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Upcoming Meetings:

20 October 2016

ACB Trent, Northern &
Yorkshire Scientific Meeting –
Trace Elements

10 November 2016

ACB Microbiology Annual
Scientific Meeting

14 November 2016

ACB Retired Members Meeting

15 November 2016

ACB North West Region
Autumn Audit Meeting

22 November 2016

Chemical Pathology
SpR/Consultant Meeting

Sustainability and Transformation Plans (STPs)

STPs are getting local leaders together to discuss plans for local services. Plans are being submitted in October 2016 to enable operational planning and contracting to be completed by December 2016. This should allow partners in each STP footprint to agree two-year operational plans.

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

Biochemical Society Theme Panel

The Biochemical Society announced that they have recently instigated a new Theme Panel to discuss, develop and organise meetings in the area of Clinical and Translational Bioscience.

The Theme Panel will contribute together with two others, Biosciences Theme Panel and Education and Training Theme Panel to the activities of the Conferences Committee and the Biochemical Society meetings portfolio. This will be an exciting opportunity for established scientists to contribute to development of their field of research in the UK and abroad.

They are inviting nominations for membership of this Theme Panel and would be delighted if the ACB would consider nominating a number of its members for potential inclusion. Terms of reference are outlined on the [ACB website](#)

Please could you send through any thoughts, questions, or potential names of nominees through to Adam Hughes (adam.hughes@biochemistry.org).

ACB Web calendar trial

The ACB is planning to introduce a Web Based calendar to help with organising events and meetings and avoiding clashes between them. Please check it out at <http://acb.org.uk/calendar>

RCPATH President Elections

Voting is now open for the next College President. The deadline for voting is Monday 24th October so please can I encourage all College Fellows to exercise their right to vote. Take a look at all candidates through their personal statements and their answers to the six standardised questions on the College website.

Dr Gwyn McCreanor, President

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