

**The AAPT conference** is an annual opportunity for delegates to update their knowledge of scientific, technological, legal and social issues relating to the healthcare science profession of anatomical pathology technology.

The event also offers a unique platform for exhibitors to present their products and services.

This year the conference will be held in Eastbourne at the View Hotel

# 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE EASTBOURNE 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016

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## **Welcome to Conference 2016!**

The AAPT welcome delegates and commercial friends to the 12th Annual Conference to take place this year in Eastbourne

We hope once again that attendees can update their knowledge of scientific, technological, legal & social issues relating to Anatomical Pathology Technology.

### **Commercial Exhibition**

The conference also offers a unique platform for exhibitors to present their latest products and services.

The AAPT is indebted to this generous sponsorship and encourage all delegates to visit the exhibition during lunch and break times.

### **Continuing Professional Development (CPD)**

The Conference is credited for 8 CPD credits. Members should record this in their CPD Portfolio. Extra credits can be obtained through the completion of a reflective learning sheet.

### **Annual General Meeting (AGM)**

The AGM will be held between 16.30-17.00 and can only be attended by **members of the AAPT**. This includes all grades of membership. The AGM will include updates from the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary and the results of the Council election will be declared.

We encourage all members to attend the AGM, particularly with an update on the changes to the Education & Training of APT staff.

### **Conference Dinner**

The conference dinner will take place at the View Hotel at 7pm and will be opened by the President of the IBMS, Mr Ian Sturdjess CSci FIBMS

**AAPT CONFERENCE PROGRAMME  
SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2016  
EASTBOURNE, VIEW HOTEL**

09.00-09.45 REGISTRATION, COFFEE AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

09.45-09.50 WELCOME FROM ISHBEL GALL, AAPT CHAIR

**MORNING SESSION CHAIR: STEVE BURR FAAPT**

10.00-10.45 **HTA LICENSING STANDARDS: RAISING THE BAR**  
Emer O'Toole, Human Tissue Authority

10.45-11.15 **ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT FIXION NAILS**  
Dr S Thiagaraj FRCS, Eastbourne District General Hospital

11.15-11.45 COFFEE, TEA & COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

11.45-12.15 **ULTRAVIOLET IMAGERY**  
James T. R. Gartrell & Peter Clark, Scenes of Crime Officers

12.15-12.45 **THE WORK OF THE FAMILY LIAISON OFFICER**  
Gill Piloni, Met Police, Family Liaison Officer

12.45-13.45 **LUNCH AND COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION**  
& Awarding of Level 3 Diploma APT Certificates

**AFTERNOON SESSION CHAIR: PAUL WRIGHT FAAPT**

14.00-14.30 **ROLE OF THE CORONER OFFICER**  
Karen Brown, Hammonds Drive Police Patrol Base  
Stuart McNabb MBE

14.30-15.00 **DOING DEATH DIFFERENTLY**  
Hermione Elliott

15.00-15.30 COFFEE, TEA & COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION

15.30-16.15 **THE ROLE OF EMBALMING AND RECONSTRUCTION  
IN THE MODERN FUNERAL SERVICE**  
Ben Whitworth

16.15-16.30 CLOSING REMARKS BY PRESIDENT AND POSTER PRIZE

16.30-17.00 AGM FOR MEMBERS

## **SPEAKERS AT CONFERENCE 2016**

### **EMER O'TOOLE HTA LICENSING STANDARDS RAISING THE BAR**

The HTA will introduce its new licensing standards for the post-mortem sector, explaining what is new and why, the process of implementation and how you can prepare for your next inspection, when compliance with the new standards will be assessed.

The presentation will also include an overview of the HTA's revised code of practice on PM examination.

### **DR S THIAGARAJ MEDICAL IMPLANTS FIXION NAILS**

Fixion Nail is a revolutionary concept in intramedullary nailing.

