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**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

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# British Lymphoma Pathology Group

## 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

The British Lymphoma Pathology Group (BLPG) was established in 1974 and to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its inception we felt that it would be fitting for the current membership and other interested parties to understand the Group's historical perspective.

The BLPG was formed by a small group of UK pathologists, each a doyen of Haematopathology. The BLPG membership now comprises approximately 150 active members. The BLPG has been at the forefront of the many developments in Haematopathology over the period. This booklet offers the reader an opportunity to appreciate those significant contributions from our membership in the United Kingdom that have been at the centre of the transformation of Haematological malignancies and has served as a multidisciplinary group

years ago, who have shaped the history of classifications and hugely advanced knowledge in this subspecialty. Over the past four decades, our membership has grown significantly. The Group now includes all specialists delivering Haematopathology services and continues to provide important professional updates. We also collate and voice opinions of members on important topics relating to everyday diagnostic practice, teaching and research.

To mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the BLPG, recollections of some of the founder members and those who have significantly contributed to its running during the early days have been recorded in this booklet.

Dr Bridget Wilkins  
BLPG Chair

Dr Stefan Dojcinov  
BLPG Secretary

# History of the BLPG

## Professor Kristin Henry

### **Context**

In June 1973, an international workshop of pathologists was organised at the University of Chicago by Henry Rappaport, to address the classification of non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. Five new classifications had been proposed for non-Hodgkin's lymphomas following the Rappaport classification. These were the British National Lymphoma Investigation (BNLI), Dorfman, Kiel, Lukes and Collins and WHO classifications. Pathologists, either proponents of these new classifications or those with a known interest in lymphomas, were invited to attend and to submit slides representative of the classification used by them.

Geoffrey Farrer-Brown (Middlesex Hospital Medical School), Mike Bennett (Mount Vernon Hospital, Middlesex) and Kristin Henry (Westminster Medical School) were invited as representatives of the pathology panel of the BNLI classification.

The Chicago Workshop was followed by the Cancer Research Campaign's first international meeting of clinicians and pathologists to discuss classifications of non-Hodgkin's Lymphomas<sup>1</sup>, at which Geoffrey Farrer-Brown, Kristin Henry and Mike Bennett were invited speakers. This CRC symposium

was held in London in October 1973, to clarify classification issues, since a universally acceptable classification was not forthcoming. It was apparent that this problem largely reflected differences of interpreting immunological advances and varying nomenclature of lymphoid cells.

### **Start of the British Lymphoma Pathology Group**

Geoffrey Farrer-Brown (GFB) and Kristin Henry (KH) saw an urgent need for a national British study group in addition to international groups such as the European Association for Haematopathology, to which Mike Bennett (MB) then belonged. With this in mind, GFB and KH approached Angus Stuart (AES, University of Edinburgh), who had also attended the Chicago workshop, and Noel Gowing (NG, Royal Marsden Hospital) to propose the formation of such a British group. Both enthusiastically supported the proposal and a meeting was convened to discuss the logistics of establishing the study group.

This first meeting of the group was held in Edinburgh in 1974, hosted by AES. Also present at this meeting in addition to AES, GFB and KH were five other lymphoma enthusiasts: IA Carr (IAC, University of Sheffield),

John Gough (JG, Welsh National School of Medicine), Fred Lee (FL, Royal Infirmary Glasgow), Alistair Macauley (RAM, University of Edinburgh) and Dennis Wright (DW, Southampton University), with NG sending apologies.

The group was named the British Lymphoma Pathology Group (BLPG) and it was decided initially to limit the number of members to about 20 people to ensure good regional representation. The prime aim of the group was to achieve consensus regarding the recognition and nomenclature of the cell types seen in non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, by means of microscopy sessions, with translation to the terminologies of the different classification schemes in use internationally. The intention was to agree the content and number of different categories and sub-categories needed for NHL classification.

Angus Stewart was appointed as the first Secretary of the BLPG, FL and DW offered to cut and distribute slides and pathologists from different areas in the UK, each experienced and committed to lymph node pathology, were invited to join the group. These initial additional members were:

Alfred Stansfeld  
AGS, St Bartholomew's Hospital

Jean Arno  
Cambridge University

D Donald  
Aberdeen Royal Infirmary

GG Dodge

Christie Hospital, Manchester  
RR (Rab) Goudie  
Royal Infirmary Glasgow  
EJ (Lyn) Jones  
University of Birmingham

Ian Lauder  
University of Leeds

AHG Robb-Smith  
Oxford University

WG Spilg  
Victoria Infirmary Glasgow

BLPG members submitted blocks or slides for discussion; slides were circulated regularly and members of the Group then met frequently at different UK centres to discuss diagnoses and differences of opinion.

