innovations in treatment and care, including innovations in drug delivery.

Other Wednesday sessions for practising pharmacists include a meeting on law and ethics in the field of mental health, a session on the reform of the Society and a workshop on writing standard operating procedures for dispensing. Other science symposia will look at small-scale manufacturing and at parenteral science and technology.

An outline of the main programme appears on pages 868 and 869, along with information about the exhibition, practice research, science posters and social events.

CONFERENCE ESSENTIALS

Registration Conference registration forms have been widely distributed. Further copies can be obtained from the conference organisers: Health Links, 3rd Floor, Windsor House, 11A High Street, Birmingham B14 7BB (tel 0121 248 3399; fax 0121 248 3390). Full conference details are also available on the Health Links website (www.health-links.co.uk/bpc).

Fees Members of the Society (and certain other organisations) and presenters can take advantage of a special rate of £385 + VAT for the full conference or £135 + VAT for a single day if they book by 1 August. Bona fide students pay £100 + VAT full fee or £35 + VAT per day. After 1 August, these fees rise to £495, £165, £135 and £45, plus VAT, respectively. The fees include morning coffee, a packed lunch and afternoon tea each day. Online booking is available on the Health Links website (see above).

Accommodation bookings Rooms can be booked by completing an accommodation form enclosed with the registration form. Further copies can be obtained from Health Links (see above). Accommodation can also be booked online at www.procon-events.com/bpc03/bpc03book.htm

VENUE

The conference is being held in Harrogate at the Harrogate International Centre, which is on the edge of the town's central shopping area and a short walk from the rail and bus stations.

Harrogate is easily accessible by road, rail and air. By road, it is about 70min from Manchester and Newcastle Upon Tyne, 2hr 30min from Birmingham and 3hr 30min from London. It has rail links to most parts of Britain via Leeds or York.

Harrogate is also easily reached from Leeds Bradford International Airport either by public transport (via Leeds) or by a 20-minute taxi ride (about £20). The airport has scheduled flights to 10 destinations in the British Isles and a similar number in continental Europe.

Exhibition

An extensive exhibition will run alongside the conference throughout its three days in the centre's purpose-built exhibition halls. The exhibition will feature a wide range of stands and demonstrations showing developments in pharmaceutical science, information technology and pharmacy practice.

Information about booking exhibition space is available from Theresa Meek (tel 0121 559 3445; fax 0121 561 3252).

Social events

The social programme begins with a Sunday evening welcome reception at the conference centre. Entry is free (but by ticket only). A conference dinner on the Monday (£45.50 + VAT) and a buffet meal with dancing on the Tuesday (£15 + VAT) both take place in the Old Swan Hotel. Also on Tuesday is a black tie dinner for members of the Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences (telephone enquiries to 0116 269 2299).

Practice research

The timetable for pharmacists in practice includes a wide-ranging programme of practice research presentations, some given orally on the Monday and Tuesday afternoons and Wednesday morning, and others presented as posters, displayed throughout the conference. An attended poster session, with wine, takes place at 5pm on Tuesday. The 2003 practice research medal lecture will be given at 2pm on Monday.

Sunday workshop on concordance and patient involvement

A range of issues relating to concordance and patient involvement will be examined during a pre-conference workshop to be held on Sunday 14 September from 12.30 to 4.30pm. This free event, run by the National Association of Women Pharma-

cists, will be led by Jennifer Archer, assistant director of the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education. Those wishing to attend, or to seek further information, should contact Brenda Ecclestone (tel 01453 759516).

Science posters

About 230 science posters will be presented during the conference, with a different selection on display each day. Authors will be in attendance for an hour each day. A discussion session for commended posters will be held each day, with poster prizes donated by the *Journal of Pharmacy and Pharmacology*.

