

British Division of the IAP

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Meetings

The trainees session in March was very successful, being completely sold out and trainees turning up in the hope of cancellations. Given its success and less interest in the Ancillary Techniques course run in 2009, it was agreed to discuss the format for future meetings in relation to Cut-Up and the Autopsy, in addition looking at whether to allow Biomedical Scientists to attend.

In May there was an Upper Gastrointestinal Pathology, *Ainley Top*, and despite the attractive programme participation was rather disappointing. Also attendance of trainees at this meeting was poor. The attendants, however, were very enthusiastic about all aspects of the meeting.

Forthcoming activities are the classical November meeting in London that this year will deal with Head and Neck Pathology and the joint meeting of the British Division of the IAP and the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland which will be held in Ghent, Belgium, 10-13th May 2011.

Schools

The Bosnian British and Sri Lankan British Schools of Pathology are continuing their activities and next year's programme is already in the planning process and will be focussed on dermatopathology.

In June, the Arab-British School of Pathology on Head and neck Pathology had very positive feedback also due to the impact of slide seminars.

African developments

With regard to our African efforts, these are educational as well as practical and are coordinated by Alec Howat.

Educational activities include organization of technical training courses, Pathology Safaris (the second one having to be postponed because of the Eyafjallajökull eruption in April), cytology workshop and participation into East-African meetings.

The BDIAP also offers the possibility for a granted training period of up to three months in a BDIAP member country. The countries from which an applicant is eligible to apply for one of these grants will be those where we have Schools of Pathology ie Arab countries, Sri Lanka, Bosnia & East Africa. Applicants must provide 2 references, show a lack of local funding and they must speak good English.

Changes in Council

At the Annual General Meeting in November Prof. Neil Shepherd will take over presidency from Prof Geraint Williams. Prof Michael Wells was proposed as new President-elect and accepted.