

**International Academy of Pathology**  
**Report of North American Vice-Presidents**  
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The United States and Canadian Division of the IAP currently has 10,693 members, including 2,367 junior members.

The Knowledge Hub on the USCAP website ([www.uscap.org](http://www.uscap.org)) continues to add materials. These educational materials are free and provide an opportunity for pathologists around the world who cannot attend the USCAP meetings in person to update their knowledge. There are many virtual slides as well as high quality jpeg images. Accompanying handouts contain a discussion of the cases and references which they can study - learning at a distance. All of the teaching materials from the meetings of 2003-2008, with a Table of Contents and a search function are available on the website. Course materials from the 2006 IAP Centennial Congress, which was hosted by the U.S. & Canadian Division in Montreal, were also posted on the USCAP website.

The USCAP continues to send surplus educational materials around the world to those IAP divisions with the greatest need, as well as others. We will provide materials to any of the divisions which feel they are useful. A typical response: *"It is wonderful to receive these valuable materials. They are especially useful to us in training our residents and fellows. We are grateful for your donation."*

The 2007 USCAP Annual Meeting in San Diego, California, provided an abundance of educational opportunities and had a record attendance of 3,534. A total of 1,660 abstracts were presented. There were 60 short courses, including 17 new courses. The Long Course on *Surgical Pathology of Targeted Therapies* was co-directed by Drs. Allen Gown and Marc Ladanyi, and the two Special Courses on molecular pathology were continued. *Introductory Molecular Pathology* provides attendees with the basic genetic principles for understanding the applications of molecular methodologies in clinical medicine, and *Advanced Molecular Pathology* focuses on translational issues that link basic discoveries with the practice of pathology. Additional highlights of the program included the Nathan Kaufman Timely Topics Lecture which was presented by Dr. Steven L. Kunkel and entitled *Inflammatory Keys to Chronic Disease*. Dr. Virginia A. LiVolsi delivered the Maude Abbott Lecture, *C Cell Lesions of the Thyroid: from Discovery to Molecular Biology*.

The 2008 Annual Meeting was held in Denver, Colorado and had an attendance of 3,358. A total of 1,708 abstracts were presented. There were 60 short courses, including 9 new courses. The Long Course on *Neoplasia of the Kidneys and Urinary Bladder* was co-directed by Drs. John N. Eble and David J. Grignon. A new Special Course, *Basic Principles and Practice of Molecular Pathology in Cancer*, directed by Dr. Julia Bridge, was held on Monday and was a great success with an attendance of 324. The other Special Course, *Advanced Molecular Pathology*, was continued and presented on Tuesday. Additional highlights of the program included the Nathan Kaufman Timely Topics Lecture, presented by Dr. Frank McKeon, and entitled *p63 Through the Ages*. Dr. Christopher D.M. Fletcher delivered the Maude Abbott Lecture, *The Future of Academic Anatomic Pathology: Challenges and Opportunities*.

The special offerings for housestaff were continued at the 2008 Annual Meeting: 1) The Fellowship Fair provides an opportunity for representatives from institutions to advertise their various fellowships free of charge. 2) The Housestaff Specialty Conference on Sunday night was organized by Drs. John Goldblum and Christina Isacson. The topic was *The Practice of Pathology - Community and Academics* and featured Richard Horowitz and Jeffrey Myers as speakers. Another popular feature of the conference was the panel discussion where housestaff attendees had the opportunity to interact with the faculty. 3) A Housestaff Hospitality room was open on Monday and Tuesday and provided a continental breakfast and a light lunch for housestaff. At breakfast and lunch many renowned pathologists were present in the room for 1:1 interactions with the housestaff.

We continue to offer three smaller courses each year:

*Diagnostic Cytopathology - Course Director Celeste Powers*

2007 in Clearwater Beach, FL, and 2008 in Carefree, AZ

January 17-19, 2009 in Clearwater Beach, FL

*Practical Pathology Seminars - Course Director John Goldblum*

2007 in Cancun, Mexico, and 2008 in Clearwater Beach, FL

April 30 – May 3, 2009 in San Francisco, CA

*Diagnostic Pathology Update - Course Directors Stuart Schnitt and Jennifer Hunt*

2007 in Banff, Alberta, Canada, and 2008 in Lahaina, Maui, Hawaii

July 11-17, 2009 in Niagara Falls, Canada

All of these courses receive excellent evaluations, and beginning in January 2008, credit hours earned at any of the three smaller courses (Diagnostic Pathology, Diagnostic Cytopathology and Practical Pathology Seminars) may be used as AMA Category 1 CME hours or as American Board of Pathology Self-Assessment Module credit hours. In addition most of the short courses presented at the Annual Meeting also may be used as SAMs credits. Each year the new courses are added so that soon all 60 short courses will be available as SAMs.

Dr. Gene P. Siegal from University Alabama Birmingham was chosen as the sixth Editor-in-Chief of *Laboratory Investigation*, starting in January 2009; and a selection committee has been formed for the next Editor-in Chief of *Modern Pathology* in July 2010. The next annual meeting of the USCAP will be in Boston on March 7-13, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

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