

**THE ARAB DIVISION
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THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY**

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David F. Hardwick, MD, FRCPC, LLD
Secretary International Academy of Pathology

Dear Dr. Hardwick

Please find attached my report on the activities of the Arab Division of IAP for 2010/2011 for presentation and discussion at the executive Committee Meeting of IAP to be held Sunday, October 10, 2010 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

I am looking forward to meet you and the Council members soon.

Sincerely,

Samir S. Amr, MD

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REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2010/2011

**22nd MEETING OF THE ARAB DIVISION OF IAP
CAIRO, EGYPT**

This meeting is scheduled to be held in Cairo, Egypt on December 14-16, 2010 at the Conrad Hotel overlooking the Nile River.

The President of the meeting is Dr Ali El Hindawi, Professor of Pathology at the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, and a former President of the Arab Division of IAP. The Secretary General of the meeting is Dr Salwa El Haddad, Professor of Pathology at Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt and current President Elect of the Arab Division of IAP. The Head of Organizing Committee is Dr Maha Akl, Chairperson of the Department of Pathology at Theodore Bilharz Institute, Cairo, Egypt.

We expect to attract large number of participants from Egypt with its large number of pathologists as well as other Middle Eastern countries, particularly Gulf countries (Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and Oman) as well as Jordan, Syria, and Lebanon. Egypt is also located close to several North African countries such as Libya and Tunisia as well as Sudan.

The topics that shall be presented at the meeting include:

- Urologic pathology
- Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology
- Head and Neck Pathology
- Neuropathology
- Liver and GI Pathology
- Thyroid Pathology
- Dermatopathology
- Breast Pathology
- Lymphoreticular pathology
- Gynecological pathology
- Cytopathology
- Molecular Pathology

In addition, two pre-congress workshops (One day each) are going to be conducted:

1. Pathology of Bone Marrow Workshop.
2. Gynecologic Pathology Workshop.

We have a large number of guest speakers from several countries who shall participate in this meeting:

Ahmed Shabaik (USA)
Alan Schiller (USA)
Andrew Rosenberg (USA)
Awatif Al-Nafussi (UK)
Bahig Shehata (USA)
Bernd Scheithauer (USA)
Bernhard Zelger (Austria)
Daniel Visscher (USA)
David Grignon (USA)
Dean Daya (Canada)
Dia Kamel (UK)
Fadi Abdul-Karim (USA)
George Netto(USA)
Hala Makhlouf (USA)
Husain Saleh (USA)
Jean-Michel Coindre (France)
Karel Geboes (Belgium)
Kristin Henry (UK)
Marie-Cécile Vacher-Lavenu (France)
Nayef Aqel (UK)
Neil Shepherd (UK)
Esther Oliva (USA)
Rouba Ali-Fehmi (USA)
Salah El Deriny (USA)
Tarik Elsheikh (USA)
Wael Sakr (USA)
Zubair Baloch (USA)

For more details, the website for this meeting is: <http://iapad2010.org/index.php>

ARAB SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

Endocrine Pathology Course Irbid, Jordan, April 8 - 9, 2010

The **Arab School of Pathology**, in collaboration with the **Jordanian Society of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine** and **Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, King Abdullah University Hospital** have held its tutorial on **Endocrine Pathology on April 8-9, 2010**

The course was coordinated by Dr. Ismail Matalka, Chairman of the Department of Pathology at the Faculty of Medicine, Jordan University of Science and Technology and Chairman of the Arab School of Pathology.

There were 85 participants; many were junior pathologists, with a good number of senior staff pathologists as well. Most of the attendants were from Jordan and around 12 came from Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Yemen, and Palestine (Occupied West Bank and Gaza).

The local arrangements were carried out at the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at King Abdullah University Hospital/ Jordan University of Science and Technology where the tutorial was held. The lecture hall at KAUH was well-equipped with Audio-Visual facilities.

There were no course fees. Coffee breaks and lunches were provided free during the course to all participants.

Each participant received a CD containing the handout of the lectures.

The speakers were taken on tours to several historical attractions in Jordan, including Dead Sea, Jerash, Um Qais and Petra following the workshop.

Overall, it was a fruitful course with positive feedback from all attendants as well as from speakers.

