



# President's Bulletin

The Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine

Nov 2016

Issue 2016:8

[Contact Me](#)



## Executive

### President

Dr G McCreanor  
[@ACBPresident](#)

### President Elect

Prof I S Young

### Director of Publications & Communications / Company Secretary

Mr P Newland

### Director of Finance

Dr W J Marshall

### Director of Education, Training & Workforce

Dr F G Boa

### Director of Scientific Affairs

Dr C Chaloner  
[@SciCom\\_odo](#)

### Director of Clinical Practice

Dr M J O'Kane

### Director of Regulatory Affairs

Dr A P Taylor

### Non-Executive Director

Ms C F Baillie

## Upcoming Meetings:

### 18 November 2016

ACB South West & Wessex Regional Scientific Meeting

### 22 November 2016

Chemical Pathology SpR/Consultant Meeting

### 19 December 2016

ACB STP Elective Day

### 31 Jan – 1 Feb 2017

Frontiers in Laboratory Medicine

### 6 March 2017

ACB South West & Wessex Scientific Meeting & AGM

## ACB News

Jonathan Berg has been editor of ACB News longer than most of us can remember and he is stepping down at the end of 2016. We are all very grateful for the huge effort he has put into keeping the membership informed with his up to the minute editorials. Keep an eye on the ACB website and in ACB News for more details around his contribution to ACB News. I am sure he will not disappear but will continue to write informative articles for the News.

Going forward, ACB News will be produced by an editorial team under the direction of Paul Newland, Director of Publication & Communication. We are moving to bimonthly starting in February 2016 and publication will be on alternate months from the Annals of Clinical Biochemistry.

Remember if there is anything you want people to be aware of then please send to ACB News or the ACB Office

## Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

STP plans have now been submitted and although they seem to be officially embargoed at a local level about ten have appeared on websites, including Birmingham and Solihull STP, North Central London and South London.

The three main areas of focus in a typical STP seem to include overhauling community-based care, reconfiguring/standardising secondary and tertiary care and consolidation of back office, clinical support and procurement.

Once the embargo is lifted we can see local plans and consider how Pathology fits into the overall two-year operational plans.

For more information about STPs and Pathology see the informative article in the [October ACB News](#).

## Dr Joanne Sheldon RCPATH Award

I am delighted to announce that Jo Sheldon, Consultant Clinical Scientist in Immunology at St George's Hospital London, has been awarded the College Medal for services to Pathology, training and public engagement. Congratulations to Jo and very well deserved.

## RCPATH President Elections

Professor Jo Martin has been elected the next president of the College. Jo took up the role of President-Elect at the College AGM on November 10th this year and will take over from Dr Suzy Lishman in November 2017.

## ACBI Annual meeting, Cork

I have just returned from an excellent ACBI meeting which, as usual, consisted of high scientific content along with robust discussion and of course first class social events. Well done ACBI.

## Dr Gwyn McCreanor, President

Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine

*Better Science, Better Testing, Better Care*



The Royal Armouries, Leeds • [www.focus-acb.org.uk](http://www.focus-acb.org.uk)



A company limited by guarantee, Registered in England, Registration No. 863235

Registered Office: Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine, 130-132 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TU

Website: [www.ACB.org.uk](http://www.ACB.org.uk)