

CM-Path Update April 2017

Workstream 1 – Professor Manuel Salto-Tellez and Professor Louise Jones

- The editorial entitled “Morpho-molecular pathology: setting the framework for a new generation of pathologists” is now ready for submission to a peer reviewed journal
- A longer position piece that has been put together by Manuel and trainees within Workstream 1 (David Moore, Hayley Morris & Caroline Young) is also almost finalised
- Louise Jones and Nicki Cohen have submitted a grant to PathSoc to perform a Delphi analysis of the undergraduate medical curriculum to identify training needs for molecular pathology

Workstream 2 – Dr Alex Freeman

- CM-Path’s new consumer Tom Haswell arranged a day with CM-Path colleagues in Glasgow to learn about pathology in the Glasgow Pathology Labs. [Find out more!](#)
- Alastair Ironside has been working with UseMyData, UKCRC tissue directory and coordination centre and ICPV to organise a [public workshop](#) to explore the gaps and issues surrounding the use of human tissue samples for research
- Owen Driskell has been working on creating a forum to allow problem sharing and solving for pathologists involved in clinical trial research, the forum will be available for sign up soon and all CM-Path members will be encouraged to sign up
- Clare Verrill organised a workshop which took place in March looking at quality assurance of pathology procedures in clinical trials, the workshop was attended by CM-Path members from multiple workstreams as well as stakeholder representatives including colleagues from the MHRA, CRUK, ECMC, ICR CTU and Genomics England. The group will now be taking the work forward with the aim of gathering existing guidance in the area and making recommendations for those involved in clinical research



Excellent group discussion at Workstream 2’s Quality Assurance Workshop

Workstream 3 – Professor Gareth Thomas

- Workstream 3 visited the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute in March and have initiated preliminary discussions regarding proving pathology expertise to Sanger projects.
- The biobanking subgroup of CM-Path are recruiting admin support to develop a Biobanking Self Evaluation Tool with the aim of highlighting to biobanks how their protocols might be altered to improve sample quality in banks, making more high quality tissue available for research
- Following on from the CM-Path consultants survey that was distributed to determine attitudes towards molecular and academic pathology, over 300 consultants filled the survey in (approximately 20% of UK histopathology consultants). The initial data has been analysed and accepted for an oral plenary presentation at PathSoc Belfast, this will be delivered by Scarlet Brockmoeller on Thursday 22nd June
- On April 12th, Workstream 3 held the ‘Current and Future Challenges of Innovative Biomarker Development’ at the Royal Society of Medicine. The event was put together by Dr Maggie Cheang and was almost full to capacity, receiving excellent feedback. The Workstream will be planning to provide guidance on how to perform innovative biomarker studies as a result of this, and are currently planning their second workshop, which will focus on studies involving circulating tumour DNA
- Phil Elliott, Phil Sloan and Eldo Verghese have been advancing their plans to set up the CM-Path network, with SOPs to adopt being put in place & minimum requirements for network members being established



Workstream 3 at the Wellcome Trust Sanger Institute: Left to right – Dr Maggie Cheang, Professor Val Speirs, Dr Eldo Verghese, Professor Gareth Thomas, Professor Mark Arends, Dr Reuben Tooze, Professor Phil Sloan, Dr Jane Hair, Dr Phil Elliott and Jessica Lee

Workstream 4 – Professor Sarah Coupland (Interim)

- We are recruiting for the Workstream 4 lead position. Re-advertisement will begin this week so please look out for this & circulate amongst your networks. If you might be interested in the opportunity, email myself or Jessica if you would like to discuss the opportunity before making an application
- Professor Sarah Coupland is interim lead for Workstream 4 & is currently focussing on revising the workstream’s objectives to ensure all goals are SMART and manageable.



CT-PAG

- Professor Craig Robson is chairing CT-PAG and has been rapidly advancing the setup of the group
- CT-PAG has recruited 20 members to its expert review panel via an open recruitment call, and representatives from most CSGs have been appointed or are under discussion
- The group is finalising its remit and proforma and will be launching in the next few months

Initiative Wide News

- I presented CM-Path progress to the NCRI's Clinical and Translational Strategy Group in late March and the group very impressed with the progress
- The [CM-Path website](#) is now live! This provides an excellent opportunity for us to share our mission with external stakeholders and keep them up to date with our ongoing activities
- For those of you in the world of twitter, don't forget to use the #CMPath hashtag to tell the world all about our activities
- **Don't forget** to book your travel for the June 5th anniversary event in London – we look forward to seeing you all there

Newsletter

- We will now be sending this short newsletter every 2 months (with plans to work on a newsletter for external stakeholders too)
- If you have content to submit, please contact me and I will add it to the next newsletter
- Next newsletter dates:
 - Published on **3rd July**
 - Deadline for content being sent to Jessica by **27th June**

