



## “Modernisation”



### New Editors Welcome

Thank you for being patient whilst the transition of the newsletter was being handled. This will be the start of a more regular newsletter, all going to plan. The idea is to increase the frequency of publication to once monthly to fit in between the Inspire editions.

I hope to make the newsletter more accessible to all members of our profession. I welcome contributions from people regarding any professional matters they may want to bring to light. This newsletter is a tool for us all to use. Not only to expand our knowledge but to communicate both information and ideas with each other.

It is going to be an exciting year for our profession. Not only do we have the MSC, the 18 week wait, Early Day Motion (EDM) for regulation of clinical physiologists. 2009 may also see the publication of the “COPD National Strategy (NS)”.

The theme for this edition is Modernisation. Many of you have seen many changes in our field of work. Some for the better and some that simply made your hair turn white. Change is inevitable in the health service as the population changes and ideas grow, so does the service that we all need to provide. Through modernisation of ARTP we hope to provide information, help and support to each other as we develop services. Modernisation will require change. Embrace change and voice your opinions.

Only if we work together for change can we create a modern future for us all to flourish.

If you would make to contribute towards Exhale or you have any ideas/suggestions, please e-mail Kimberley Jenkins at [exhale@artp.org.uk](mailto:exhale@artp.org.uk).

### The Modernisation of Scientific Careers (MSC)

The consultation for the Department of Health Modernising Scientific Careers has now closed. Due to technical difficulties, the consultation document was unavailable for a short period of time during its launch. As a result the closing date for the consultation period was extended from the 27<sup>th</sup> February until the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2009. The ARTP consulted and sent in it's own response (led by Rod Lane) and in June/July will also attend key events for ensure our voice is heard.

This consultation document sets out proposals to transform the future training and career pathways of the healthcare science workforce. These proposals have been developed as the result of detailed discussions with nearly 3,000 stakeholders. This UK initiative will be taken forward by the four countries in partnership with all major stakeholders, including patient groups, to ensure that the healthcare science workforce is fit for the future in a rapidly changing and evolving healthcare environment.

The document proposes clearer pathways into healthcare science careers defined through three distinct stages, with the ability to progress between them, subject to achievement of requisite entry requirements:

- Healthcare Science Assistant
- Healthcare Scientist Practitioner
- Healthcare Scientist

For more information, please see the department of health website;  
[http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH\\_091137](http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Consultations/Liveconsultations/DH_091137)

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## **The Modernisation of the ARTP Website**

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As many of you may be aware, the ARTP website is currently undergoing a huge overhaul. Keith Butterfield *et al.* are working hard to ensure that the ARTP website is a good reflection of not only our profession but also the job that we do.

However, this is currently being held up a bit by legalities and other complicated necessities. Hopefully though it will be signed off soon and then initial development and re-design can begin.

This is a very exciting development for the ARTP as it will allow the distribution of news and information to be quicker, more up-to-date and accessible to all different levels of interest.

If **you** want to **get involved** in this dynamic area of development, we are still looking for more sub-editors to help with maintaining sections of the new website. If you want to get involved and feel that you could step up to the challenge please e-mail Keith Butterfield at [webmaster@artp.org.uk](mailto:webmaster@artp.org.uk). The more the merrier!!! And just like my Nan use to say “many hands make light work.....”.

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## **A quick update from the RCCP**

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The campaign to make registration compulsory is gathering speed. It has gathered considerable support and the EDM currently has 77 signatories (correct as of April 2009).

The RCCP's political campaign has been driving forward at a swift pace. In the past month the campaign has gathered considerable support from politicians in Westminster and across the nations in Northern Ireland, Wales and Scotland.

‘We are extremely grateful to all those registrants who have been in touch with their local representatives to express their personal concern over the lack of registration of clinical physiologists. This has been very successful in that it has enabled the campaign to gain momentum at grassroots level and in informing Ben Bradshaw MP, Health Minister, and Ann Keen MP, Health Services Minister, about the impact on patient safety due to the lack of regulation through supportive MPs.

A great number of Parliamentarians have written to the Health Minister, outlining registrants' concerns over the lack of regulation whilst others have raised the profile of clinical physiologists by asking questions within the House of Commons.

Thank you to all the hard work from RCCP registrants for contacting their MPs. The campaign is going from strength to strength with a number of significant achievements. If you would like to get involved click on the link below, scroll down to the Modernising Scientific careers section where there is a link that will detail who to get in contact with your local MP.’

[www.rccp.co.uk](http://www.rccp.co.uk)

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## **New ARTP Acting Chair (“Cabinet Reshuffle”)**

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As Damian continues his recovery from GBS (or should that be IBS!), Martyn Bucknall has taken over his role and will be Acting Chair until the next AGM. As many of you are aware, Martyn is involved in many ARTP projects and is currently also the Treasurer. The plan in the near future will be to seek out an interim Treasurer to take on this work. (Alistair Darling – please don't apply)

Martyn is looking forward to this challenging role and acknowledges the tremendous support from the highly dedicated ARTP Committee's.