By 1980, the 17 group members had achieved consensus agreement on categorisation of the various non-Hodgkin's lymphoma entities and a monograph describing these was published by the BLPG<sup>2</sup>. By this time IAC, NG, and RAM had resigned and MB, having left the EAHP as an active member, had joined the BLPG (see listing of BLPG members in the publication on non-Hodgkin's lymphomas<sup>2</sup>).

### ***Expansion of the BLPG in the 1980s***

Members of the BLPG felt that the group was in a position to conduct regular teaching courses and seminars on lymphoma pathology. With financial support from the CRC, meetings were held regularly in differ-

ent centres in the UK.

The first of these were held in Southampton, London (Charing Cross), Edinburgh and Oxford. The membership of the Group was expanded (Peter Isaacson and others joined the group), a Treasurer was appointed and the group established itself as a non-profit making charitable organisation. The first President was Alfred Stansfeld.

### ***References***

1. CRC First International Meeting of Clinicians and Pathologists on Classifications of Lymphomas; Symposium on non-Hodgkin's lymphomas, London 1973.. Ed. MJ Peckham. Brit J Cancer 31, Supp. No.11; 1975.
2. Lymphomas other than Hodgkin's disease. Eds. AE Stuart, AG Stansfeld and I Lauder. Oxford University Press, Oxford, New York, Toronto, 1981.

# History of the BLPG

## Recollections from Professor Dennis Wright

I will start my recollections one step earlier than the Chicago meeting mentioned by Kristin Henry. I returned from Uganda in 1968 to the University of Birmingham and left Birmingham at the end of 1971 to take up the Chair of Pathology at Southampton. This gives me a little idea of early dates in the evolution of the BLPG. I have a poor memory of later dates, probably due to the large amount of alcohol that accompanied our early meetings.

In 1970 or 1971, I was invited to attend a meeting held at the Royal Institution to discuss the classification of lymphomas. All the big boys who owned classifications were there: Henry Rappaport, Bob Lukes, Karl Lennert, Ron Dorfman and others. Cos Berard presented the only item of science that I remember. He showed an image of a frozen section overlaid by sheep red cells to identify T-cells (not very precise). Saul Rosenberg, the renowned oncologist, was at the meeting. He was angry and dismayed at the total lack of agreement among the pathologists as to how lymphomas should be classified. At that time centres in the USA and elsewhere were carrying out trials of multi-agent therapy without a sound classification system that would make comparisons between

groups possible. This triggered the Chicago meeting in 1973 that gave birth to the Working Formulation. We all now know that the WF was a load of nonsense but at the time it kept the oncologists happy.

My recollection of the beginnings of the BLPG is that Geoffrey Farrer-Brown and Kristin Henry invited a group of lymphoma enthusiasts to a meeting. I thought that this was in Edinburgh, but not in 1974. The reason why I am unsure of this date is that I organised a meeting of the group in Birmingham, which must have been in 1970 or 1971. It was at this meeting we agreed to publish a monograph on lymphomas using what was essentially the BNLI Classification. Bob Curran and I were working on audio-visual teaching at that time and I remember showing one of our teaching booths to those at the meeting. It may have been 1974 when we agreed to establish the BLPG. The only thing that I can clearly remember about that occasion was Angus Stuart's offer to be the Keeper of the Claret for the group!

## **Early Days of the BLPG**

**Reminiscences by  
Dr Irvin Lampert**

I joined the BLPG quite late, in early 1982. I was proposed by Mike Bennett - a really lovely man. It was a great tragedy that he died only 10 years later in 1992.

Most of the 'old guard' were already in place; Fred Lee (Glasgow), Colin Bird (then in Leeds, later in Edinburgh), Dennis Wright, Peter Isaacson, Ian Lauder, Kristin Henry, Geoffrey Farrer-Brown, Angus Stuart and Alfred Stansfeld. I am not sure when Ken MacLennan joined because he was a junior at that stage. There was a limit on the membership numbers at that time, removed some years later at Peter Isaacson's suggestion. The meetings were always lively.



