

XXVII International Congress International Academy of Pathology.

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INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY SOUTH AMERICA

Report of activities.

Regarding the XXVII International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology, Athens, Greece 2008, October 11-17, the Vice-Presidency for South-America and the Argentine Division have sent information about it on its Courses of the Continuing Education Program and to different Pathology Departments of Hospitals and Schools of Medicine in the country.

During the first months of 2008 all of the Presidencies and Secretariats of all the Divisions of the South-American Area of the IAP, were contacted in order to remind them of the need to cancel the payment of all the fees.

Regarding the other Divisions of the Area, I would like to comment that after the “First Forum of the Latin-American Divisions of the International Academy of Pathology” held in Puebla, Mexico -in the Crowne Plaza Hotel- on April 1st and 2nd, 2007- thanks to Dr. Florabel G. Mullick’s initiative, a greater enthusiasm was developed in Mexico and the South-American Area in relation to becoming a member of the IAP.

This was, in fact, the real objective of the Forum: to strengthen the presence of the International Academy of Pathology in the Latin-American countries, through encouraging and fostering their Continuing Educational Programs and, at the same time, to stimulate the attendance of Latin-American pathologists to the IAP International Congresses.

In this way, on August 29-30, 2008, during a Surgical Pathology and Immunohistochemistry Symposium held in Puebla, Mexico at the Hospital Angeles, a Meeting was held in order to start with the organization of the creation of a new Mexican Division of the IAP.

In view that this year there will be 5 years since the last payment of the IAP membership fees on the part of the Mexican Division, it seems suitable to eliminate the same from the list of IAP Divisions in activity at the moment. This will enable the initiative of the Mexican Republic Pathology Federation to create a new Mexican Division of the IAP.

At this Meeting attended by Drs. Arturo Angeles-Angeles, Reynaldo Falcon-Escobedo, Sergio Sanchez-Sosa, Luis Muñoz, , Ezequiel Velez-Gomez -current

President of the Pathology Federation- and Eduardo Santini-Araujo it was decided that at the next Federation Congress to be held in Mexico DF, the new Mexican Division -according to the IAP Bylaws and following its “Procedures for Establishing a New Division”- will be founded.

Dr Sanchez–Sosa has agreed with my proposal to organize a Joint Meeting with the future Mexican Division and the South-America Vice-Presidency to be held next year in San José de Potosí.

A similar scenario is taking place in Honduras where Dr. Nicolás Sabillon is managing the organization of the Division of Honduras.

At the same time Dr. Antonio Saiz, President of the Association of Pathology of Panama has reported that all the necessary steps are being taken for the creation of the Panama Division, according to the IAP Bylaws and following its “Procedures for Establishing a New Division”.

The Cuban Division –chaired by Dr. Israel Borrajero- decided to organize an International event in La Habana to be held in March 2009.

The South-America Vice-Presidency has taken all the necessary steps in order to create a web site for all the Divisions of the Area to promote their Meetings and share information on line. We believe that this will imply a better and faster interaction within the area and will encourage the future oncoming Divisions. The web site –“International Academy of Pathology South-America”- will be open in November and will commence with information on the XXVIII International Congress of the IAP to be held in Sao Paulo, Brazil in 2010.

The Argentine Division of the IAP organized the following activities within its Continuing Educational Program for 2008:

The Division organized 6 tutorial courses, held in the Provinces of the country on the following topics:

Thyroid Pathology, Breast Pathology, Gynecopathology, Dermatopathology, Liver Pathology and Bone Pathology.

To end this report with a very good piece of news, the Argentine National Academy of Medicine at its Full Session on last September 4, unanimously decided to confer the title of “Honorific Academy Member” on Dr. Florabel G. Mullick.

Being this the maximum honorific distinction that the Argentine Republic confers on a foreign medical doctor. Dr. Florabel Mullick highly merits this honor.

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