



Royal College
of Physicians

College Day 2022

Notice is hereby given that College Day,
incorporating the presidential election,
will be held on

Monday 11 April 2022 | 1.30pm

Dr Cathryn Edwards | Registrar

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Important information about attendance

College Day 2022 will be a hybrid meeting with fellows able to attend virtually or in person at the RCP at Regent's Park in London.

Virtual attendance

All fellows are automatically registered for virtual attendance on College Day. Fellows will receive an email by Monday 21 March 2022, which will include a link to watch the full broadcast. You will not need to navigate away from the page to join the lectures. This email will be sent from **no-reply@eckoenterprise.net**.

If you have not received an email by Monday 28 March 2022, please email conferences@rcp.ac.uk or call 020 3075 2389. We encourage you to access the website as soon as you have received the email. This will help to ensure that you do not have any issues in accessing the broadcast page and associated documentation on the day.

The link provided in your registration and reminder emails must not be circulated to anyone who is not a fellow of the RCP as this is a fellows-only broadcast page.

All College Day papers will be made available on the broadcast website and via [an RCP webpage](#).

Please note that the **lectures** are free and virtual access is open to all. If you have colleagues, family or friends interested in attending please direct them to the following links to book their place:

- > [FitzPatrick lecture](#)
- > [Medicinal plant lecture](#)
- > [Samuel Gee lecture](#)

Fellows attending virtually are reminded that online voting in the elections for president, clinical vice president and councillors will close at midday on Monday 11 April 2022. Fellows will have received email notification from Civica Election Services (sent from takepart@cesvotes.com) during March on how to access candidates' election material and vote online.

Physical attendance

You will need to book to attend [via this link](#), where options will include dinner and requests to vote in person for the election of the president. We regret we are not able to accept walk-in registrations.

Fellows attending physically can request to vote in person for the election of the president. These must be received by Wednesday 6 April 2022. Access to candidates' election material is online and will close at midday on Monday 11 April 2022. Fellows will have received email notification from Civica Election Services during March on how to access candidates' election material and vote online.

Please note that voting in the election of the clinical vice president and councillors is online only and will close at midday on Monday 11 April 2022.

Programme

Chair:	Dr Andrew Goddard, president, Royal College of Physicians
12.30–13.15	Pre-registered fellows to collect ballot papers to vote in person for the presidential election
13.30–14.00	Special general meeting – presidential election Admission to fellows only (<i>Dorchester Library or virtual access</i>)
14.00	Refreshments
14.30–15.30	Fitzpatrick lecture Diseases and mortality in the armies of nineteenth-century British India Professor David Gawkrödger, honorary professor of dermatology, University of Sheffield (<i>Wolfson lecture theatre – admission to fellows only or virtual access for all</i>)
15.30	Refreshments
16.00–17.00	Medicinal plant lecture A living museum – the RCP’s Medicinal Garden Dr Noel Snell, honorary clinical senior lecturer, National Heart and Lung Institute, Imperial College London (<i>Wolfson lecture theatre – admission to fellows only or virtual access for all</i>)
17.00	Refreshments
17.30–18.30	Samuel Gee lecture Air pollution: the greatest environmental health challenge of our time Professor Sir Stephen Holgate, UKRI clean air champion and RCP special adviser on air quality (<i>Wolfson lecture theatre – admission to fellows only or virtual access for all</i>)
18.30	Announcement of result of the presidential election Admission to fellows only (<i>Dorchester Library or virtual access</i>)
19.00 for 19.30	Dinner for pre-booked fellows (lounge suits) (<i>Osler Room</i>)

In case of queries about:

- > the special general meeting – presidential election, please contact Simon Land, head of professional governance, by emailing simon.land@rcp.ac.uk
- > the lectures and booking, please contact conferences@rcp.ac.uk

Special general meeting – presidential election

Item 1 To elect a president as required by section 6 of the Medical Act 1860, and bye-laws 10.1, 10.2 and 5.1.

THE CASTING OF VOTES IN PERSON

Fellows should note that this is the first item of business, as votes cast on the day will be transported to the premises of Civica Election Services, where they will be added to the votes already cast online. The count will then commence, off-site from the RCP. Because of the single transferable voting system, there will be no need for a second ballot.

Please note that online voting and access to election material will close at midday on the day of the meeting.

Ballot papers are being emailed to fellows, in good standing, separately. Fellows who choose not to vote online, but intend to vote in person on the day, will need to register that intention as part of the booking process by 6 April and should plan to arrive before the meeting starts. Reception facilities will be open from 12.30pm with Civica Election Services on hand to supply a personal voting paper to those who have registered. Fellows can then cast their vote on the day, completed in secrecy if desired. The completed voting papers will be collected during the ceremony, in keeping with tradition.

Fellows who take this option are encouraged to vote online in the elections of the clinical vice president and councillors which close at midday on 11 April 2022.

- 1 The registrar reads the bye-laws relating to the election of the president (10.1, 10.2 and 5.1). The registrar may ring Hamey's Bell for order.
- 2 The registrar asks fellows who have brought their voting papers (rather than returned their vote online) to complete them, if they have not done so already.
- 3 College officers, accompanied by the censors, collect the voting papers in urns from the Dorchester Library, and other rooms, if used.
- 4 While the urns are taken round, the 10p pieces are distributed by the bedell and staff.
- 5 The academic vice president checks that all the urns are placed before the senior censor and education and training vice president.
- 6 The chair of the meeting signs the authority for proxy votes to be counted, and adds this to the voting papers.
- 7 The voting papers are taken out of the Dorchester Library so that they can be taken away to the location of the count.

Item 2 President's address

Item 3 The president suspends Comitia for the College lectures

Item 4 Announcement of the presidential election result (18.30)

Fellows should note that the current president, Dr Andrew Goddard, will remain as president throughout the proceedings and afterwards. The handover of authority to the newly elected president will take place at the end of the annual general meeting on Tuesday 13 September 2022, when Dr Goddard will leave office. The newly elected president will take up office and give faith at this time.

- 1 The president invites fellows to be seated and reconvenes Comitia.
- 2 The registrar again reads the bye-laws relating to the election of the president (10.1, 10.2 and 5.1). The registrar may ring Hamey's Bell for order.
- 3 The result of the election is announced.
- 4 The president stands to congratulate the newly elected president, and leads a round of applause.

Item 5 The president dissolves Comitia

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