President’s message

I am pleased to provide an update on some key activities and initiatives.

I am delighted to welcome the launch of the BTS News feed emails managed by a very experienced and committed editorial team – Ian Kimber, Guy Healing, David Wooley and David Jones. Don’t forget that you are all invited to submit News items to [editor@thebts.org](mailto:editor@thebts.org).

In July, in partnership the American College of Toxicology, the BTS ran a third successful course on Practical Application of Toxicology in Drug Development. Eleven BTS members joined 25 other delegates from all over the globe on this course which was held at a new venue in Cambridge, UK. A report on the course by the BTS members who attended is available here <***insert link to the report***>.

A written response was submitted recently from the BTS to the Commons Science and Technology committee inquiry into the implications and opportunities of leaving the EU for science and research <***insert link to our written response***>. Thank you to those members who contributed to the preparation of this.

The Scientific Sub-committee (SSC) has been working hard to organise another excellent Congress in 2017.  Thank you to everyone who submitted a session proposal – so many in fact that less than half can be accommodated in the programme. The SSC are consolidating several proposals with similar themes endeavouring to retain as much breadth as possible in the Congress programme, balanced with depth and quality. The SSC will strive to find the right opportunity to use all of the submitted proposals. You will hear more about this in the near future.