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Upcoming Meetings:

29 September 2016

ACB Southern Region Scientific Meeting

17-19 October 2016

ACB National Training Course

18 November 2016

ACB South West & Wessex Regional Scientific Meeting

22 November 2016

Chemical Pathology SpR/Consultant Meeting



'May you live in interesting times'

These are certainly interesting times with BREXIT, Euro 2016, Wimbledon 2016, Chilcot report and now NHS Improvement asking for pathology consolidation.

EU Referendum Statement

I am deeply disappointed by the outcome of the EU referendum and concerned about our links with European colleagues. One immediate effect is that we anticipate a change in our involvement in the project to introduce mutual recognition of qualifications across the EU. We don't know what the future holds but ACB will continue to support our EU colleagues and members. See our statement on the ACB website:

http://www.acb.org.uk/whatwesay/acb_newspage/2016/06/28/acb-statement-on-the-european-union-referendum

Response to NHS Improvement letter

NHSI has written to all Trusts outlining the financial position and highlighting three areas where action is required:

- Elimination of pay cost growth
- Back office and pathology consolidation
- Unsustainable service consolidation.

The ACB has written a response detailing that pathology is not a back office function and that consolidation does not always lead to financial savings.

See the ACB response and the NHSI letter on the ACB website:

http://acb.org.uk/whatwesay/acb_newspage/2016/07/11/acb-response-to-nhs-improvement-letter

ACB Council Highlights

Council met on 7th July and had training and workforce as topics of the day. A full report of the meeting and the outcome of our discussions will be in ACB News shortly.

The July Council is always enjoyable as I get to present the ACB Awards for Emeritus, Fellow and Honorary members. Look out for the report and photos in ACB News and on the website.

ACB Scientific Scholarships

The call has just gone out for applications for the ACB Scientific Scholarships. If you have a good idea, then please consider applying.

For more information click below:

http://www.acb.org.uk/whatwedo/science/scientific_scholarships.aspx

Get involved in your local regional committee

Regional committees are always looking for new committee members so why not get involved in your region and see what you can do for the ACB?

For details of regional structures and activities see the website:

http://acb.org.uk/whatweare/structure/what_we_are_regions.aspx

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