# Origins of the BLPG

## Reminiscences by Professor Angus Stuart

By looking back, we grasp the advances made in the past years in our understanding of the non-Hodgkin's lymphomas. A report by the Edinburgh Cancer Control Organisation (1935) surveyed all malignancies seen at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary; these were graded according to their histology and followed up. Thirty nine patients had lymphomas and were treated by deep X-ray therapy, a standard treatment for lymphomas at that time, use of Coley's fluid having ceased. Survival rates were very low and there was no uniformity of nomenclature; I examined tissue from all of these patients and became convinced of the need for radical change. In about 1970, with the help of an Edinburgh surgeon (Archie MacPherson) and physician (John Richmond) the Edinburgh Lymphoma Group was formed. Arguably an early fore-runner of today's multi-disciplinary teams, this was an organisational arrangement in which each patient was examined by a radiologist, radiotherapist, physician-oncologist and surgeon, all committed to the study of lymphomas and aware of our poor results.

The follow-up process of this multidisciplinary group was carried out by Miss Ruby Horan and, later, a Miss Kennedy in Newcastle. The conversion of cell suspension work to la-

belled antibodies on paraffin sections was supervised by Dr A Edna Dewar and, later, this technology was taken to St Bartholomew's Hospital in London by Dr John Habeshaw.

### ***The maturity of cell surface receptors and their correlation with histology***

The Edinburgh Group concentrated on the relationships between cell surface receptor expression and histology. Lymphoma cells were divided into groups according to their expression of surface and cytoplasmic Igs, Fc-receptors and complement receptors, in line with the classification of Dorfman, Rappaport, Lukes and Collins. Cell maturity corresponded well with histology; 10/14 patients with a mature receptor profile survived, while 5/10 with an immature profile fared badly.

This showed that immunoclassification might be useful but our series was far too small to allow any firm conclusions. It nonetheless revealed the necessity for a widely accepted histological classification. This was fully supported by colleagues in almost all UK centres with a concern about lymphomas. Of special note is the vigorous support given by Mike Bennett, Geoffrey Farrer-Brown, Kristin Henry and AM Jelliffe in publishing 'Classification of non-Hodgkin lym-

phomas (The Lancet ii, 1974, 405-406) and a further monograph in 1978.

### ***The Chicago Meeting and the Start of the BLPG***

An opportunity arose in 1973 to meet with our counterparts in the USA, through an invitation from Professor Rappaport. This was attended from the UK by Michael Bennett, Kristin Henry, Geoffrey Farrer-Brown and Angus Stuart. Discussions proceeded all day and, when necessary, into the night – an example to us all!

It was decided at that meeting to form a UK-wide Lymphoma Group, and the first meeting of the latter was held in 1974, in Edinburgh. It was attended by eight pathologists; I A Carr, Geoffrey Farrer-Brown, John Gough, Kristin Henry, Fred Lee, R A A MacCauley, Angus Stuart and Dennis Wright. I was appointed as Secretary and Dennis Wright offered laboratory facilities for the staining and distributing of histological sections. Colleagues from different parts of the country were invited to examine these sections and comment on cell types with drawings. This was done with enthusiasm; I still remember beautiful drawings of immunoblasts by Jean Arno, and wonderful thin sections of Burkitt's lymphoma supplied by Dennis Wright. A collection was assembled and curated by myself, Alfred Stansfeld and Ian Lauder.

A copy of an Edinburgh Lymphoma Group report is appended (1974-75; Appendix I), offering retrospective insight into the approach to lymphomas 40 years ago. The Edinburgh

lymphoma group at this stage ceased to exist as a separate body, becoming part of the British Lymphoma Pathology Group.

### ***The Importance of Regional Meetings***

The group received grants from the British Empire Campaign and subsequently from Cancer Research Campaign that enabled regular meetings for discussion and research, hosted at different venues around the UK. Additional members were invited into the group to represent regional interests as widely as possible; Jean Arno, Mike Bennett, O G Dodge, D Donald, Noel Gowing, Lyn Jones, Ian Lauder, A M MacKay, Alistair Robb-Smith, W G Spilg and Alfred Stansfeld. Our experience was collated into a fine monograph by Kristin Henry and Geoffrey Farrer-Brown and ultimately into a classification of the non-Hodgkin's lymphomas published in 1981 (AE Stuart, AG Stansfeld, I Lauder 'Lymphomas other than Hodgkin's Disease', Oxford University Press). The British Lymphoma Pathology Group had been born and began its long subsequent journey with a classification that was sound for its time and a multidisciplinary clinical approach. In subsequent years it has achieved a great deal and, over the same time-span, the outlook for patients has improved dramatically. The continued growth of the BLPG today is an ongoing tribute to the goodwill and ability of the many UK pathologists who remain interested to understand lymphomas and improve outcomes for lymphoma patients.

