Report of The 103rd Annual Meeting of The United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

March 1-7 2014, San Diego, CA

This report was written by Bruce Smoller before he retired. In the absence of an executive Vice President, it has been edited by Robin Cooke and Jeff Monks. The graphic, “Reporting by Numbers” was designed and supplied by Stan Sands of Creative Agents, CA.

Presidents

Dr. Jeffrey Myers turned over the gavel and the Presidency to Dr. Celeste Powers, Medical College of Virginia.

(Prof. John Goldblum, Cleveland Clinic is the new President-Elect).

Posters

Stowell-Orbison Poster Awards

There were three co-equal recipients, in no specific order:

- [104] “Frequent Inactivating Mutations of the Cohesin Complex Gene STAG2 in Ewing’s Sarcoma Associated with TP53 Mutations and Poor Outcome”
  David A Solomon, Andrew Brohl, Jung-Sik Kim, Wendy Chang, Young Song, Jose Antonio Lopez Guererro, Isidro Machado, Zengfeng Wang, Joanna J Phillips, Daniel H Wai, Violette Shahbazian, Paul Sorensen, Andrew E Horvai, Timothy J Triche, Markku Miettinen, Antonio Lombart-Bosch, Todd Waldman, Javed Khan. University of California, San Francisco, CA; Mount Sinai School of Medicine, New York, NY; Georgetown University, Washington, DC; National Cancer Institute, NIH, Gaithersburg, MD; University of Virginia, Virginia, VA; National Cancer Institute, NIH, Bethesda, MD; Children’s Hospital, Los Angeles, CA; University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada.


- [895] MED15 “Encoding a Subunit of the Mediator Complex, Is Overexpressed at High Frequency in Castration-Resistant Prostate Cancer” Martin Braun, Zaki Shahkibrahim, Roopika Menon, Anne Offermann, Angela Queisser, Di Continued over
ana Boehm, Wenzel Vogel, Kerstin Ruenuwer, Christian Ruiz, Tobias Zellweger, Maria Svensson, Ove Andren, Glen Kristiansen, Nicolas Wernert, Lukas Bubendorf, Sven Pernez. University Bonn, Germany; University Basel, Switzerland; University Orebro, Sweden; CEGAT, Tuebingen, Germany

In addition, three honorable mentions were awarded:

* [279] “Extensive Rewiring of Epithelial-Stromal Crosstalk Networks in Breast Cancer”

Eun-Yeong Oh, Stephen M Christensen, Nicolas Knoblauch, Laleh Montaser-Kouhsari, Andrew H Beck. Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA

Nicole de Martinis is a medical student who is working with Prof. Walter Frohkbein of the University of California, San Francisco. She is making beautiful whole organ sections and mounting them on filter paper using the Gough Wentworth technique. This was introduced in the 1940s by Jethro Gough and Mr. J. W. Wentworth from the University of Wales in Cardiff. Gough was investigating the ‘coal miner’s lung’ which was a common and debilitating condition affecting coal miners in Wales and elsewhere in the world. The lungs were inflated after removal from the body, floated in formalin for a few days. Then processed and the paraffin blocks were sliced using a large sledge microtome. This allowed for comparison of the pathology with the clinical features and the X-ray findings. Walter Frohkbein had some old whole specimens on which the technique could be used.
Courses and Conferences

Long Course

“Practical Points in Gastrointestinal Pathology: A Case Based Discussion of Common Dilemmas” by Course Directors: Joel Greenson and Laura Lamps.

Short Courses

Fifty nine were presented.

Special Courses

• “Genomic Medicine for Pathologists: What you Need to Know” by Richard Haspel
• “Leadership, Collaboration and Change in Health Care - Essential Skills” by Carol Farver, Phyllis Huettner and James Stoller.
• “Clinical Application of Next Generation Sequencing for the Management of Patients with Solid Tumors” by Jeffrey Ross (presented for the first time.)
• “Basic Principles of Cytology” by Dr. Tarik Elsheikh.

Evening Specialty Conferences

There were 19 organ based conferences.