The guest speakers were:

- **Professor Manuel Sobrinho Simões**, Professor of Endocrine Pathology and Director, Institute of Molecular Pathology and Immunology of the University of Porto, Portugal.
- **Professor George Kontogeorgos**, Professor of Histopathology at Department of Pathology and Pituitary Tumor Reference Center, G. Gennimatas General Hospital of Athens.
- **Professor Ghazi Zaatari**, Professor and Chairman of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at the American University of Beirut Medical Center.

The program was as follows:

Thursday, April 8, 2010

- Introduction by Dr. Ismail Matalaka
- Neuroendocrine tumours; an overview by Dr. Ghazi Zaatari
- Adrenal tumours by Dr. Ghazi Zaatari
- Differential diagnosis of follicular patterned thyroid tumours by Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões
- Diagnosis of (incipient) papillary carcinoma by Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões

- Papillary carcinoma variants and prognosis by Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões
- Morphology classification and molecular insights of pituitary adenomas by Dr. George Kontogeorgos.
- Differential diagnosis of Hürthle cell lesions by Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões.

Friday, April 9, 2010

Medullary carcinoma: Diagnosis and genetic counseling by Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões

Predictive indicators of pituitary adenomas by Dr. George Kontogeorgos

Differential diagnosis of poorly differentiated and undifferentiated carcinoma by Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões

Thyroid pathology: Rare flowers: benign and malignant primary and metastatic by Dr. Manuel Sobrinho Simões

General discussion & closing remarks by all speakers

**THE EIGHTH WORKSHOP
OF THE ARAB BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY
WORKSHOP ON PATHOLOGY OF HEAD AND NECK
TUNIS, TUNISIA
June 3-5, 2010**

This workshop is part of the ongoing collaboration and support extended by the British Division of IAP to the Arab Division. This event was held in collaboration of the Tunisian Society of Pathology and the Faculty of Medicine of Tunis.

The head of the Organizing Committee for this workshop was Prof. Samir Boubaker, Professor of Pathology at the Faculty of Medicine of Tunis, Director of the Department of Pathology, and Director of Laboratory Medicine at Pasteur Institute of Tunis. Prof. Boubaker is the Past President of the IAP-Arab Division

Two world renowned British experts in Head and Neck Pathology, and Arab pathologists and a head and neck surgeon contributed to this meeting. The speakers were:

- Dr. Roderick HW Simpson (Devon UK)
- Dr. Ann Sandisson (Fulham, UK)
- Dr. Wassim Raslan (Dhahran, Saudi Arabia)
- Dr. Mounir MARRAKCHI (Tunis, Tunisia)

Prof. Mounir Marrakchi, a prominent Tunisian Head and Neck Surgeon, gave the first presentation describing the **Tunisian experience on Head and Neck neoplasms.**

Dr. Simpson gave a didactic comprehensive coverage of **salivary gland tumors** along with a slide seminar on the subject.

Dr. Sandison summarized her experience on **macroscopic examination of head and neck resections** and described different approaches to handling these complex specimens in the light of the clinical practice.

Dr. Raslan covered **neoplasms of the facial bones and Fine Needle Aspiration cytology of the head and neck** including the thyroid gland.

In addition, Dr. Raslan and Dr. Sandison jointly presented a comprehensive slide seminar, which covered the best practical approach to reaching diagnosis on difficult cases of the **skull base and head and neck neoplasms.**

Dr. Sandison shared with the audience many challenging cases on **ear and the skull base, odontogenic tumors and the oral cavity.**

In addition Dr. Simpson lectured on the difficult topic of the **pre-neoplastic lesions and dysplasia of the larynx.**

The third day carried a special session on **nasopharyngeal carcinoma** in addition to the final slide seminar.

The nasopharyngeal carcinoma session included lectures by Two Tunisian pathologists: Dr. Mokni and Dr. Gamoudi. They presented the unique **experience of the Tunisian Cancer Research Institute on this neoplasm.**

The course was attended by 83 young pathologist including 72 Tunisian pathologists, and 11 pathologists from the neighboring countries of Algeria and Libya.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF ARAB DIVISION OF IAP

2010: Cairo, Egypt

2011: Beirut, Lebanon

2012: Khartoum, Sudan

2013: Amman, Jordan

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