

**REPORT FROM KRISTIN HENRY, CHAIRMAN OF THE IAP EDUCATION COMMITTEE,
TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE IAP, OCTOBER 7TH 2009, BOSTON**
Report on educational developments since the Athens 2008 Meeting

XXVII IAP INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS, ATHENS October 12-17TH, 2008

A total of \$ 33,000 had been generously made available to the Congress for the award of Bursaries to young deserving pathologists especially from underserved Divisions and countries: USCAP (\$25,000), the Australian Division (\$5000) and the Japanese Division (\$3000). Additionally, Greek Division contributed to the Congress by generously reducing the Registration Fee to all successful Bursary recipients from Euros 500 to 150.

Selection Process

The Education Committee was asked to make the selection process. Criteria for application were set out on the Congress web-site with the sum to be awarded for each Bursary set at \$1000.

Applications were sent to the Education Committee Chairman with CVs, names of two Referees and abstracts of posters submitted .93 applications were received from pathologists from 23 countries. Based on the criteria laid down, the initial selection was made by the Chairman; and, for approval and final selection, lists of names, career status, IAP Division and Country were sent electronically to members of the Education Committee.

33 Bursaries were awarded. With two exceptions, all were young (under 40 years) deserving pathologists and all had submitted at least one first-author poster. (Names of Bursary awardees previously circulated for the Athens Education Committee Meeting)

All successful applicants had been informed that a brief report of their participation was to be sent at the end of in the Congress. These have been received by Jim Crimmins

Financial management

The financial arrangements for the Bursaries and reduction in Registration fee, were managed by Jim Crimmins and ERA, the Congress organisers. Inevitably, there were a few recipients who were unable to their Bursaries.

What was also clear was that to ease the management of the complex financial arrangements, the whole process of inviting applications for Bursaries through to the final selection of successful applicants should be completed well in advance of the International Congress. Therefore, a deadline for Bursary applications should be set for the end of April 2010 latest.

The British Division, who had set aside £20,000 for Bursaries to pathologists from Bosnia (and neighboring countries) and trainee BDIAP members to attend the Athens Congress had managed their own selection process. A total of 14 bursaries were awarded and the successful applicants were also able to benefit from the reduced Registration fee.

INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS OF PATHOLOGY & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMES

EAST AFRICA BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY: A NEW SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

Following meetings in East Africa attended by BDIAP officers (see KH VP's report) and with the setting up of the East Africa Division of the IAP (EADIAP) and the enthusiasm of the Kenyan pathologists- especially Ahmed Kalebi- it was agreed to set up the East Africa British School of Pathology. This School, directed at pathologists from the sub-Saharan anglophone African countries, would be modelled along the lines of other Schools such as the Arab British School of Pathology. There would also be input from the AWAD IAP. The inaugural **1st East Africa British School of Pathology** would take place in **Nairobi, August 5-8 2009**, coinciding with the first EADIAD meeting.

OTHER INTERNATIONAL SCHOOLS AND EDUCATION PROGRAMMES IN 2009

- 3rd Bosnia British School of Pathology, Sarejevo, August 2009
- 2nd Sri Lanka British School of Pathology, Colombo September 2009
- 2nd International Junior Academy, German Divisio, Geisenheim, October 1-4 2009
- 7th Arab British School of Pathology, Al-Khobar, Saudi Arabia March 31-April 2, 2009

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

REQUESTS FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE IN 2006 -2008 APPROVED TO A TOTAL OF \$39, 844 WERE:

- ASP Scientific Meeting Sau Pau, Brazil, October 2006, \$2500 (retrospective)
- Ukrain Division, Scientific meeting, Kiev. May 2007, \$4000
- 5th Asia Pacific IAP Meeting, Singapore, May 2007, \$4000
- Hungarian Division, 2nd Technology Transfer in Pathology Meeting, Pecs 2007, \$3500
- West Indian Ocean Pathologists Meeting, Madagascar, August 2007, \$3500
- AWA Division 2nd Scientific Meeting , Ibadan Nigeria, July 2007, \$5000
- Hungarian Division, 3rd Technology Transfer Meeting, Visegrad, , May 2008, \$3600
- Bolivian Division, 23rd Scientific Meeting, La Paz, August 17 –19 2008, \$3480
- Arab Division, ADIAP XX Congress, Algiers, November 23-26, 2008, \$4240
- Swiss Division, Training of Cambodian pathologists, \$2024
- Cuban Division, First IAP Surgical Pathology Meeting, February 17-19 2009, \$4000

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR 2008 -2010 APPROVED

Indian Division, Asia Pacific IAP Meeting, Kochi, Kerala 20-23 August 2009, \$5000
(Previously approved at the Athens Education Committee Meeting)

CURRENT FINANCIAL POSITION

At the end of the 2006-2008 biennium, of the \$40,000 allocated **\$39,844** was spent.

The decision of the request to the Finance Committee for an increase in the Biennial 2008-2010 allocation is awaited.

INCOME GENERATION

Efforts to generate income to assist deserving Divisions and Countries continue to be explored. Dr Muller had reported the disappointing response from his approaches to various charitable Institutions and had agreed that funding requests should be more focused and targeted on programs for specific areas like Africa and South America.

Electronic Journal

The Chairman had proposed an electronic/on line Journal entitled Global Pathology specifically linked to the IAP as a means of raising income. Such a Journal would justify making a charge of \$14 (additional to the \$6 per capita charge) to those Divisional members wishing to subscribe. This journal was envisaged as quarterly with each issue focussing on a problem area in pathology and each would start with a review article followed by submitted refereed papers. Such a journal would not only serve as a means whereby Divisional members worldwide could publish their work but also provide increased knowledge and invaluable understanding of diseases in different parts of the world. Initially, the Editorial Board would comprise the Education Committee Members.

Projected total costs for such a journal obtained after preliminary discussion with the Publishers, Wiley-Blackwell, were an estimated cost of US \$160,000 (including a modest profit to the IAP). Thus, assuming about two thirds of the 17,500 IAP members subscribed, the charge per

subscription would be about \$13.30. These costs were very favorable as compared to a printed journal, which was not only more expensive to produce but also rose in proportion to the number of subscribers. It also compared favorably with International Pathology and which could well be incorporated in the proposed electronic journal.

The views of the Education Committee were mixed. Some supported the proposal, others could not see the need for such a journal and yet others felt it was difficult to ask IAP members for more money- particularly those from less affluent countries.,

The Chairman agreed to explore the matter further.

After discussion with the Publishers, she has established that the previously estimated costs remain substantially the same but for them to conduct the initial market research exercise of targeted readers is not within their remit. The Chairman has now arranged a meeting with the Publishing Director Deborah Dixon and they will jointly devise a Questionnaire to be sent to IAP members through their Divisional Secretaries. This meeting is planned for March 18th

REPORTS RECEIVED OF SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Reports of all but one of the meetings supported by the Education Committee in 2006-2008 had been received at previous Education Committee Meetings.

The report of the Swiss Division since received is tabled.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE CHANGES

New member proposed and approved: Dr. Martin-Leo Hansmann; Dr. Edouardo Santini-Auranje

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