Companion Society Conferences

28 Companion Societies met on Saturday night and Sunday.

Special lectures

Nathan Kaufman Timely Topics Lecture
“A Framework for Clinical Genomic Sequencing in Cancer”
Dr. Arul Chinnaiyan, University of Michigan School of Medicine.

Maude Abbott lecture
“Catch a wave and you can see real far: Pancreatic Cancer in the Year 2014.”
Dr. Ralph Hruban, Johns Hopkins Medical School

Special Awards

Distinguished Pathologist Award
Dr. Henry Appleman, University of Michigan.

President’s Award
Dr. Richard Kempson, Stanford University.

F.K. Mostofi Distinguished Service Award
Dr. Fred Barr, National Institutes of Health.

Ramzi Cotran Young Investigator Award
Dr. John Iafriate, Massachusetts General Hospital.

Benjamin Castleman Award
Dr. Vuletina Nardi, Massachusetts General Hospital.

F. Stephen Vogel Award
Dr. Ghassan Allo

Harvey Goldman Master Teacher Award
Dr. Christopher Fletcher, Brigham and Women’s Hospital.

Other activities of the USCAP

• There is continual development of the online educational material
• A cocktail reception for residents, members
Above: Maude Abbott Lecturer Ralph Hruban.
Below: F. Stephen Vogel Award: Ghasan Ali (University of Toronto).

Above: Speakers at the palaeopathology Companion Meeting. Pedro L. Fernandez and Enrique Gerszten (Co-Chair) and John W. Venuto and Terri D. Randall, (Speakers).

Above: Speakers at the Companion Club meeting of the Binford-Dannin Society of Infectious Disease Pathologists combined with the American Society of Cytology. Topic: The Applications of Cytology in Infectious Disease Diagnosis. Speakers: Pam Michelow (Johannesburg, South Africa), Andre Moreira (Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York), Stephen Schmechel (Uni of Washington Medical Center, Seattle), Andrew Field (St Vincent's Hospital, Sydney).

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Above: Wadad Sabo presenting an award for long service to the Arab Division to Ghazi Zathari. Ghazi is Professor of Pathology in Beirut, Lebanon.
Below: Hillcrest Hospital, University of San Diego. Residents and staff. Donna Hensel center black dress, Mark Vahalik 2nd L.

Below: Retiring Executive Vice President of the USCAP, Bruce Smoller and the Augusta team he has led for the past three years. Kia Goy, Kerry Crockett, Travis Newman, John Garwood, Annette Dixon, Jeff Mush, Carolyn Lane, Bruce Smoller, Nancy West, Stacie Wells, Denise Chino, and Terri Powers.
Urgent statement on the Current Situation in Thailand

Confirmation that the IAP 2014 will go ahead as planned.

Please be assured that the situation in Bangkok is secure and manageable, there was no violence or loss of life or property during the implementation.

Prior to the intervention of the Military, the political disagreements between pro and anti-government supporters were relatively intense. Although several attempts at multilateral discussion had been made, no concrete conclusion was agreed upon. However, there was a growing concern for the situation resulting from breakouts of random attacks of violence from government supporters in which a few lives were lost.

The Military had the responsibility of maintaining peace and order, to ensure the safety of all Thai citizens and visitors. When the situation was becoming uncontrollable, the Military had to temporarily step in to the role of parenting the State so that civilians can live their everyday lives in peace, and until a fair and just general election can be held.

Although, we are currently in the state of curfew, we are still working as usual. People are able to travel normally. Many conferences and exhibitions, including international ones, are and will be running as planned. Shopping centers, restaurants, and touristic places are peacefully opened and filled with shoppers and tourists as usual.

The airports and flights are routinely operating as usual. People feel less intense and are becoming happier. You can see from the stock exchange reports that economic confidence is recovering. We believe that the curfew will be over soon, and peace will return again.

Once again I would like to assure everyone that the IAP2014 Congress from October 5-10, 2014 will be held as planned and that it will be safe for you to attend.

I would like to thank you sincerely for your support, and we will be waiting to welcome you at the IAP2014 Congress, Bangkok.

Pongsak Wannakrairot, MD.
President, IAP2014 Congress
President, IAP Thailand Division.
President, Royal College of Pathologists of Thailand. Associate Dean, Faculty of Medicine, Chulalongkorn University.
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