## **BLPG Meetings (1991 onward)**

- 19<sup>th</sup> April 1991, Bristol Royal Infirmary, Bristol
- 20<sup>th</sup> September 1991, Leicester
- 24<sup>th</sup> January 1992, Guys Hospital, London
- 3<sup>rd</sup> April 1992, Christie Hospital, Manchester
- 7<sup>th</sup> December 1992, Paris (Joint meeting BLPG and Club de Pathologie Hematologique)
- April 1993, BLPG tutorial, Chilworth Manor Conference Centre, Southampton
- 15<sup>th</sup> October 1993, London (Joint meeting with UK Lymphoma Group)
- 13<sup>th</sup> December 1993, Royal College of Pathologists, London (Joint meeting of Club de Pathologie Hematologique and BLPG)
- 15<sup>th</sup> April 1994, Leeds General Infirmary, Leeds
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 1995, University College London Medical School, London
- 15<sup>th</sup> December 1995, Hammersmith Hospital, London
- 17<sup>th</sup> May 1996, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
- 13<sup>th</sup> December 1996, St Bartholomew's Hospital, London
- 16<sup>th</sup> May 1997, Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham
- 12<sup>th</sup> December 1997, Royal Marsden Hospital, London
- 8<sup>th</sup> May 1998, Medical School, Sheffield
- 20<sup>th</sup> November 1998, Great Ormond Street Hospital, London
- 14<sup>th</sup> May 1999, University of Wales College of Medicine, Cardiff
- 3<sup>rd</sup> December 1999, Joint BLPG/SNLG Meeting, "Unived" Training and Conference Centre, Edinburgh
- 1<sup>st</sup> December 2000, University Hospital, Southampton
- 18<sup>th</sup> May 2001, University College London Hospital
- 25<sup>th</sup> January 2002, Bristol Royal Infirmary

14<sup>th</sup> June 2002, The Gordon Museum, Guy's Hospital, London  
6-7<sup>th</sup> June 2003, Royal Victoria Infirmary, Newcastle upon Tyne  
27-28<sup>th</sup> November 2003, BLPG Tutorial, Commonwealth Institute, London  
11<sup>th</sup> June 2004, Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow  
November 2004, NK  
20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> January 2005, Tutorial on Bone Marrow Trepshines and Small Cell Lymphomas, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford  
30<sup>th</sup> September 2005, Cambridge  
24<sup>th</sup> March 2006, Southampton  
17<sup>th</sup> November 2006, Liverpool Adelphi Hotel  
11<sup>th</sup> May 2007, The Manchester Dental Education Centre, Manchester  
16<sup>th</sup> November 2007, University of Birmingham, Birmingham  
23<sup>rd</sup> May 2008, Southmead Hospital, Bristol  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2008, St Thomas' Hospital, London  
15<sup>th</sup> May 2009, The Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh  
20<sup>th</sup> November 2009, Hugh's College, Oxford  
April 21<sup>st</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> 2010, Royal College of Pathologists, London  
24<sup>th</sup> June 2011, St James's Institute of Oncology, Leeds  
11<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Hilton Hotel, Cardiff  
20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2012, St Pierre Park Hotel, St Peter Port, Guernsey  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2012, University Hospital, Southampton  
28<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> June 2013, The Metropolitan Art Centre, Belfast  
22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2013, University of Liverpool, Liverpool  
15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> May 2014, Joint Meeting of the BDIAP and BLPG at-Bristol, Bristol  
21<sup>st</sup> November 2014, Royal College of Pathologists, London

## Lecturers and Topics (1991 onward)

### 1991

Dr A Ager:	Selectins & lymphocyte homing
Dr J Spencer:	Lymphocyte circulation in the gastro-intestinal tract
Prof C Meijer:	Homing receptors and lymphoma
N Rooney & C Collins:	Bone and joint lymphomas
Prof P Anthony:	Primary lymphoma of the liver
Dr N Sheppard:	Primary lymphoma of large bowel
Dr S Myint:	Herpes virus and their role in malignancy
Dr J Crocker:	EBV induced lymphoma in SCID mice
Dr P Daniel:	EBV in Hodgkin's disease; an aged-related phenomenon?
JH Pringle:	Oligonucleotide detection of EBV
Dr CPJ Coates:	EBV in Hodgkin's disease an in situ hybridisation study

