

Message from the BTS President – May 2014

The Annual Congress has just taken place at Plaisterers' Hall in London and I am delighted to report that it was a huge success. The Congress was a little shorter than usual as the Society is the host for EUROTOX 2014 in Edinburgh later this year (7-10th September). However, the science was excellent with two outstanding symposia covering chemical risk assessment and stem cell therapies and a strong continuing education programme on reproductive toxicology. The hot topic was endocrine disruptors, comprehensively covered by Prof Richard Sharpe from Edinburgh and the Paton Prize winner was Prof Sir Colin Berry, a regular attendee at BTS meetings, who described the outcomes when science goes wrong. The venue was a very impressive and there was a healthy buzz in the poster session and at the Congress dinner.

In 2015 the Annual Congress will return to St John's Hotel in Solihull which proved a popular venue in 2013. The dates are April 19th-22nd 2015 and registration will be available from December. Do come along and support your Society and bring along some of your colleagues!

It is an honour for me to take over as President of the BTS and I will do my best to carry on the good work of the previous Presidents and Executive Committees. As part of my tenure I want to promote wider recognition of the BTS and greater participation in our scientific meetings. It would be good to hear from you, the members, what you would like to see in terms of member benefits and future meetings so please contact me with your thoughts and ideas.

Best wishes

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