Main conference programme day by day

Set out below is an outline of the main sessions on each day of the conference. Details of individual symposium papers are given only for the plenary programme. Fur-

ther detail is given in the conference brochure and a regularly updated version is available on the Health Links website (www.health-links.co.uk/lpc)

Key to colour coding

- Plenary sessions
- Sessions for pharmaceutical scientists
- Sessions for pharmacists in practice

Monday 15 September: Innovation and delivery with a focus on cancer care

<p>9.45-10am Welcome and introduction by the President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society, Dr Gillian Hawksworth</p> <p>10-10.45am Conference Symposium: "Innovation and delivery in cancer care" Professor Karol Sikora, visiting professor of cancer medicines, Imperial College, University of London</p>	10am-1pm Science Symposium: "Drug delivery"	2pm-2.45pm Conference Science Medal Lecture: "Delivering therapeutic cells and protein to enhance tissue regeneration" by Professor Kevin Shakesheff, University of Nottingham	3-5pm Science Symposium: "Drug delivery" (continued)	
	11am-1pm Science Symposium: "The science of resistance in cancer chemotherapy"	Lunch	3-5pm Science Symposium: "The science of resistance in cancer chemotherapy" (continued)	
	11am-1pm Science Symposium: "Plants and phytopharmacology" (with Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences pharmacognosy focus group)		3-5pm Science Symposium: "Plants and phytopharmacology" (continued)	
	11am-1pm Science Symposium: "Case studies in the use of new analytical technique" (with the Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group)		3-5pm Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group short papers	
	10am-6pm Science posters on display, with attended poster session from 5pm and poster discussion session for commended posters at 5.30pm			
	11.15am-1pm Cancer care: "The latest picture in the care of cancer: policies and practice" (with the British Oncology Pharmacy Association)	Lunch	2-3.30pm <i>Chemist & Druggist</i> Conference Practice research medal: "The new landscape of pharmacy employment: understanding the workforce is key to the future of pharmacy" by Dr Karen Hassell, University of Manchester, followed by Practice research papers	3.30-5pm Cancer care: "Cancer care in primary and community settings" (with British Oncology Pharmacy Association)
	11.15am-1pm Prescribing: "The new prescribers" (with the National Pharmaceutical Association)		3.30-5pm Continuing professional development: "CPD in practice" (with the Centre for Pharmacy Postgraduate Education)	
	10am-6pm Practice posters on display		3.30-5pm Skill mix: "Career paths for pharmacy technicians: getting skill mix right" (with United Kingdom Clinical Pharmacy Association and Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists)	
			3.30-5pm Clinical governance: "Clinical governance, improving practice: primary and community" (with National Pharmaceutical Association)	
			3.30-5pm Pharmacogenetics: "Pharmacogenetics in pharmacy practice"	

Tuesday 16 September: Innovation and delivery with a focus on children's care

8.45–9.30am Conference Science Chairman's address Professor Graham Buckton 9.30–10.15pm Conference symposium: "Innovation in paediatric care" Professor Al Aynsley-Green, National Clinical Director for Children	10am–noon Science Workshop: "Commercialising biotech innovation" (with the Industrial Pharmacists Group)	Lunch Lunch	2–2.45pm GlaxoSmithKline International Achievement Award: Professor Martyn Davies and colleagues, Biophysics and Surface Analysis, University of Nottingham	3–5pm Science Workshop: "SME biotech showcase" (with the Industrial Pharmacists Group)
	10am–noon Science Symposium: "Paediatric drugs" (with the UK and Ireland Controlled Release Society)		3–5pm Science Symposium: "Paediatric drugs" (continued)	
	10am–noon Science Symposium: "Oral absorption: problems, compounds and sources of variation" (with Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences biopharmaceutical focus group)		3–5pm Science Symposium: "Oral absorption: problem compounds and sources of variation" (continued)	
	10am–noon Science Symposium: "Combating the counterfeiting of medicines" (with the Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group)		3–5pm Joint Pharmaceutical Analysis Group short papers	
	10am–6pm Science posters on display, with attended poster session and wine reception from 5 to 6pm			
10am–noon Primary Care: "Primary care pharmacists" (with the National Training Centre)	12.45–2.45pm Practice Research Papers Topic: "Innovative models of care: delivering clinical care in community pharmacy"	3.15–4.30pm Primary Care: "Primary care pharmacists" (continued)		
10.45am–12.45pm Children's Care: "Getting it right for children: managing the risks" (with the Neonatal and Paediatric Pharmacists Group)	Lunch	1.15–3.15pm Joint NPA/GHP Award "Community pharmacists advising on secondary care prescribing: is it possible?" by Michael Wilcock (pharmaceutical adviser, Central Cornwall PCT), followed by Question Time with the Chief Pharmacists , with the chief pharmacists for England (Dr Jim Smith), Wales (Carwen Wynne Howells) and Scotland (Bill Scott)	3.30–5.15pm Children's Care: "Getting it right for children: managing the risks. Stage 2" (with National Paediatric Pharmacists Group and National Pharmaceutical Association)	
10.45am–12.45pm Secondary Care: "Hot topics for hospital pharmacists" (with the Hospital Pharmacists Group, Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists and UK Clinical Pharmacy Association)		3.30–5pm Secondary Care: "Hot topics for hospital pharmacists: clinical governance" (with Hospital Pharmacists Group, Guild of Healthcare Pharmacists and UK Clinical Pharmacy Association)		
10am–6pm Practice posters on display, with attended poster session and wine reception from 5 to 6pm				