### 1992

Prof P Beverley:	Biology of T-lymphocytes
Dr E Ralfkiaer:	The reproducibility of the diagnosis of T-cell lymphoma
Dr M Richards:	T-Cell lymphomas - The clinicians' perspective
Dr K Gatter:	CD3 heterogeneity in T cell lymphoma.
Dr F Cotter:	The molecular diagnosis of T cell lymphomas
Dr B Lord:	Structural aspects of haemopoiesis: an overview
Dr Terry Allen:	Time-lapse video pictures and scanning electron microscopy of long-term mouse bone marrow cultures
Dr R Fitzmaurice:	Residual haemopoietic cells in AML trephines
Dr B Wilkins:	Immunohistochemistry of developing granulocytes and monocytes in bone marrow biopsies
Dr P Bishop:	An audit of bone marrow trephine biopsies
Dr R Pettingell:	Haemopoietic rescue following ablative therapy

### 1993

Prof D Lynch:	National lymphoma trials
Dr K Gatter:	The story of <i>bcl-2</i>
Prof P Isaacson:	The relationship of MALT lymphomas to other low grade non-Hodgkin's lymphomas
Prof R Souhami:	Lymphoma management
Dr M Leyland:	Study of localised high grade gastro-intestinal lymphoma
Dr A Rohatiner:	Proposed classification and staging procedures for gastro-intestinal tract lymphomas

## **1994**

- Dr P Evans: Detection of chromosomal translocations in haematological malignancies
- Dr M Short: Problems in interpreting PCR studies of T cell clonality
- Dr D Jones: Southampton experience using family restricted TCR g primers and degenerate TCR b primers
- Dr J Randerson: Allelic imbalance and tumour suppressor genes in lymphomas
- Dr C Shiach: Detection of minimal residual disease

## **1995**

- Dr LX Pan: Molecular analysis of nodular lymphocyte predominant Hodgkin's disease
- Dr M Smith: Cadherins in anaplastic large cell lymphoma
- Dr H Pringle: Analysis of chromosomal abnormalities in Hodgkin's disease by in-situ hybridisation
- Dr M Ashton-Key: Follicular Hodgkin's disease
- Prof P Isaacson: Does splenic lymphoma with villous lymphocytes represent a marginal zone lymphoma of spleen?
- Prof DY Mason: An overview of the REAL classification
- Dr K Gatter: Diffuse high-grade B-cell lymphoma
- Dr A Norton: T-cell rich B-cell lymphoma - Entity or pattern
- Prof DH Wright: Grading follicular lymphoma - the Southampton experience
- Prof K Henry: Grading follicular lymphoma - the BNLI experience
- Prof D Catovsky: The Classification of Small Lymphocytic Leukaemia

## **1996**

- T Diss: PCR in the analysis of T-cell lymphoproliferation
- Dr I Lampert: Large granular lymphocyte neoplasms
- Dr D Jones: HLA analysis and coeliac disease
- Dr AML Lever: T-cell proliferation & HTLV1
- Prof TH Rabbitts: Molecular cytogenetics and oncogene cloning; Understanding the role of chromosomal translocation in tumour development
- Dr P Farthing: Lymphocyte adhesion in skin and mucosae
- Dr R Russell-Jones: Clinical and molecular studies in cutaneous T-cell lymphoma
- Dr J Meerabux: Isolation of the LPC gene from a high grade lymphoma
- Dr A Norton: Cutaneous immunocytomas and marginal zone lymphomas
- Dr A Wotherspoon: Molecular studies in cutaneous marginal zone lymphoma

## **1997**

- Dr M Dyer: Abnormalities of the immunoglobulin gene in B cell lymphomas
- Dr M Piris: Primary B-cell lymphoma of the spleen
- Prof P Isaacson: Secondary involvement of the spleen by nodal lymphoma
- Dr B Wilkins: Involvement of the spleen by haematological conditions
- Dr I Lampert: Antigen modulation in B-CLL in the spleen
- Dr B Wilkins: What is the splenic marginal zone?

## **1998**

- Dr E Vandenburghe: Mantle cell and other low grade B-cell NHL
- Dr B Wilkins: Bone marrow stroma
- Prof K Henry: Lymphoma related dyshaemopoiesis
- Dr N Aqel: Kikuchi's and the bone marrow
- Prof H Stein: The origin and pathogenesis of the L&H and Reed-Sternberg cell in Hodgkin's disease
- Dr F Cotter: Is chromosome breakage important in haematological malignancies?
- Dr M Malone: Childhood myelodysplasia
- Dr A Ramsay: Ileocaecal lymphomas in children
- Dr J Pritchard: Langerhans cell histiocytosis. Cancer or not?