These expandable nails are used to stabilise long bone fractures. Saline is injected under pressure to expand these nails to fit the diameter of the medullary canal. Hence there is a risk of explosion in the crematorium if it is not removed. Will discuss briefly how it works and method of insertion and removal safely.

### **JAMES GARTRELL AND PETER CLARK ULTRAVIOLET IMAGING**

Peter Clark and James Gartrell, together have 50 years of crime scene photography, and this presentation will discuss their experiences of the UV photography of live and deceased victims.

### **GILL PILONI FAMILY LIAISON**

Gill will lecture on the work of a family police liaison officer

### **KAREN BROWN AND STUART MCNABB MBE ROLE OF THE CORONER OFFICER (BEACHY HEAD)**

Looking at the work of HM Coastguard in conjunction with Sussex Police Coroner's officers in dealing with the recovery and rescue of people who fall over the cliffs at Beachy Head.

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### **HERMIONE ELLIOTT DEATH DOULAS**

Death and dying are increasingly seen by the public and health professionals, as a medical process. Hermione re-thinks this approach to death, considering it as an event that is of importance to everyone, and the responsibility of all. In her talk she explores how we can restore it to the natural and normal event it is.

### **BEN WHITWORTH**

#### **The Role Of Embalming And Reconstruction In Modern Funeral Service**

The lecture looks to examine the role of embalming in funeral service and how it seeks to improve the appearance of the deceased and delay changes due to decomposition to allow for visitation and funeral ceremonies to take place. The importance of viewing and creating a positive final image will be discussed.

We will discuss the techniques and procedures required for embalming both the non-autopsied and autopsied body as well as the reconstruction of a range of severe and challenging cases, both as the result of trauma and natural conditions.

There will be an opportunity for general discussions as well as questions and answers at the end of the lecture and a range of hints and tips throughout relating to the final presentation of the deceased.

## **Professional registration - AAPT viewpoint**

There has recently been articles published on the AAPT website in relation to professional registration; both from our Secretary, Christian Burt and a reply from the Academy for Healthcare Science.

The AAPT, on its formation in 2003, had statutory regulation as one of its main aims for Anatomical Pathology Technologists in the UK. For groups such as APTs aspiring for statutory regulation, the Department of Health established, in 2005, the Voluntary Registration Council for Healthcare Scientists (VRC for HCS) as a stepping stone to full statutory regulation.

The sole purpose of the VRC for HCS was to lead non-regulated Healthcare Science professions into statutory regulation. In June 2014, it was reported that the AHCS had proposed that the registers held by the VRC for HCS were migrated to the AHCS.

The VRC for HCS agreed to this proposal, and on September 1st 2014 the migration of these voluntary registers took place.

In their recent reply article the AHCS stated “where we differ is on the motivation of the professionals and on understanding what statutory regulation can and cannot do. If you believe people who have committed to undertaking a rigorous education and assessment scheme are also committed to not harming patients then why have a large and unwieldy stick that is statutory regulation?”

Such professionals should seek the ‘kite mark’ of being registered by an independent body that is there for patients and not to promote the profession itself. Employers will recognise an accredited register and understand that professionals registered with such a body have committed to patient safety (although works needs to be done on ensuring all employers understand registration). We have however ample proof that statutory regulation gives you a way of dealing with the few after the fact; it does not prevent the few who harm patients. Everything else is the same in terms of standards for education, articulated proficiencies and a code of professional practice”

The AAPT, however, firmly and unequivocally believe that APTs should be a registered group of professionals through statute. HCPC registration, for example, is already well understood and trusted by employers and the general public – and this understanding and trust is created through the fact that the HCPC is a regulator by law, not by consent. It is almost certainly the case that “people who have committed to undertaking a rigorous education and assessment scheme are also committed to not harming patients”, however, no matter how idealistic we may be about our profession, things can and have gone badly wrong (with all of the attendant intense distress to the bereaved, adverse publicity and reputational damage this generates) and as it currently stands, with employers failing to make voluntary registration a condition of employment, the striking off of a practitioner from the AHCS register has no real consequences in terms of the individual continuing to practise, even if dismissed from their current position – after all, the very nature of ‘voluntary registration’ is that it can be opted-out of.