The ARTP executives are also seeking to find an interim secretary to take on this role up until the next AGM. All enquires to [chair@artp.org.uk](mailto:chair@artp.org.uk).



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## Web links from this issue

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British Lung Foundation  
Association of Clinical Scientists  
European Respiratory Society  
Health Professions Council  
Department of Health  
General Practice Airways Group (GPIAG)  
British Thoracic Society

[www.lunguk.org](http://www.lunguk.org)  
[www.assclnsci.org](http://www.assclnsci.org)  
[www.ersnet.org](http://www.ersnet.org)  
[www.hpc-uk.org](http://www.hpc-uk.org)  
[www.dh.gov.uk](http://www.dh.gov.uk)  
[www.gpiag.org](http://www.gpiag.org)  
[www.brit-thoracic.org.uk](http://www.brit-thoracic.org.uk)

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## Forthcoming ARTP Education and Events

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| • BTS 2009 – Summer Meeting   | June 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> | Bournemouth     |
| • CARE 2009                   | July 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Croydon         |
| • SPIROMETRY -                | July 15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> | North Tyneside  |
| • SPIROMETRY                  | Sept 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>   | Brompton        |
| • ERS Annual Congress 2009    | Sept 12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> | Vienna, Austria |
| • BASIC SLEEP                 | Sept 29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup> | Bristol         |
| • SPIROMETRY                  | Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>  | Brompton        |
| • BTS 2009 – Winter Meeting   | Dec 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup>    | Westminster     |
| • ARTP Annual Conference 2010 | Jan 29 <sup>th</sup> -31 <sup>st</sup>   | Heathrow        |

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## Trouble with DNA's???

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If your department is having trouble with its DNAS rate, include the following with your clinic letters;

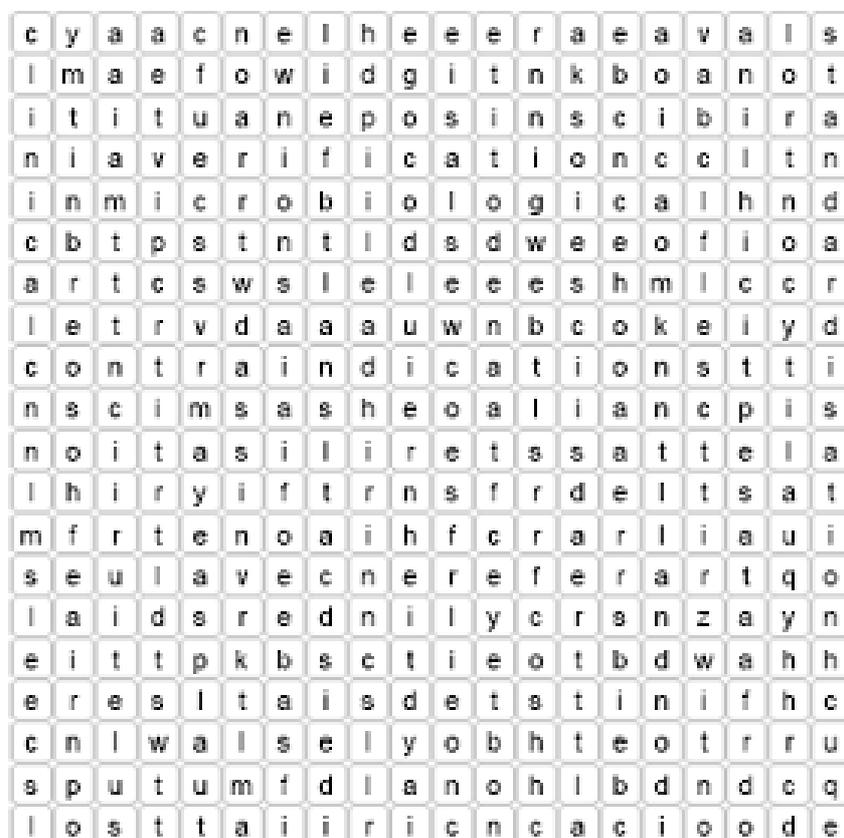
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**PLAIN TALES FROM THE SURGERY**

**Here for a blow job**  
My first patient of the day was a distinguished gentleman of 56.  
When asked what I could do for him said: 'I'm here for a blow job.'  
Cue the stunned silence.  
I said: 'I beg your pardon?' and he repeated himself.  
The pennymust have suddenly dropped because he turned a peculiar shade of purple and blurted: 'I mean that blow test.'  
He meant spirometry...  
Luckily we both have a sense of humour. What a joyful start to a dreary Wednesday.  
*Stella Burch,*  
*practice nurse, Stanhope,*  
*London*

## Chapter 1 of the Part 1 ARTP Handbook



### Words to find:

aseptic, boyles law, btps, calibration, charles law, clinical, confidentiality, contra-indications, coshh, cylinders, disinfection, hazards, leaks, microbiological, quality control, reference values, sputum, standardisation, sterilisation, stpd, tb, verification.

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