

REPORT FROM KRISTIN HENRY, IAP VICE PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE, TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY. OCTOBER 11, Athens
 Activities and developments since the Denver Meeting

GERMAN DIVISION OF THE IAP (GDIAP)

The first International Junior Academy Meeting organised by Professor Martin Hansmann on behalf of the GDIAP took place in **Guisenheim-Johannisburg August 21-24th 2008**

These Junior Academies are envisaged as International Summer Schools for trainee pathologists with the aim of bringing together diagnostic and scientific work. This first Academy was attended by 29 young pathologists from 12 countries - including Lisa Browning and Kathy Robertson from the UK, whose expenses were covered by the BDIAP. The four-day course focussed on aspects of the female genital tract, haematopathology, soft tissue pathology and uro-pathology. As an invited participant and speaker, I attended the first two days and would like to say how much I enjoyed this first innovative Junior Academy Meeting.

The venue and facilities were excellent and I was able to chat to some of the participants; all were most appreciative of the opportunity to attend the meeting and were enjoying the programme.

Although perhaps the selection of topics was limited, I believe Martin Hansmann did achieve his aim of combining the importance of morphology with the equally important aim of understanding the genetic implications and techniques available for their demonstration.

POLISH DIVISION OF THE IAP

The newly reorganised Polish Division has, over the last two years, been very active in setting up educational meetings in Krakow, Poznan and Warsaw.

In September, as an invited speaker, I attended the Haematopathology Meeting, September 11-13, in Poznan. This excellent Meeting was held in the Department of Tumour Pathology, Wielkopolska Center of Oncology, Karol Marcinkowski Medical University, and was organised by Jan Breborowicz and Renata Maryniak. I was also invited to attend the Polish Division Business meeting and was impressed by the enthusiasm and drive of members.

Future meetings include a November Meeting in Krakow on Forensic Pathology and hosting the International Inter-Congress ESP Meeting in 2010

BDIAP EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR IAP DIVISIONS and COUNTRIES

XXVII INTERNATIONAL IAP CONGRESS ATHENS OCTOBER 12-16 2008

The **BDIAP** set aside **£20,000** for Bursaries to attend the Athens 2008 Congress: **£10,000** for pathologists in training in Bosnian countries and **£10,000** for BDIAP trainee pathologists.

The BDIAP is also covering the cost of 4 speakers at the Congress and the BDIAP, jointly with the IAP, is conducting a Symposium on Small Intestinal Pathology. co-ordinated by Professor Claude Cuvelier.

THE ARAB DIVISION OF THE IAP (ADIAP)

6TH ARAB BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY, BEIRUT, LEBANON

Despite the ongoing problems in the Middle East and unavoidable changes in timing, this excellent 3-day Meeting took place at the American University in Beirut, July 9-11 2008 organised by Ghazi Zaatari, ADIAP. The BDIAP Teachers were Professors Sarah Pinder and Sami Shousha and there was also input from Professor Nina Shabb and Dr Fouad Boulos from AUB

Once again the event was hugely successful due to the efforts of the Speakers and hosting Division and much appreciated and enjoyed by the 35 participants. The comprehensive course comprised a series of lectures and related practical classes which covered almost all aspects of breast pathology comprising

papillary lesions of the breast, examination of breast tissue after neo-adjuvant chemotherapy, fibro-epithelial and spindle cell lesions, reporting core biopsies, breast immunohistochemistry, proliferative breast lesions, specimen handling. sentinel node biopsy, breast cytology and molecular subtyping of breast carcinoma

Sarah Pinder and Sami Shousha deserve many thanks for putting together such a splendid programme as does Ghazi Zaatari for providing the excellent facilities and hospitality.

The travel expenses of the UK speakers were covered by the BDIAP

ADIAP SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

XXth Scientific Congress, Algiers 23-25th November 2008.

This an important landmark meeting of the ADIAP and will be the first international pathology meeting to be held in Algeria. The BDIAP is funding the travel costs of three speakers Professor Geraint Williams, Professor Edouardo Calonje and Professor Kristin Henry

The IAP Education Committee also approved financial support for this meeting (see Chairman, Education Committee Report)

SOUTH AFRICAN DIVISION OF THE IAP (SADIAP)

The BDIAP sends speakers to support and lecture in national and international meetings, including a yearly sponsorship for the SADIAP Divisional Meeting and the two yearly APECSA Meetings. The 2008 SADIAP Meeting Goodwill Ambassador was Dr. Ian Roberts. During his one-week visit to SA he gave 5 lectures and three Slide Seminars visiting Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban. Professor Neil Shepherd will be the Goodwill Ambassador to the APECSA Meeting in Mombasa in October.

TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS.

