

REPORT FROM KRISTIN HENRY, IAP VICE PRESIDENT FOR EUROPE, TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY. MARCH 8 2009, BOSTON

EDUCATIONAL SUPPORT FOR IAP DIVISIONS AND COUNTRIES

XXVII INTERNATIONAL IAP CONGRESS, ATHENS OCTOBER 12-16 2008

The **BDIAP** had set aside £20,000 for travel Bursaries to pathologists in training in Bosnian countries and for BDIAP trainee pathologists to attend the Athens 2008 Congress. Altogether 14 Bursaries were awarded and the successful Bursary awardees were also able to benefit from the reduced Registration Fee generously arranged by the Greek IAP Division.

The BDIAP also covered the cost of 4 invited speakers to the Congress.

THE ARAB DIVISION OF THE IAP (ADIAP)

7th ARAB BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

This three day Arab British School of Pathology “Tutorials on Neuropathology” is being organized jointly by Dr. Dalal M Al-Tamimi for the ADIAP and Professor Paul Ince for the BDIAP. It will take place March 31-April 2, 2009 at the King Faisal University (KFU) College of Medicine in the city of Al Khobar in the Eastern Province of Saudi Arabia. The UK speakers are Professor Paul Ince (Sheffield University) and Professor Seth Love (Bristol University).

XXth SCIENTIFIC CONGRESS, ALGIERS

This important landmark meeting of the ADIAP and the first international pathology meeting to be held in Algeria took place **23-25th November 2008** at the Army National Center, Beni-Messous, Algiers. The BDIAP funded the travel costs of two invited speakers- Drs. Edouardo Calonje and Kristin Henry. Each gave a lecture entitled respectively ‘New Entities of Soft Tissue Tumours of the Skin’ and ‘Virus Associated Lymphoproliferative Disorders’ and jointly conducted a Slide Seminar on Skin Lymphomas.

The IAP Education Committee also gave financial support for this meeting (see Chairman, Education Committee Report)

Professor Bouzid Kheira Bendisari and her team are to be congratulated for organizing this very successful international Pathology Congress. The facilities at the secure venue at the Military establishment were excellent and the occasion, at which there were a number of International speakers, was very much enjoyed by the many participants.

AFRICA

EAST AFRICA DIVISION OF THE IAP (EADIAP)

The EADIAP comprises Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Rwanda and Burundi. Dr Ahmed Kalebi, who received a BDIAP Fellowship, completes his RSA training in May and then returns to Kenya, is the Secretary of the newly formed EADIAP. The Chair of the Education Committee is Dr. Shaheen Sayed.

The inaugural First Meeting of the EADIAP will take place in Nairobi in August 2009.

Professor Neil Shepherd, BDIAP Goodwill Ambassador and Dr. Alec Howat attended the 2008 APECSA Meeting in October at Mombasa, Kenya.

Following discussion with pathologists from the region the needs of the African pathologists were identified and support from the BDIAP agreed. One development was the formation of **THE EAST AFRICAN BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY** which will take place annually in venues in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda.

The 1st School will take place on **August 5-8 in Nairobi** coinciding with the Inaugural **First EADIAP Meeting**. The topic is GI Pathology and the three British Speakers are Neil Shepherd, Ray McMahon and Geraint Williams.

DR. Alec Howat (former Treasurer of the BDIAP) has agreed to co-ordinate the BDIAP endeavors to further support pathology education in East and Central Africa. Planned educational activities for 2009 include EADIAP Travel Seminars in Nairobi, Kampala, Kigali and Dar es Salam to be undertaken by Dr. Alec Howat for the BDIAP, two cytology seminars conducted by Professor Andrew Field from Sydney Australia and the setting up of the East African Society of Cytology with input from the BSCC.

Additionally, several UK pathologists have said they are willing to look at cases for second opinion, mostly those needing IHC.

BDIAP is also assisting the Royal College of Pathology in setting up the College of Pathologists of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (**COPECSA**).

SOUTH AFRICAN DIVISION OF THE IAP (SADIAP)

The BDIAP sends speakers to support and lecture in national and international meetings, including a yearly sponsorship for the SADIAP Divisional Meeting and the two yearly APECSA Meetings.

The 2008 SADIAP Meeting Goodwill Ambassador was Dr. Ian Roberts. During his one-week visit to SA Dr. Roberts gave 5 lectures and three Slide Seminars visiting Cape Town, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg, Pretoria and Durban. His account of the differing conditions, manpower and resources in the different departments he visited were an 'eye opener' to South African Pathology. Professor Andrew Nicholson, General Secretary of the BDIAP, will be the Goodwill ambassador for the 2009 SADIAP Meeting.