## **1999**

- Dr P Amlot: Clinical and immunopathological changes in post-transplant lymphoproliferative disease related to immunosuppression
- Dr M Burke: The spectrum of histopathological changes in post transplant lymphoproliferative disease
- Prof S Poppema: The induction of tolerance in transplantation and autoimmune models with anti-CD45RB antibodies
- Prof M Rowe: Epstein-Barr virus gene expression in post-transplant lymphoproliferation
- Dr JA Thomas: Risk factors and early diagnosis of Epstein-Barr virus B lymphoproliferative disease in paediatric transplant recipients
- Dr P Rizzo: The association of Simian Virus 40 with hamster and human lymphomas; biological significance
- Dr M Mackie: Overview of the SNLG and the lymphoma database
- Prof R Jarrett: New developments in the biology of Hodgkin's
- Dr B Angus: Immunohistochemistry and molecular techniques in small B-cell lymphoma
- Dr J Goodlad: NHL and *Borrelia burgdorferi* infection

Dr G Cavanagh: Clinical aspects of cutaneous lymphoma  
Dr L Cerroni: Skin lymphoma and the EORTC classification

### **2000**

Dr G Monteleon: T cells and cytokine profiles in the intestine in inflammatory bowel disease  
Dr R Byers: Use of FISH for detection of chromosomal abnormalities in bone marrow trephine biopsies  
Dr C Ottensmeier: Immunogenetics of B cell lymphomas  
Prof K Gatter: Immunohistochemistry for bone marrow trephine biopsies  
Dr N Aqel: Plasmacytoid monocytes

### **2001**

Dr M Du: MALT Lymphoma: synergistic role of the scientist, the pathologist and the clinician

### **2003**

Dr A Dogan: Nodal peripheral T-cell lymphoma. Histological diagnosis remains a challenge: review of 120 cases  
Dr H Dignum: Immunophenotypic analysis in prognostic assessment of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma; experience in the SNLG population  
Dr P Amlot: Flow cytometry, immunohistology and genetic studies in the management of post-transplant lymphoproliferative disorders  
Dr D Oscier: Recent advances in CLL and CLL-like disorders.  
Drs B Wilkins, N Rooney & A Ramsay: Presentation of draft proposals for a UK-wide training programme in haematopathology  
Dr B Bain: The WHO classification in myeloproliferative and myelodysplastic diseases  
Dr A Lister: What the haemato-oncologist needs from the pathologist  
Dr A Jack: Special techniques: when to use them, how much they cost  
Prof R Jarrett: Epidemiology of lymphoma  
Prof S Poppema: Hodgkin's disease  
Prof D Knowles: Lymphoreticular disease in the immunocompromised  
Prof P Isaacson: Mistakes not to make in lymph node biopsies  
Dr D de Jong: Differential Diagnosis of MALT lymphomas  
Prof de Woolf Peters: Differential diagnosis of lymphoid infiltrates in the bone marrow  
Dr A Dogan: Extra-nodal T/NK disease



## **2004**

Prof S Pileri:	Histiocytic and dendritic cell neoplasms
Prof S Knight:	Immunoregulation by dendritic cells
Dr T Marafioti:	Dendritic B-cells
Dr N Panoskaltis:	Bone marrow microenvironment and immune pathogenesis in AML

## **2005**

Dr A Rosenwald:	Microarray studies of small cell lymphoma
Prof S Swerdlow:	Overview / nomenclature of small cell lymphoma
Prof M Du:	Marginal zone lymphomas
Dr E Campo :	Mantle cell lymphoma
Dr B Wilkins:	Splenic lymphoma and nodal marginal zone lymphoma
Prof B Falini:	Hairy cell leukaemia and lymphoplasmacytic leukaemia
Dr P Gaulard:	T-cell NHL
Prof P Isaacson:	Infectious agents in gastrointestinal lymphoma and beyond
Dr W Fischbach:	Minimal residual disease of gastric MALT lymphoma following H. pylori eradication
Dr A Wotherspoon:	Histopathology of gastric MALT lymphoma following H. pylori eradication
Dr A Morgner:	H. pylori eradication in treatment of gastric DLBCL
Dr M Du:	Expression microarray study of MALT lymphoma with different chromosomal translocations
Dr J Goodlad:	Other low grade B-cell lymphoma of the gastrointestinal tract
Dr A Chott:	ETL: update in histopathology and molecular pathology
Dr C Cellier:	Clinical management of coeliac disease and its complications
Dr J Ruland:	Biology of BCL10 and MALT1