EARLY SESSIONS: **7.45–8.45am** Breakfast session: "The emerging role of the primary care trust executive committee pharmacist"
8–8.30am Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences annual general meeting

Wednesday 17 September: delivering innovation with patients and carers

8.45–9.15am Address by the President of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (Dr Gillian Hawksworth) 9.15–9.45am Minister's Address by a Minister from the Department of Health (to be announced)	10.30am–12.30pm Science Symposium: "Small-scale manufacturing" (with the Industrial Pharmacists Group)	Lunch	3–5pm Science Symposium: "Parenteral science and technology"	
	10.30am–12.30pm Science Symposium: "New strategies for vaccine delivery"		3–5pm Science Symposium: "Special delivery: innovations in treatment and care" (with Academy of Pharmaceutical Sciences new scientists focus group)	
	10.30am–12.30pm Science Symposium: "Preformulation: more with less"		3–5pm Science Symposium: "Preformulation: more with less" (continued)	
	10.30am–12.30pm Science Symposium: "Strategic aspects of drug delivery" (with Engineering and Physical Sciences Research Council and Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council)		3–5pm Science Symposium: "Seeking innovative solutions to chronic pathologies"	
	8.45am–4.30pm Science posters on display with attended poster session 1.30–2.30pm and poster discussion session for commended posters 2–2.30pm			
	9.30am–1pm Law and Ethics: "Law, ethics, mental health and pharmacy" (with Pharmacy Law and Ethics Association)	2–3.30pm Royal Pharmaceutical Society Modernisation Session: "A Society fit for the future"		
	10.15am–1pm Practice Symposium: "Tomorrow's world: delivering for, and with, patients"	2–4pm Practice Workshop: "Standard operating procedures: writing your dispensing procedure" (with Welsh Centre Postgraduate Pharmaceutical Education)	Lunch	2–3.30pm Public Health: "Pharmacy public health in practice" (with PharmacyHealthLink)
10.15am–12.30pm Public Health: "Pharmaceutical public health: the future" (with PharmacyHealthLink)	2–3.30pm Concordance: "New ways of involving patients" (with Medicines Partnership)			
10.15am–1pm Practice Research Papers Topics: "Care at the interface" and "Clinical governance, guidelines and risk management"	8.45am–4.30pm Practice posters on display			

EARLY SESSION: **7.45–8.45am** Breakfast session: "The continuing professional development" (Royal Pharmaceutical Society briefing session)

Correction

The AstraZeneca Industrial Achievement Award was accidentally omitted from the summary of this year's British Pharmaceutical Conference programme (p869). The award will be presented at noon on the Tuesday to Dr John Staniforth, of Vectura, who will speak on "Difficult drugs and easy administration: meeting the 21st century challenge for inhaled, oral and dermal product developments".