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United Kingdom Clinical Pharmacy Association

UKCPA Antimicrobial expert wins international award

Phil Howard, Consultant Pharmacist in antimicrobials at Leeds General Infirmary, and member of the UKCPA Infection Management Group, won the Best Poster award at the recent European Association of Hospital Pharmacy (EAHP) Congress in Vienna, Austria. His poster described the work of a web-based antimicrobial resource to improve antimicrobial prescribing, and was chosen out of 452 presentations at the international conference. Phil says, "On behalf of my team, I am delighted to win this award from EAHP. Our website gets over 8000 hits per month from the UK, which is phenomenal." NHS employees are able to access the site: <http://www.lhp.leedsth.nhs.uk/antimicrobials> .

VTE Prevention Award goes to UKCPA pharmacist

Anna Braithwaite, member of the UKCPA HAT Group and principal pharmacist at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, won the award for *Best VTE Prevention in Clinical Practice: Pharmacist* at the recent Lifeblood 2010 VTE Prevention Awards in association with the VTE Exemplar Network. This award, presented at the House of Commons in January 2011, recognised that pharmacists have a very important role in delivering the national VTE prevention programme. Anna has been the driving force behind the development of an excellent programme in her Trust. She has worked with her colleagues to raise awareness about VTE, institute audit and push risk assessment and prophylaxis rates, to ensure that her hospital is a much safer place for patients.



Pictured: Phil Howard



Pictured, from left: Dr Roopen Arya (Head of Haemostasis and Thrombosis at King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust), Ms Anna Braithwaite (xxx), and Professor Beverley Hunt (Medical Director, Lifeblood).

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"The UKCPA promotes expert practice in medicines management for the benefit of patients, the public and members by establishing standards, workforce development and advancing innovation in all health care settings.

The UKCPA encourages Excellence, Leadership and Partnership"

Don't be fooled by education budget cuts: professional development is more important than ever

Everyone is being faced with huge education and training budget cuts this year. However, it's more important than ever to show your employers your worth and demonstrate the benefit you provide to patient care.

If you haven't already, make sure you secure your place at the **2011 UKCPA/ GHP Joint Conference** being held from 20th to 22nd May.

Plenary sessions and workshops will address the key issues facing us today, and there will be opportunities to listen to how the regions of the UK are managing the recent changes within the profession.

The key feature of this conference is that the presenters are leading practitioners in their field, and thus provide the opportunity to help you improve and develop your own staff and services, as well as giving you the opportunity to network with like-minded colleagues.

Day rates start from £135, and fully inclusive rates start from £400 for one night accommodation.

For more information visit the Programme section of www.ukcpa.org, or contact the UKCPA office on admin@ukcpa.com or telephone 0116 2776999.

CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Keynote:

Friday 20 May, 5.00pm

Mrs Helen Gordon, Chief Executive of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society

Medical exhibition:

Friday 20 & Saturday 21 May

Take the opportunity to chat with our industry colleagues, and explore a vast array of products, services and suppliers.

Plenary:

Saturday 21 May, 9.00am

IT and Pharmacy—the way forward

Get yourself IT-ready with a plenary session on how practitioners can maximise technology for the benefit of patients and their professional development.

Workshops:

Saturday 21 & Sunday 22 May

Viral hepatitis
Updates in palliative care
Antimicrobial stewardship
Professional recognition
Medicines Act
Media management
And more...

Keynote:

Sunday 22 May, 11.30am

Mr Roger Walker, newly appointed Chief Pharmaceutical Officer for Wales

What previous delegates said:

“Thank you for an inspiring weekend!”

“A very good mix and high standard. It is difficult to keep such a wide audience interested and satisfied but this conference did that. Well done!”

UKCPA becomes official partner of the pharmacy professional body

UKCPA, as well as over 20 other specialist pharmacy groups, became official partners of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society (RPS) on 1st April this year. This officially formalises the working partnership that the organisations have had for the last 12 months and recognises the need to work together for the benefit of patients and the profession.

The Groups were also treated to a montage of media clips showing pharmacy at its best and telling the world! Click here, then select 'Media Clips' : <http://www.rpharms.com/events-presentations/principles-of-partnership.asp>

Marketing Review Group examines UKCPA image

In March 2011 a working group met to discuss UKCPA's image and marketing documents. The Group represented UKCPA membership and General Committee. They scrutinised all publications and outputs by the association and have made recommendations to the General Committee who will meet in May 2011.

UKCPA would like to thank Jogini Jani, Mark Borthwick and Aamer Safdar for contributing their time and views.

Join us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) to get up-to-date information on events, activities, news and developments at UKCPA. Introduce friends and colleagues and take a look at photos from our conferences and symposia.



Essential dates for your diary

7 June [Diabetes Masterclass London](#)

Diabetes in Pregnancy

Members FREE

Non-members £135

7 June [Education and Training Masterclass London](#)

Current Trends in Pharmacy and Training

Members £125; Non-members £195

12th June [Community pharmacy joint event with Royal Pharmaceutical Society London](#)

Community pharmacy house party:

Celebrating having a lifestyle with less stress and more confidence

Members £125

Non-members £195

20 June [Surgery and Theatres Masterclass Leicester](#)

Vascular Surgery

Members £125

Non-members £195

22 June [Infection Management Masterclass Birmingham](#)

Consolidating Practice

Members £60

Non-members £135

29 June [Gastro/Hepatology Masterclass Nottingham](#)

Oh my GORD!

Members £55

Non-members £ 135

1 July [Haemostasis, Anticoagulation and Thrombosis Masterclass London](#)

Managing Clots

Members £55

Non-members £135

Be a winner with UKCPA Awards

We have several awards coming up in the next few months with some very generous prizes. If you have been doing some work in the following areas, why not apply? **You never know: it could be you!**

[Napp Pain Award](#)

Value: **£1500**

Closing date: 1st June 2011

[Napp Asthma Award](#)

Value: **£1500**

Closing date: 1st June 2011

[Mawdsleys Innovation in IT](#)

(Joint GHP/UKCPA Award)

Value: Winner **£1500**

Runner up **£1000**

Closing date: 30th June 2011

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Award: **Free registration at the UKCPA Autumn Symposium 2012**

Closing date: 5th July 2011

Details available soon on www.ukcpa.org

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Award: **Free registration for General Level pharmacists presenting their posters/oral communication at the Autumn Symposium 2011**

Closing date: 5th July 2011

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Hot discussion topics this Spring

The UKCPA online message boards are hotting up, just like the weather. Here is just a small sample of topics that got you sharing your expertise over the last few weeks:

- The use of aprotinin in cardiac surgery
- The administration of inotropes / vasopressors in Trusts
- The use of lansoprazole fastab sublingually for stress ulcer prophylaxis
- Dealing with the problem of washing off capsaicin cream
- Online 360 degree feedback tools
- Self-medication policies for hospital stays
- Using IV pantoprazole for a Hong-Kong type protocol
- The types of pre-made gentamicin bags you use and want
- The use of IV terbutaline in labour suites
- Clopigogrel bridging therapy
- Experiences of using abatacept
- Sources of Rifater
- Dosing protocols for intraventricular gentamicin
- Dealing with resistance from staff on using single patient use of multidose vials
- Guidelines sought for discharging patients with anti-embolism stockings
- Guidelines for remifentanil in ITU

[Go to the message boards on the UKCPA website to see how your colleagues responded.](#)