

Report from Dr. Eduardo Santini-Araujo, Vice-President of South America, to the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Pathology, Boston, March 8, 2009

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Regarding the XXVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology, Sao Paulo, Brazil 2010, October 10-15, in the Transamerica Hotel Conference Center, 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 2009 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 the Cuban Division organized the 1st Congress of Pathology of the Cuban Division of the International Academy of Pathology, February 18-21, 2009 in La Habana. The President of the Congress was Dr. Israel Borrajero-Martinez who is also the President of the Cuban Division. The Meeting was a great success with the participation of over 300 pathologists from Cuba and other Latin America Divisions and 20 participants from Spain. Dr Antonio Llombart-Bosch from the Education Committee attended the Meeting and gave a conference.

This Congress really shows the strong presence of the International Academy of Pathology in the Area which encourages and fosters its Continuing Education Programs of Latin America Divisions.

We would also like to mention that the Cuban Division has paid up all their fees for 2009.

In relation with the future Mexican Division of the IAP we have contacted Dr. Ezequiel Velez-Gomez, President of the Mexican Pathology Federation and Dr. Sergio Sanchez-Sosa. Dr. Velez-Gomez confirmed that he will send the letter to the Secretary of the International Academy of Pathology notifying the IAP Secretary of the formation of the provisional Division and requesting that the Mexican Division be approved by the International Council of the IAP at its next Meeting. Dr. Velez also informed that it is his wish to send together with the letter the paid up fees from all its members.

In relation with the creation of a new Division in Panama we have contacted Dr. Nedelka Pinzón -President- and Dr. Ruth Vergara -Secretary- of the Society of Pathology of Panama who have expressed their compromise to create the Panama

Division of the IAP according to the IAP Bylaws and following its “Procedures for Establishing a New Division”. It has to be taken into consideration that Drs. Pinzón and Vergara represent an enthusiastic group of pathologists willing to become members and participate in IAP. I would also like to highlight the diligent contacts carried out by Dr. Sanchez-Sosa, member of the Education Committee.

The Argentine Division of the IAP organized the following activities within its Continuing Educational Program for 2009:

The Division organized 6 tutorial courses, to be held in the Provinces of the country on the following topics: Bone and Soft Tissues Pathology, Breast Pathology, Dermatopathology, Gynecopathology, Head and Neck Pathology and Cytology.

The Vice-Presidency for South America will organize a **Course on Environmental Pathology** chaired by Dr José Centeno from the AFIP, Washington D.C. on October 19-20, 2009 in Buenos Aires.

The Vice-Presidency also will organize a **Meeting on Breast Pathology** at an unspecified date next November, chaired by Drs Sergio Sanchez-Sosa, from Puebla Mexico and Antonio Arra, from Buenos Aires, Argentina, with Dr. Stuart J. Schnitt from Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, Massachusetts, as special guest.

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