

Report from Dr. H.K. Ng, Vice-President of Asia, IAP to the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Pathology to be held at Boston on March 8, 2009

The activities of the Hong Kong Division (<http://www.hkiap.org>) since the last report in October, 2008 at Athens are as below (events reported before are not being repeated) :

The **main officers** of the Hong Kong Division for 2008-2009 are :

President : Gary Tse (garytse@cuhk.edu.hk)

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The **Annual Scientific Meeting for 2008** was held in October 31-November 2, 2008. This year was the **third time** when we held **Conjoint Conference with MD Anderson Cancer Centre**, the sister institution of our Cancer Centre – “Update in Surgical Pathology”. The Invited Speakers from MD Anderson will be **Cesar Moran** (mediastinum, chest), **Stanley Hamilton** (GI) and **Jae Ro** (prostate, thorax, GI). Two additional speakers for this meeting are **John Chan** (Head and Neck) from HK and **Ian Ellis** (Breast) from UK. There was an excellent turnout of pathologists from Hong Kong as well as a small number of pathologists from the region.

Histopathology Courses :

Only one course was held in 2008 :

June 21, 2008 – **Jennifer Hunt** (Head and Neck, and Molecular)

Cancer 2009, the fifth regional cancer research meeting will be held on March 5-6, 2009 in conjunction with the International Academy of Pathology (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/cancer07>), the State Key Laboratory for Oncology of China, and the Department of Anatomical & Cellular Pathology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The key speakers are **Joan A. Steitz** (Yale), **Pan-Chyr Yan** (Taipei), and **Hongbing Shen** (Nanjing).

Brain 2009, the fifth multidisciplinary meeting the Division co-organized with the Hong Kong Society of Neurology, Hong Kong Neurosurgical Society and Hong Kong Chemotherapy Society was held on January 17-18, 2009 (<http://www.surgery.cuhk.edu.hk/brain2009>). The themes were brain tumour stem cells, cell therapy in strokes and movement disorders. The conference were held in conjunction with the **Australian Society of Stereotactic Surgery**. The keynote speakers in pathology were **Peter C. Burger** (Johns Hopkins) and **Xiu-wu Bian** (Chongqing). Dr Burger spoke about diagnosis of paediatric and adult tumours and Dr Bian spoke on brain tumour stem cells. There were about three hundred registrants with a lot of regional participation.

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Interaction with other Asia Pacific Divisions and pathology organizations

Regular business meetings of the Asia Pacific Divisions and associated pathology organizations have been held regularly in every IAP Congress and every Asia Pacific IAP meetings. A successful meeting with 20 representatives was held during International Congress

of Pathology at Athens in October 18, 2008. The business meeting was also alluded to in the IAP Bulletin. H.K. Ng routinely sent out a copy of the minutes to the Secretary of the IAP.

The **Sixth Asia Pacific IAP Meeting, 2009** will be hosted by the Indian division and the venue will be **Kochi**, Kerala State. It will be held in the August 20-23, 2009. The meeting is hosted by the Indian Division. A total of 54 international and Indian speakers are already committed to the meeting and there will be more to come (<http://www.apiap2009.com>). It promises to be an exciting meeting.

The **Seventh Asia Pacific IAP Meeting 2011** will be held in Taipei and hosted by the Taiwanese Division.

Asia Pacific Pathology website - An active web site exists for the Asia Pacific group (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/app>) continues to be used and updated. The Vice Presidents' reports from Asia are listed there for the convenience of checking up activities in the region.

The Asia Pacific group interacts closely with the **Asia Pacific Society of Molecular Immunohistochemistry** which holds some of their annual meetings just before our Asia Pacific IAP Meetings. They last held a companion meeting right before the Fifth IAP Meeting in Singapore in May 2007.

HKIAP continued to co-sponsor the **Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association of Directors of Pathology of China** which was held in Beijing on October 25-26, 2008 (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/adpc>). Apart from HKIAP, the meeting was co-organized by the **Pathological Society of Great Britain, American Cancer Society, University of British Columbia, Chinese American Pathologists' Association, International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP)** and the Department of Anatomical & Cellular Pathology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. There were eleven international speakers: **Diponkar Banerjee** and **Shashidul Islam** from Canada, **Ian Ellis** and **Jorge Reis-filho** from UK, **Denfeng Cao**, **F. Lee Tucker**, **Bin Yang**, **Ximing Yang**, **Shu-yuan Xiao** from USA, **Kennichi Kakudo** from Japan, **Puay-hoon Tan** from Singapore and **Gary Tse** from Hong Kong. Speakers from China included **Le-zhen Chen**, **Huay-ye Ding**, **Gan-di Li** and **Yun Niu**. The meeting was attended by a record of about 600 directors and deputy directors of pathology from all over China.

HKIAP will continue to sponsor the **Eighth Annual Meeting of the Association of Directors of Pathology of China** to be held in **October 2010 in Shanghai**. The other sponsoring societies have already pledged their support.

Interactions with other international organizations of pathologists : We interact actively with the **International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP)** and **Chinese American Pathologists' Association (CAPA)**, both of them pathology organizations made up mainly of pathologists of Chinese ethnic origin practicing in North America. We meet regularly during the USCAP Meeting including the recent Denver meeting. The President of the Hong Kong Division, Gary Tse and me lectured in regional meetings of pathology (Shanghai, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Tokyo, Osaka) and interacts often with the Thai, Chinese and the Philippine divisions and Malaysian pathology organizations.