

Dear BOPA Members,

Welcome to the first BOPA newsletter of 2016. We hope you have all got over your post symposium 2015 and Christmas blues and are looking forward to what 2016 will bring!

Even though it is still so early in the year, there is plenty already going on within the world of BOPA, so read on for more information so you can keep up to date.....

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## BOPA Annual Symposium 2016

**14-16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 Manchester International Centre, Manchester**

Be sure to attend the 19th British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA) Annual symposium, the main event of the BOPA calendar. The setting for this year's conference Manchester Central is an award-winning venue in the heart of one of Europe's most vibrant cities. Its vaulted arches and station clock have made Manchester Central an iconic city feature for over 130 years. The close proximity to all city amenities and hotels provide the perfect venue for the 19th Annual BOPA Symposium.

A carefully planned programme is being put together by the planning committee, and they are guaranteeing an array of lively presentations, workshops and debates. Make sure you are there to unite with other pharmacy professionals across the UK and grow as specialised pharmacy professionals together!

For information on the programme, fees, hotels and registration see the [BOPA website](#) ASAP. Don't miss out!

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## I.T. Working Group

**Do you wish the BOPA website was mobile phone compatible?  
Do you get frustrated having to log in separately to the e-Learning site?**

Then come and join our IT working group!

As you may be aware the executive committee are reviewing our IT platforms during 2016. The rate of progress with IT systems over the past 5 years has left us a little behind and we're keen to utilise the expertise amongst the membership to help achieve this. We're looking for anyone with appropriate skills and knowledge around website design, reviewing tender submissions and working ultimately towards design and content and the final contract.

If you're interested in getting involved and joining the working group, please contact BOPA Chair, Helen Flint at [helenflint@btinternet.com](mailto:helenflint@btinternet.com)

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## BOPA R&D Committee

Pharmacy Research UK and the British Oncology Pharmacy Association (BOPA) are pleased to announce a new funding partnership for 2016. Grants will be awarded up to a value of £5,000 and may be used to support an independent research project or research component of a higher degree. Both pharmacists and pharmacy technicians are eligible to apply for funds for projects in translational and health service research related to oncology and haematology pharmacy. Applications will open in February 2016, with a deadline of May 2016. To register your interest in this call please contact [practice.research@rpharms.com](mailto:practice.research@rpharms.com)

Further details are available: <http://www.pharmacyresearchuk.org> with scheme guidance available online from February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Abstract Submission for BOPA annual symposium 2016**

Abstract submission for annual symposium 2016 is due to open soon with a deadline of June 24<sup>th</sup> 2016. So make sure all your hard work pays off with a submission this year!

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## Cancer Curriculum

The RPS Faculty has just celebrated its two year anniversary, and as an affiliated partner BOPA continues with development of curricula. The cancer curriculum has been reviewed to include mastery level, in line with other RPS curricula, by the BOPA credentialing & professional development subcommittee. This specialist curriculum should be used alongside the Advanced Pharmacy Framework.

The updated version can be found in the document repository on the BOPA website:

<http://www.bopawebsite.org/repository/>

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## Clinical Pharmacy Congress

**The 5th Clinical Pharmacy Congress is taking place on Friday 22 and Saturday 23 April 2016. Location: ExCeL, London.**

BOPA is once again taking part in the Congress as an education partner and we will be exhibiting at Congress in the Partners Lounge, so please come and show your support!  
Rob Duncombe and Simon Matthews are providing educational sessions.

**New for 2016: The clinical pharmaceuticals & technical services stream.** This would be relevant for those working in quality assurance/control, radio-pharmacy, aseptic services, production and manufacturing as well as procurement services and clinical trials.

We have again been allocated some free registration passes, use the code EV-AS-005 when you visit

<http://www.pharmacycongress.co.uk/>

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## BOPA Education and Training.....

**Webinars now available through the [BOPA website](#)**

- "Targeting EGFR and VEGF with Antibodies" by Prof Anne Thomas
- "Impact of Advanced Pharmacist Practitioner" by Sam Malton
- "Clinical Audits" by Carl Booth and the BOPA A&R Committee

The education and training sub-committee are busy organising various study days and webinars for 2016. There is so much going on that they will soon be organising an education and training newsletter of their own for all BOPA members, so keep an eye out for this!

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## Other news from BOPA

- **QiC (Quality in care) Oncology 2016 awards**, Robert Duncombe represented BOPA at the award ceremony, congratulations to all of the worthy winners!
- **Cardiff BOPA Study afternoon** plans are underway for end of April 2016, so keep your eyes peeled for more information by email very soon!
- The **BOPA 2015 symposium interactive meeting report** is almost ready to go live so watch out for it on the BOPA website
- Rob Duncombe, Jatinder Harchowal and Jennifer Wood are taking part in the **London Marathon** in support of Cancer Research UK in April 2016. We all wish them the best of luck and look forward to seeing their medals!

Log in to the [BOPA website](#) to see what else the BOPA committee and members are up to.....

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## New BOPA Committee Member Biography

### Penny Daynes

I am originally from Durham and studied at Sunderland University then moved to Birmingham where I did my pre-registration year at Heartlands Hospital then moved to St Georges in London to be a resident pharmacist. I then relocated to work in Australia in a hospital in Queensland where I was trained in oncology and haematology and did lots of travelling too. I eventually returned to London to St Bartholomews hospital to complete the diploma and work in the chemotherapy unit. After a bit more travelling I settled down in Yorkshire and have been working at Calderdale and Huddersfield for 14 years in Oncology and Haematology and have built our Varian e-prescribing chemotherapy system . I have now moved to implementing e-prescribing throughout the rest of the trust as well as practicing as a pharmacist prescriber. I have 2 daughters Amalie 12 and Esme 8 who both want to be abstract artists apparently!! (I had no idea this was actually a career choice maybe I need to sell the science option a bit better!)

I'm also on the BOPA education and training committee and help out with modules and the e-learning centre, also do the Twitter and Facebook feed for BOPA to try and help advertise what we do! BOPA is a great organisation which helps develop pharmacists and technicians into extended roles where we are needed but also offers great opportunity for networking, support and sharing best practice. BOPA is celebrating our 20th anniversary this year as we were formed in 1996 so let's make it a year to remember!

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## Renew and register for BOPA membership now!

Are you are a BOPA member or a previous BOPA member whose membership has lapsed or due to lapse? Do you know of colleagues who are not members and you know they would benefit? Don't forget to re-register and promote BOPA membership to your colleagues so that you can all keep up to date with further developments in the UK or to develop your training needs with other BOPA members who understand. It can be as cheap as £35!

Please also encourage your support staff to join. There are BOPA benefits for everyone!

Contact us on [bopa@succinctcomms.com](mailto:bopa@succinctcomms.com) for more details or see the [BOPA website](#)

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**If there is anything you are involved in and wish to tell other BOPA members within the UK contact us via [bopa@succinctcomms.com](mailto:bopa@succinctcomms.com). Let's really build on our BOPA community!**

Kind regards,

**BOPA Executive Committee**

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