TRAINING SCHOLARSHIPS

The BDIAP, in collaboration with the SADIAP, supports the training of pathologists from disadvantaged African countries in Dr. Martin Hale's department in Johannesburg

BOSNIAN DIVISION OF THE IAP

BOSNIAN BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

The Second School took place in Sarejevo in August 2008 on the topic of Breast Pathology. The British teachers were Professor Sarah Pinder and Professor Jorge Reis-Filho and the local organiser was Dr. Semir Vranic.

The 3rd Bosnia British School of Pathology will take place in Sarejevo in August 2009 on the topic of Gynecological Pathology. The UK teachers for the three day Seminar will be Dr. Sanjiv Manek and Professor Simon Herrington.

INDIAN DIVISION OF THE IAP

The **6th Asia Pacific IAP (APIAP) Meeting**, will take place in **Kochi, Kerala, August 20-23 2009** hosted by the Indian IAP Division. On behalf of the Indian Division, a request to the BDIAP from Professor HK Ng - co-ordinator for the meeting programme- for provision and costs of three UK speakers was approved by Council. The BDIAP Speakers are Kristin Henry, Ray McMahon and Federico Roncaroli.

GERMAN DIVISION OF THE IAP (GDIAP)

The first International Junior Academy Meeting organised by Professor Martin Hansmann on behalf of the German Division of the IAP took place in August 21-24th 2008. It was judged to be a great success and much appreciated by the 29 young pathologists from 12 countries who had attended.

These Junior Academies are planned as International Summer Schools for trainee pathologists with the aim of bringing together diagnostic and scientific work and will be annual events.

The Second International Junior Academy Meeting, modelled along the same lines as the First Junior Academy will take place **October 1-4th 2009** -again in Guisenheim-Johannisburg and again with the participation of Kristin Henry for the British Division

SRI LANKA

THE 2ND SRI LANKA BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY will take place in Colombo on the topic of Breast Pathology. The BDIAP speakers are Professor Sarah Pinder and Dr. Lee

RECENT SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE BDIAP

100th SCIENTIFIC MEETING OF THE BDIAP took place in London 28-29 November with a Symposium on **Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Pathology**

This very successful two-day meeting, organised by Professor Alastair Burt, attracted 233 participants. The Friday 28th was devoted to 11 lectures on a wide range of important topics and there was also an interactive session of questions from the floor 'Ask the Hepatobiliary pathologists'.

On the Saturday 29th there was a Slide Seminar of 10 instructive cases presented by the previous day's speakers. Prior viewing of the cases was available by virtual microscopy using the Aperio system.

The Speakers at the Meeting were Professors Alastair Burt, P Bedossi, Stefan Hubscher, Sebastian Lucas, Bernard Portmann and Drs. A. Bateman, F. Campbell, S. Davies, Rob Goldin, B. Haughk and Judy Wyatt.

FUTURE SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS OF THE BDIAP 2009

SECOND BDIAP SEMINAR FOR TRAINEES IN HISTOPATHOLOGY

'Laboratory Techniques: From Cut-Up Bench to Microscope Stage' London March 17, 2009

As with the first Trainee Seminar, the Seminar is again aimed at a similar audience of around 100 trainees in Histopathology from the UK, Belgium, the Netherlands and the Republic of Ireland.

These seminars are a new BDIAP educational development with the aim of covering the more practical aspects of histopathology for histopathologists in training. They were the initiative of Dr Lisa Browning, Junior Council Member of the BDIAP

CARDIFF PATHOLOGY 2009, 30TH JUNE-3RD JULY

5th Joint Meeting of the British Division of the IAP and the Pathological society of Great Britain and Ireland

101ST BDIAP SCIENTIFIC MEETING, LONDON, NOVEMBER 27-28, 2009

The Autopsy

BDIAP TRAVEL BURSARIES

The BDIAP continues to provide Bursaries to help overseas Pathologists to travel to laboratories in the UK for further training. Three such Bursaries were awarded in 2008

Four Travel Bursaries have also been awarded to BDIAP lecturers to travel to less affluent countries to provide teaching.

ASSISTANCE WITH PROVISION OF BOOKS AND JOURNALS

The BDIAP collaborates in a scheme to transport 'unwanted' journals from BDIAP members to departments in underdeveloped countries which lack resources to provide library facilities. Some copies of the BDIAP Journal 'Histopathology' are also provided.

Discounts for books from Wiley-Blackwells to the sum of £6,700 negotiated through the efforts of Dr. Katherine Robertson, BDIAP Junior Councilor, were shipped to Bosnia and Malawi; and plans for the provision of further educational resources for Bosnia and East and Central Africa are underway.

Dr Alec Howat, is currently collecting books to be sent out to needy departments in Africa..

BDIAP SUPPORT OF UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION IN PATHOLOGY

The BDIAP continues to support Undergraduate Education:

BDIAP Student Scholarships are awarded for those students choosing electives in Pathology.

5 Student Scholarships were awarded in 2008. BDIAP Grants for undergraduate BSc. Studentships in Histopathology are also available.

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