## **2006**

Dr I Oschlies:	Paediatric follicular lymphomas
Dr M Ashton-Key:	Diffuse large B-cell lymphomas of the gastrointestinal tract; Clinical and immunohistological features
Dr B Wilkins:	JAK2 mutation and histology in chronic myeloproliferative disorders
Dr W Klapper:	Molecular mechanisms in malignant lymphomas; Histopathology, chromosomal aberrations and gene expression profiling of aggressive B-cell non-Hodgkin lymphomas in children and adults
Prof M Glennie:	Action of anti-CD20
Dr S Harris:	The molecular evaluation of lymphoproliferative disease. BIOMED 2 - the Southampton experience

- Prof H Stein: Advances in pathology and laboratory diagnosis of Hodgkin's disease
- Dr J. Radford: Advances in management of Hodgkin's Disease

### **2007**

- Dr J Kutok: Microarray-based biomarker discovery in lymphoma
- Prof M Du: Molecular biology and molecular markers in MALT lymphoma
- Dr M Picton: Pathobiology of post transplant lymphoproliferative disease
- Dr K Ryan: Haematological presentation of PTLT
- Dr P Klapper: Virology of PTLT
- Prof T Illidge: Radioimmunotherapy of lymphoma
- Prof E Campo: Update on 2008 WHO classification of lymphoma
- Dr F Clark: Advances in management of lymphoma
- Prof A Rickinson: Recent insights into B cell lymphomagenesis, courtesy of Epstein-Barr virus
- Prof P Moss: Mutations of the ataxia telangiectasia mutated (ATM) gene in lymphoid malignancies

### **2008**

- Prof D Wright: Burkitt's lymphoma; retrospective and update
- Prof A Carbone: AIDS-related lymphoproliferative diseases
- Dr P Case: Chromosomal mutation and joint replacement
- Dr J Hancock: MRD in ALL by real time PCR
- Dr M Yusuf: Array CGH in MDS and AML
- C Swift: Electronic lymphoma minimum dataset prototype demonstration
- Dr J Spencer: An update on mucosal immunology
- Prof B Bain: An update of MPN and MDS in the revised WHO Classification
- Dr P Fields: Adult T-cell lymphoma / leukaemia
- Dr T Nunan: Current and anticipated roles for PET scanning in lymphoma

### **2009**

- Dr C Gregory: The role of tumour-associated macrophages in Burkitt lymphoma
- Dr T Doig: Tumour-associated macrophages in diffuse large B-cell lymphoma
- Dr P Kurtin: Tumours of dendritic cells and histiocytes
- Dr F Scott: Post-follicular B-cell lymphomas – clinical aspects
- Dr A Dogan: Recent advances in post-follicular B-cell lymphomas
- Dr P Johnston: Lymphoma review and audit in the East of Scotland
- Dr A Banham: DLBCL 'cell of origin subtyping' and the utility of FOXP1 as a prog-

nostic marker

- Dr K Gatter: Update on the DLBCL classification in the 2008 WHO classification  
Dr C Hatton: Update on clinical trials: why pathology matters  
Dr C Lawrie: MicroRNAs in lymphomas  
Dr K Pulford: PASD1 as a lymphoma vaccine candidate  
Dr A Schuh: Clinical applications of genomic arrays in cancer diagnostics

## **2010**

- Dr N Rooney: Introduction to the 2008 WHO lymphoma classification  
Dr A Jack: Burkitt lymphoma, large B cell lymphomas and overlaps  
Prof K Gatter: Hodgkin lymphomas and overlaps  
Dr S Dojcinov: Update on small B cell lymphomas  
Dr M Rodriguez-Justo: Update on peripheral T cell lymphomas  
Dr M Calaminici: Lymphomas associated with immune impairment  
Dr R Byers: Molecular profiling of lymphomas in diagnosis and prognosis  
Dr A Robson: Cutaneous lymphoproliferative diseases  
Dr J McPartland: Lymphoproliferative diseases in childhood  
Prof M Novelli: Lymphomas involving the GI tract.  
Dr F Ross: Cytogenetics and FISH in the assessment of haemopoietic neoplasms  
  
Dr C Harrison: Myeloproliferative neoplasms  
Prof G Mufti: Myelodysplastic syndromes  
Dr S Schey: Plasma cell proliferations