The care and support of bereaved people is at the very heart of the AAPT ethos. This is demonstrated in the continual drive to raise standards and qualifications for APT staff, and to lobby Government for stronger safeguards for the public and the removal of barriers to a responsive and efficient autopsy service.

We are, of course, realistic in the knowledge that there is no current will from Government to allow aspirant groups to gain access to statutory regulation, but we will continue to make the case strongly for a change in this stance and a move towards effective, robust protection for the public and the profession itself.

**Ishbel Gall FAAPT (AAPT Chair)**

**John Pitchers FAAPT (Vice-Chair)**

**Christian Burt (AAPT Secretary)**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

## **12th Annual General Meeting of AAPT members**

**16.30-17.00**

### **AGENDA**

1. Minutes of the 10th AGM held 19th September 2015
2. Report from the Chair including Education & Training up date
3. Report from the Treasurer including membership statistics
4. Professional Registration
5. New Council members
6. Social media guidance
7. Any other business

### **Mortuary Managers Study Day IV**

Friday 11th November 2016 – registration from 11am

This will take place at IBMS, 12 Coldbath Square LONDON EC1R 5HL

Programme for the day:

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| 11.30 – 12.15 | Brain & Spinal Cord Donation results & next steps                  |
| 12.15 – 13.00 | Overview of Level 4 Diploma  |
| 13.00 – 13.45 | Lunch  |
| 13.45 – 14.30 | Gap analysis & action planning – how to stay on top of compliance! |
| 14.30 – 15.30 | Professional regulation / registration                             |

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# **AAPT Conference 2016**

## **Delegate Guide**

The AAPT council extend a warm welcome to those here in Eastbourne.  
An opportunity to combine CPD educational sessions with meeting old friends and making  
new ones

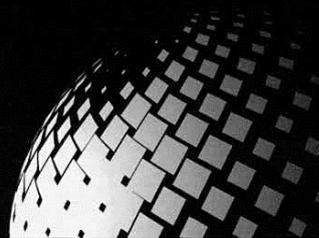
To ensure we all enjoy conference please take a look at this leaflet.  
This has been designed to ensure everyone gets the most out of our annual learning  
experience.

- ◆ Every case study and personal experience discussed is confidential.
- ◆ Please remember not to disclose any information outside the conference.
- ◆ When writing reflective learning statements these are also kept confidential at the time of submission.
- ◆ Use designated smoking areas only, **No smoking** in rooms or on balconies.
- ◆ Any evidence of such, the Hotel has the right to fine the Individual associated with the room. The AAPT will **NOT** take responsibility for these fines. There will be no exceptions.
- ◆ You are responsible to settle any 'tabs' you set up or expenses attached to your room.
- ◆ No Drinks to be taken into the Conference Hall except refreshments supplied during breaks.
- ◆ Please do not interrupt speakers. There will be opportunity at the end for questions.
- ◆ Registers will be taken during the day for FIRE CHECKS after breaks.
- ◆ Please engage on the "Good, Bad and Ugly" walls, post-its and pens are available but please be courteous with comments; this is not a place for derogatory remarks. Feel free to comment on any aspect of the conference from the hotel, facilities, speakers, food, displays etc.
- ◆ Suggestions are always welcome and we do look at these. We can't always follow what everyone desires to see and hear about, however we do try our utmost to cover topics which are raised by the many.
- ◆ CPD certificates will be mailed out to the recipients after conference.
- ◆ Points will be allocated on sessions attended.

Remember we do not have sole use of the bar and restaurant. Be mindful where you discuss your working practices.

**Most important of all**

**HAVE FUN!**



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