



Report of the President, International Academy of Pathology:

“If you don't know where you are going, you might end up someplace else. “

- Yogi Berra

During the IAP Executive Committee meeting in Boston, Massachusetts, in February 2009, I presented my goals for the biennium tenure of my presidency.

- for helping to move the Academy ahead;
- for helping to more clearly define the role of the IAP for the Pathologist of the future;
- and for helping to prepare the Academy for the second hundred years.

My plan was composed of 4 major objectives:

- To create an effective communication network between the Division Presidents and the IAP President.
- To create an electronic means for quarterly updates/briefings among the Division Presidents, the IAP President, and the general membership.
- To create an official *ad hoc* committee called The President's Task Force on the Way Ahead. The purpose of this Task Force will be to objectively review the overall status of the IAP.
- To schedule at least one physical meeting of the Task Force.

To meet the first objective of the Goals for my tenure as IAP President, I contacted the Presidents of IAP Divisions via email. I had a response rate of 12% and, considering the uniqueness of this approach, I believe that was a very ample response. There were many positive comments about this new initiative and those comments and other suggestions were incorporated as topics for discussion during our Way Ahead Task Force planning activities.

To meet the second objective of the Goals for my tenure as IAP President, I instituted a “*Message from the President of the IAP*” which was incorporated into the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) electronic newsletter which appears on their website and is periodically updated as a means of keeping the Divisions current on what is happening with the IAP Executive and the Academy in its broadest sense.

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For over one hundred years, this organization has witnessed many transformations. To prepare the IAP for the next one hundred years and to meet the third objective of the Goals for my tenure as IAP President, I appointed an *ad hoc* President's Task Force for The Way Ahead. The purpose of this Task Force was to objectively review the overall status of the IAP; that is to say, the budgets, the constitution and by-laws, communications issues, and Secretariat operations. Task force members were charged with reviewing these key elements and making suggestions for future improvements.

I chaired the Task Force. Joining me on the Task Force were: David Hardwick, MD (Canada); H. K. Ng, MD (Hong Kong); Robert Yoshiyuki Osamura, MD (Japan); Eduardo Santini-Araujo, MD (Argentina); and Antonio Llombart-Bosch, MD (Spain). William Gardner, MD (USA) served as a consultant to the group.

A video teleconference (VTC) was held on June 24, 2009. And for my fourth and final objective of the Goals for my tenure as IAP President, a follow up physical meeting of the IAP President's Task Force took place on Friday, 19 March 2010 at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC. An interim report to the IAP Executive Committee was given at the meeting on Sunday, 21 March 2010. A final report and recommendations from The IAP President's Task Force on The Way Ahead will be presented by me and is attached to this report. A separate report on the budget and expenses for the conduct of the President's Task Force has been submitted to the Finance Committee.

As most of you know, I have a special interest in the Spanish-speaking divisions of the IAP. The Puerto Rico Division has a new president that is very interested and very active. I have worked with her to help energize that division and they desire to host an IAP Congress in the near future. There appears to be substantial growth in this area. The Spanish Division has increased its membership over the past years to 1,185 and Panama is applying to establish a division. Together with Dr. Santini-Araujo, Vice President for South America, I have put special emphasis on invigorating other Spanish-speaking divisions. The Cuban Division has doubled in size in the past year and will hold a Regional Congress March 23-26, 2011, The Mexican Division has reorganized and reactivated and will have a meeting in November, 2010. The Bolivian Division continues to be very active and publishes a monthly newsletter. Dr. Llombart-Bosch has informed me that there is increased growth and activity in Colombia also. And of course, the Argentina Division continues to be very active as you will see below.

One of my favorite roles as President of the IAP is to serve as an Ambassador. To this end I engaged in seven presentations during my tenure:

1. Annual meeting of the Argentine Division of the International Academy of Pathology. "The History of the International Academy of Pathology" and "The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology: Past, Present & Future". Buenos Aires, Argentina, November, 2009
2. Meeting of the Argentine Society of Pathology. "Telepathology: Past, Present & Future". Buenos Aires, Argentina, November, 2009
3. Organized "International Symposium of Breast Pathology", Central Military Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina, 11-12 November 2009

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4. "The History and Future of AFIP Telemedicine" – Bahrain December 06, 2009
5. "The Legacy of Kamal Ishak & The Future of Pathology" – Bahrain December 06, 2009
6. "The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology Present-Past-Future" - Goa, INDIA January 22-30, 2010
7. IAP President's Address and Report To Executive Committee – Washington, DC 2010
8. Symposium: World Congress of Academic and Environmental Pathology. "Environmental and Toxicologic Pathology of Metal Ions Induced Diseases". Co-Chair with Dr. Eduardo Santini-Araujo. Sao Paulo, Brazil 11 October 2010

During my tenure as President of the International Academy of Pathology, I also published 3 articles in peer reviewed journals and co authored 1 book chapter:

1. Maggio KL, Kalasinsky VF, Lewin-Smith MR, and **Mullick FG**. Wound fragments from cutaneous sites of U.S. military personnel deployed in Operation Iraqi Freedom: Clinical aspects and pathologic characterizations. Dermatol Surg 34:4: pp 475-481, 2008
2. Lewin-Smith MR, Kalasinsky VF, Moezzi J, and **Mullick FG**. Retained copper wound fragment presenting as a soft tissue mass 38 years after injury: histopathological and chemical analytical characteristics. Histopathol 53 (Suppl 1) p116, 2008
3. Lewin-Smith MR, Kalasinsky VF, **Mullick FG**, and Thompson ME. Letters to the Editor: Melamine-Containing Crystals in the Urinary Tracts of Domestic Animals: Sentinel Event? Arch Pathol Lab Med. Vol 133, pp341-342, 2009
4. Centeno JA, Todorov TI, van der Voet GB, and **Mullick FG**. Metal toxicology in clinical, forensic, and chemical pathology. In The Applicability of Analytical Techniques to Clinical Studies. Chapter VI. (Submitted 2010)

Thank you for your continued support. I look forward to a bright future for the Academy and a strong, enduring pathology infra-structure for the pathologists to come.



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Attachment:

Final Report on the IAP President's Task Force on The Way Ahead