## **2011**

- Dr S Barrans: The phenotype classification of aggressive B-cell lymphoma  
Dr R Tooze: The transcriptional regulation of germinal centre B-cell differentiation  
  
Dr A Davies: Advances in treatment of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma  
Prof M Du: Dysregulation of NFkB in diffuse large B-cell lymphoma  
Prof T Marafioti: Another look at follicular lymphoma: immunophenotypic and molecular analyses identify distinct follicular lymphoma subgroups  
  
Prof M Rowe: Interactions of EBV with the immune system: pathogenesis of EBV  
Prof G Niedobitek: Epstein-Barr virus in lymphoproliferative disorders: biology and differential diagnostic aspects  
  
Dr S Dojcinov: Old virus, old drug, old age and a new entity  
Prof M Vickers: Cellular therapies against EBV

## **2012**

- Prof R Jarrett: Update on Hodgkin lymphoma biology: how should we classify EBV-associated lymphomas?
- Prof T Molina: Specialist review of Haematopathology; experience in France
- Profs A Dogan & P Kurtin: Delivering haematopathology in the USA – challenges and opportunities
- Mr G Vaudin: Living with lymphoma
- Prof H van Krieken: Molecular diagnostic pitfalls in lymphoma diagnosis
- Prof E Jaffe: Diagnostic challenges at interfaces between reactive and neoplastic lymphoid lesions
- Dr G Menon: Update on new antibodies for lymphoma diagnosis
- Prof M Cragg: Monoclonal antibodies in lymphoma – what have we learnt and where are we going?
- Dr S Lim: Fc gamma expression in Lymphoma and clinical response to Rituximab
- Prof P Johnson: New target for treatment in low-grade lymphoma
- Dr PP Piccaluga: Pathobiology of follicular lymphoma
- Dr J Strefford: Novel genetic lesions in CLL
- Dr F Forconi: Genetic and functional analysis of the BCR in CLL: From origin to suppression of the CLL clone

## **2013**

- Prof A Dogan: Application of next generation sequencing to haematopathology practice
- Prof K Mills: Molecular data in clinical trials of AML and other myeloid neoplasms
- Dr P Groenen: Clonality testing- new directions in Euroclonality
- Mr S Couzens: New advances in flow cytometry of lymphoproliferative diseases
- Prof A Bagg: Molecular diagnostics in haematopathology: What clinicians on the front-line want to know?
- Dr PD Thornton: Targeting tumour microenvironment: BTK inhibitors in CLL.
- Dr J Quinn: Risk stratification in myeloma
- Dr R Byers: Gaps between pathology practice and guidelines
- Prof A Pettitt: Improving the treatment of advanced-stage follicular lymphoma: which trial questions to ask
- Prof L Quintanilla de Fend: CD30+ lymphoproliferations of the skin
- Prof F Fend: 'In situ' lymphomas and other early lesions in lymphoid neoplasia
- Dr J Slupsky: B-cell signaling in lymphomas
- Prof M Copland: The Hedgehog pathway in haematological malignancies

## **2014**

Dr L Soilleux:	WHO, what, where, when, how?
Dr S Dojcinov:	EBV is everywhere
Dr B Wilkins:	Venting the spleen
Dr Z Rudski:	Beautiful bone marrows
Prof J Ferry:	High-grade extranodal lymphomas
Dr J Pawade:	Making the most of LN specimens (esp, flow, imprints for FISH)
Prof K Naresh:	What is the cellular pathologist's role in molecular diagnostics for lymphoma?
Dr M Moonim:	Fine-needle aspiration and haematopathology (esp. flow cytometry and cytoblocks)
Dr S Dojcinov:	Approach to needle biopsy specimen
Dr A Jack:	What is expected of me when the diagnosis is being made in my regional centre?
Dr M Calaminici:	Should we challenge the IOG dogma – models for delivery of haematopathology?
Prof L de Leval:	Lymphoma classification update: where are the grey zones now?
Prof J Ferry:	Lymphomas presenting at non-nodal sites: the many faces of MALT lymphoma
Prof P Gaulard:	T-follicular helper (TFH) cells; What are they, what do they do and are they going to revolutionise T-cell lymphoma classification
Drs M Moonim & D Radia:	Update on mast cell diseases
Dr S Diebold:	Plasmacytoid dendritic cells in health and disease. Do we understand them yet?
Dr A Mead:	Update on myeloproliferative neoplasms: Is histological classification redundant in the new era of molecular diagnostics?
Prof J Marsh:	Bone marrow failure syndromes

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