



### **Training and education (UG PG CPD)**

There have been a number of training events in the UK this year. The main one being the BAUP annual meeting held jointly with BAUS Oncology in the RIBA centre in London Sept 2014. This was very well attended and now forms the main focus of UK GU pathology as it includes the EQAs for GU Pathology. This year the on-line prostate EQA was taken over by John Dormer in Leicester. It was run from within the BAUS organisational structure as opposed to a separate entity. It went extremely well as a trial run with double the previous number of participants (over 200), and the organisers including Jon Oxley and Nick Mayer are surveying members as there is some debate of how the prostate EQA should be scored. The non-prostate EQA continues to run extremely well.

BAUS continues to organise 'hands on' microscopic/lecture days for GU pathology. 2 courses were run this year, one on prostate pathology and a second on bladder/renal pathology. Both were fully booked. BAUP now has Stewart Fleming as Chairman and Ash Chandra as Secretary.

Other training events included a GU course run by the Pennines trust which was a course largely attended by European pathologists. It was well attended, but I am not sure if it will run this year as well, and had good international speakers.

GU path had a reasonable presence at the joint ECP/Path Soc meeting in London at the Excel centre, also with good GU speakers.

### **Research and clinical trials issues**

PCUK has made a representation to college to jointly fund a joint academic/clinical post for 2 years. I strongly support PCUKs document, and understand they are meeting the president shortly. GU pathology is underfunded and lacks any funding for training of the next generation of academic GU pathologists.

### **New developments and issues affecting service delivery**

As mentioned previously the issue of template prostate biopsies has not been dealt with in terms of a massive unfunded workload increase for GU pathologists. This has put strains on trust resources from a technical and consultant standpoint nationally, and I believe the president is aware of the issue.

### **Service configuration and profile (local, vs regional vs national)**

Major reconfigurations are occurring in NHS London, with centralisation and some de-skilling of DGH pathologists. This has been led by centralisation of surgery, with little thought about how it might impact on pathology at a local level, as generally there were no issues in the reporting of most major GU specimens. Testicular and penile services are already run as supra-regional centres.

### **Overview of College Documents 'owned' or contributed to by the specialty - with details of plans for review e.g. datasets, pathways, other standards documents**

The new testicular dataset was published in May 2014. Unfortunately the prostate dataset has continued to be delayed, due to the second unexpected resignation as lead in 1 year! Dr Freeman said for personal reasons he could not continue as lead in August 2014. Dr J Oxley has taken over as lead, and Dr Varma and I will support him. I would like to thank Jon for taking on this task. The



renal dataset is progressing. The penile dataset also is in near final stages and I hope to see it early next year.

Major events are taking place in GU pathology in 2014/15. Prior to the WHO classification blue book in March 2015, there will be a conference in Chicago run by the International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP). This plans to 'reinvent' Gleason to modern criteria and be published in the WHO classification. It therefore does make some sense to incorporate these likely major changes in any prostate dataset. Stewart Fleming and I have been invited to form part of the WHO classification (DB: testis and prostate, SF: renal) but regrettably I am unaware of any other UK input. However this will inform both renal and prostate datasets, which I am hoping we can publish in 2015.

#### **Workforce planning and recruitment to the specialty**

No specific comments, though the template biopsy workload may drive a need to recruit further to GU pathology

#### **Suggestions for educational events that might be hosted by the College**

As the year is fairly full with GU events it is a little difficult to see how the college can add a meeting to this schedule especially as the BDIAP is running a specific GU meeting in 2015.. I also do not know the new facilities which will be available before the new college building. I am happy to consider any suggestions.

#### **UK GU pathology events in 2015**

BAUP will run microscope based practical courses in Feb and April 2015.

The BAUP annual meeting will be held jointly with the BDIAP in Nov 2015 over 2 days with invited international speakers.

I understand there is a GU programme at the Dublin Path Soc/BDIAP meeting in June.

Pennine trust course in June (?)

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