The University of Western Australia will be hosting the fifth annual one week intensive introduction course specifically designed for registrars commencing Haematology Laboratory training. The course emphasises morphology (blood, marrow aspirates and trephines) as the key to diagnosis, with a detailed introduction to coagulation, blood banking, haemoglobinopathies, and the techniques of flow cytometry, cytogenetics and molecular pathology.

Through a combination of lectures and practical workshops, attendees can expect to attain a level of competence appropriate for a registrar beginning to interpret morphology and lab results under supervision. The aim is to introduce practical skills within a sound theoretical framework, and provide an approach to interpretation. Speakers include Professor Wendy Erber, Dr Matthew Wright and Dr Jill Finlayson, supported by senior Haematology scientists.

Lecture notes and an extensive reference list will be provided. While focussed on those commencing lab work, aspects of the course may serve as useful revision for people more advanced in their training. Now in its fifth year the course has received overwhelmingly positive feedback from previous attendees.

The course runs from 0830 – 1700 from Monday to Thursday, and from 0830-1200 on Friday. Tea and lunch breaks are provided, and there is a group dinner overlooking the Swan River. There are no sessions over the weekend. UWA is situated 5km from Perth city centre, and midway between the city and its beaches. Details regarding course fees, registration and accommodation are provided on the UWA website, at www.pathology.uwa.edu.au/courses/haematology

**Dates:** Monday 15th – Friday 19th February 2016
Venue: University of Western Australia, Perth, Australia
Cost: $900 for full five days

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