The BDIAP, in collaboration with the SADIAP, supports the training of pathologists from disadvantaged African countries. Currently, Dr. Musonda from Zambia and Dr. Kalebi from Kenya are completing their training in Dr. Martin Hale's department in Johannesburg.

BOSNIA BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

The Second School took place in Sarejevo in August 2008. The topic was Breast pathology, the teachers were Professor Sarah Pinder and Professor Jorge Reis-Filho and the local organiser was Dr. Semir Vranic. The 40 pathologists came from Bosnia, Serbia, Slovenia and Croatia and all who attended were extremely appreciative and enthusiastic.

INDIA

'UPDATE IN PATHOLOGY' MEETING, PUNE, FEBRUARY 2008

A second two day 'UPDATE IN PATHOLOGY' Meeting, similar to last year's New Delhi meeting took place in February 2008 in Pune attended by 251 pathologists. The BDIAP Speakers were Stephen Hubscher, Sebastian Lucas and Roderick Simpson.

These meetings, instituted by Dr. Robbie Bacchus on behalf of WASPALM have been held jointly with Indian pathologists who are in charge of the local organisation. It has now been agreed by Council that future Meetings should be held in association with the Indian Division of the IAP and discussions are underway to set this up.

RECENT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OF THE BDIAP

BDIAP SEMINARS FOR TRAINEES IN HISTOPATHOLOGY,

This is a new educational development with the aim of covering the more practical aspects of histopathology and was the initiative of Dr Lisa Browning, Junior Council Member of the BDIAP.

This first Seminar entitled “**Approach to Cut-Up; macroscopic examination as the precursor to accurate microscopic interpretation**” took place in **London 8th April 2008**

A second BDIAP Seminar ‘**Laboratory Techniques: From Cut-Up Bench to Microscope Stage**’ will be held on March 17 , 2009 and will be the first BDIAP meeting to be held at the Royal College of Pathologists. We are aiming for a similar audience of around 100 trainees in Histopathology from the UK, Belgium, the Netherlands, and the Republic of Ireland.

NINETY- NINTH SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE BDIAP & FIFTH SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF BAGP, Symposium on Gynaegological Pathology, Manchester 18-April 2008

This two-day meeting, held jointly with the **BAGP** at the Manchester Royal Infirmary, attracted almost 200 participants. It was organised by Dr. Ray McMahon, Dr. Wilson and colleagues and was deemed a great success.

The Friday 18th was devoted to a comprehensive range of topics given by the following speakers: Advantages and Pitfalls of Liquid Based Cervical Screening, *Dr John Smith*, What’s New in Vulvovaginal Pathology, *Professor Glenn McCluggage*, Recent Advances in Molecular Gynaecological Pathology, *Professor Simon Herrington*, Variants of Cervical Adenocarcinoma, *Dr Laurence Brown*. :Mucinous Tumours of the Ovary, Guest Lecturer *Dr Brigitte Ronnett, USA*, Clinical management of VIN and Vulval Cancer, *Professor Henry Kitchener*, Review of the new gynaecological pathology minimum datasets, *Dr Lynn Hirschowitz*, What’s New in Ovarian Sex Cord-Stromal Tumours, *Dr Nafisa Wilkinson*, Synchronous Tumours in the Female Genital Tract, *Dr Naveena Singh*, Common Problems in Consultation Practice in Gynaecological Pathology, *Professor Michael Wells*.

On the Saturday 19th there was a Slide Seminar with 12 instructive cases presented by six experts including the Guest Lecturer. Prior viewing of the cases was available by virtual microscopy using the Aperio system.

The ONE-HUNDREDth SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE BDIAP will take place in London 28-29 November with a **Symposium on Hepatic Pancreatico-Biliary Pathology**

BDIAP TRAVEL BURSARIES

The BDIAP provides Bursaries to help overseas Pathologists to travel to laboratories in the UK for further training. Three such Bursaries were awarded in 2008

Four Travel Bursaries have also been awarded this year to BDIAP lecturers to travel to less affluent countries to provide teaching.

ASSISTANCE WITH PROVISION OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS

The BDIAP collaborates in a scheme to transport ‘unwanted’ journals from BDIAP members to departments in underdeveloped countries which lack resources to provide library facilities. Some copies of BDIAP’s Journal, Histopathology, are also provided. This year, through the efforts of Dr.Katherine Robertson, BDIAP Junior Councillor, discounts for books from Blackwells have been shipped to Bosnia and Malawi. Plans are also underway for the provision of further educational resources for Bosnia

BDIAP SUPPORT OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN PATHOLOGY

The BDIAP continues to support Undergraduate Education:

BDIAP Student Scholarships are awarded for those students choosing electives in Pathology.

5 Student Scholarships were awarded in 2008. BDIAP Grants for undergraduate BSc. Studentships in Histopathology are also available.

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