

President's Newsletter No 10

Dear Colleagues

Since my last Newsletter, the Executive Committee have been advertising various posts and roles to support the work of the Society. It is important to ensure that there are opportunities for our members to serve on the BTS Committees and that we meet the aims of our strategic vision, <https://www.thebts.org/information/strategies>. There was interest in roles advertised over the last few weeks and I will keep the membership abreast of any appointments made. Please also note that there will be an advert regarding vacancies on the Executive Committee namely the Vice President and the Vice Chair of the Scientific Subcommittee. Do keep an eye on your in box

I am pleased to inform our Membership that Emerita Professor Faith Williams has been elected as this year's Paton Prize winner. This award was established in memory of Sir William Paton to encourage scholarship in historical aspects of toxicology. Faith will present her lecture at the Annual Congress in The Hilton, Gateshead on Tuesday 5th April 2022. Many congratulations Faith on being awarded this prestigious award.

The list of previous recipients is available on the BTS website and, in accepting the award, you will be agreeing to have your name added to the list at <http://www.thebts.org/events-2/awards-and-prizes/>

This year the Congress also marks 50 years of the formation of the Toxicology Club, which later became the British Toxicology Society, so it is fitting to have the Paton Prize awarded this year as I am sure you will be highlighting some key milestones in Toxicology

I am also pleased to announce that Professor Ian Kimber, OBE and Dr Diane Benford have appointed as Honorary Fellows of the British Toxicology Society having made significant contributions to the discipline of Toxicology and the Society. The award will be made at the Annual Congress Dinner on Tuesday 5th April 2022. Very many congratulations Diane and Ian. A list of those that have been bestowed this honour can be on the BTS website, <https://www.thebts.org/>

We continue to look at ways to engage with our members by providing links to virtual webinars and workshops, advertising roles and posts of interest to our members, supporting **Toxicology Research**, our Society Journal, reaching out to other Societies to see how we can all work together to provide new avenues of interest to our members and helping to support members attending our Annual Conference. Please do let me know if you have any thoughts on what we can do to support you, our members Please contact me via president@thebts.org.

The **2022 Annual Congress** will be held at the **Hilton, Gateshead from the 4th -6th April 2022**. Please save the date. I do hope we will see as many of you as possible at the Congress. The 2022 Annual Congress will provide a variety of cutting edge topics given by experts in their field. The Annual Congress will be a face to face meeting this year, but we will be looking to provide some aspects of the Annual Congress virtually for those unable to attend. The details of the programme will be available soon so please keep a watchful eye on the website and through emails.

I am pleased to be able to provide our members with information on some forthcoming vacancies on the [Commission on Human Medicines](#) (CHM). The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care is looking to appoint eleven Commissioners to join the CHM, this includes

two toxicologists. Successful candidates should be recognised by their peers and/or be Fellows of the relevant Royal Colleges. Further details on the Commissioner vacancies are available [here](#). CHM is a statutory committee which advises UK Health Ministers / the Licensing Authority on matters relating to the quality, safety and efficacy of medicines and on adverse reactions to marketed medicinal products. The Department of Health values and promotes diversity and is committed to equality of opportunity for all. **The closing date for applications is now midday 11th November 2021.**

I would also like to provide you with information that the Royal Society of Biology Animal Science Group annual [Animal Science Meeting](#) is taking place online in early December. This meeting is for researchers, research support staff, vets, technologists, administrators, AWERB members and staff in regulatory and policy advisory roles involved with animal research. Apply before **Sunday 14th November** by contacting Eleanor Barrand at events@rsb.org.uk with any queries. Limited spaces available.

Please also note the joint CIEL - BSAS free webinar on [meeting UK livestock net zero carbon target, which is](#) also taking place on the 3rd December 2021, 10:00-15:00.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr Miriam Jacobs and the Regulatory Speciality Section for organising a 2 day workshop on NAMS. This NAMS Awareness event will aim to increase awareness and understanding of current and near future international regulatory developments for NAMS for chemical hazard and human risk assessment. The event specifically addresses **BTS and IGHRC training requirements** in raising awareness and understanding of the current status of the internationally-accepted regulatory science basis. This event will introduce the efforts of the FSA/COT strategic thinking on their Road Map towards the introduction of NAMS, along with the current scientific status of many NAM OECD test guidelines, and guidance in development. This awareness event is suitable for and intended to bring together UK government scientists, risk assessors, risk managers, and policy makers together with BTS regulatory section members, academic test method developers, CROs, industry sectors and relevant NGOs. This two-day event is open to all IGHRC and BTS members and will be held virtually on the **22nd and 23rd November 2021 from 10am-3.30pm**. There is no charge for participation. To register please click [HERE](#).

The Executive Committee are pleased to inform you that online registration and abstract submission for **IUTOX XVIth International Congress of Toxicology (ICT) 2022** is now available on the website www.ict2022.com. The **IUTOX XVIth ICT 2022** will take place in Maastricht, Netherlands from September 18 to 21, 2022. Under the congress theme “**Uniting in Toxicology**”, **ICT 2022** aims to set up a diverse congress program that makes the various disciplines the subject of joint discussions. Working together, these disciplines with their diverse perspectives contribute to promoting and encouraging the use of new and innovative techniques and strategies, which will continue to reduce the risks to human health and the environment.

The Executive Committee would like to congratulate Professor Anne Willis and the MRS Toxicology Unit, University of Cambridge on being one of 17 international recipients of a \$60million R3. For more information please go to <https://welcomeleap.org/r3/>

At last year's AGM the Executive Committee brought a paper for discussion on Retirement. The Executive Committee will be reviewing this policy in January 2022 to consider if this should be brought to this year's AGM for the membership to consider. To ensure the Executive Committee can consider comments now we are setting up a Focus Group for members from


across all to consider if this Policy is suitable to be considered at the AGM. Professor Heather Wallace has agreed to chair this focus group. Professor Wallace is looking for volunteers to join her to also discuss this policy via a meeting over Zoom. If you would like to join Professor Wallace please contact her at hmwallace@aberdeen.ac.uk. Professor Wallace is looking to hold a meeting in December but is also happy to receive comments via email . Professor Wallace will present the views of this group to the Executive Committee in January.

Our **Newsfeed Editorial Team** will be sending out their monthly updates next week and they welcome suggestions for news items to be included in the Newsfeed from members and non-members alike. Please contact the editor@thebts.org if you would like to have something considered.

And finally my apologies if you have been in touch with me via the email for the President and not received a reply. The email address was incorrect in my previous newsletter and should read president@thebts.org or contact me at s.price@surrey.ac.uk.

As always do please feel free to contact me if you have any questions about the work of the Executive Committee via president@thebts.org . In the meantime, thank you all for your support which I always appreciate as your President.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shirley". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a short horizontal line.

Professor Shirley Price, President of the BTS.