

International Academy of Pathology

Executive Meeting, March 8th, Boston MA

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY, DAVID F. HARDWICK

1. Minutes from Athens have been processed and distributed using electronic mechanisms for assembly and distribution & will be posted on the IAP Administrative web site.
2. Notices of appointment and re-appointment have gone out to Officers and committee members following the IAP Council meeting, Athens 2008.
3. Work continues on developing a procedure to keep e-mail distribution lists for up to date because e-mail has become the most satisfactory method for contact. More effort is required to maintain a list of IAP Councillors and Division Officers.
4. An electronic vote for a new VP Europe has been conducted among the European VPs and European Division IAP Councillors as preparation for a vote by Executive in Boston.
5. Website access to the IAP Homepage News is being maintained and updated and IAP Central information is being maintained and updated so groups wishing to create a Division, host a Congress etc, have accurate information available. Discussions continue on merging the two websites and the projected date for merger is mid-summer 2009.
6. Agenda & reports/minutes have been assembled and distributed for the Boston Meeting.
7. The Knowledge Hub concept continues to expand beyond the USCAP with the Finnish, German, Chinese, Argentinean and Taiwanese Division web sites adding to the online availability of case material.
8. The schedule for a site visit to Bangkok, Thailand, site of the 2014, XXX International Congress is being finalized for late May or early June.
9. Correspondence re proposed Divisions:
 - West Indian Ocean** WIOP – Last communication May 2008. The plan was to provide documentation of a provisional constitution and a provisional meeting with a request for ratification Athens but nothing was received. Website <http://www.wiop.info/>
 - Sri Lanka** – communication re: creating a Division under Sri Lankan laws is in process. Last communication exchange was April 2008.
 - Panama** - Mar 3, 2009; Nedelka Pinzón President of the Panamanian Association of Pathology sent a formal request for membership into the IAP for the Panamanian Association of Pathology. They have been sent a copy of the guidelines on creating a Division along with a sample constitution.
 - Turkey** - no formal communication has been received yet though there has been expression of interest.