

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY
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East African Division

The second East African British School of Pathology Meeting was held in Kampala between the 13th -15th september 2010, the course title being “Breast pathology, from basic to cutting edge” This course is part of the educational outreach that is sponsored by the British Division. International participants in the course faculty included Prof Ian Ellis (UK), Dr Sarah Pinder (UK), Prof Andrew Field (Australia), and Prof Dawn Riedy (USA). This course was held as a preconference event as part of the bi-annual meeting of the Association of Pathologists of East, Central and Southern Africa (APECSA). The course was well attended and the registrants were very appreciative of the academic content. Other preconference courses included Autopsy Pathology provided by Prof Sebastian Lucas (UK) and Dr Ann Nelson (USA), and Haematopathology provided by Dr Leona Ayers(USA)

The East African Division of the International Academy of Pathology was held in conjunction with the 10th Biennial conference of the Association of Pathologists of East, Central and Southern Africa (APECSA) between the 15th and 17th of September 2010 at the Hotel Africana in Kampala, Uganda. Well over 100 delegates were registered from countries in West Africa, East Africa, North Africa, including the horn of Africa, and Southern Africa. It was pleasing to see representation from Zimbabwe and it is hoped that with the passage of time that this country will increase its participation in regional meetings into the future. It is anticipated that educational assistance will have to be provided in order to build up pathology expertise in that country. Numerous international delegates were also present at the meeting, these being drawn from the United States, the United Kingdom, Europe, Australia and South Africa, all of whom participated in the pre-conference educational workshop held between the 13th and 15th of September as part of the East African British School of Pathology meeting.

The international meeting of the IAP to be held in Cape Town 2012 was discussed at the APECSA AGM at which overwhelming support was given to the extent that it was agreed that next APECSA meeting would be held in South Africa in conjunction with the IAP 2012 meeting. This decision will further strengthen participation by members of this group in the Cape Town meeting thus maximizing the educational benefit that IAP 2012 will bring to the African continent.

The founding of the College of Pathologists of East, Central and Southern Africa (COPECSA) was formalised at a special meeting during the APECSA meeting. The formation of this college was supported by the Royal College of Pathology, members and fellows of whom gave guidance together with members of the

British Division. Its formation marks a milestone in pathology education in the region and should provide a foundation for the defining of local standards in the practice of, and education in pathology into the future.

South African Division

The South African Division of the International Academy of Pathology held its annual meeting at the Lord Charles Hotel in Somerset West, just outside Cape Town in the Western Cape between the 2nd and 5th of September 2010. The meeting which was hosted by the University of Stellenbosch, was well attended by pathologists from both the private and public sectors underscoring the successful model of a weekend meeting. The division was lucky to have the benefit of three international delegates including the husband and wife team of Professor J Epstein and Professor E Montgomery who delivered talks and slide seminars on prostatic and gastrointestinal pathology respectively together with Dr Andrew Wotherspoon who delivered lectures and slide seminars on haematolymphoid pathology. Dr Andrew Wotherspoon's visit was sponsored by the British Division of the IAP and our thanks are extended to that division for providing sponsorship in the form of his airfare from the United Kingdom to South Africa. Dr Wotherspoon visited all the academic centres in South Africa at which he delivered a range of lectures on haematolymphoid pathology.

The annual Travelling Seminar was hosted by Prof PK Ramdial from the University of KwaZulu Natal who presented a compilation of unusual cases and tips to avoid their misdiagnosis. Her seminar was presented in all the major urban centres.

Members of the South African Division are now fully involved in preparations for the International meeting of the IAP which is due to be held in Cape Town between the 30th of September and 5th of October 2012. A separate report on these activities has been compiled and forwarded to the IAP secretariat.