

The report from the Brazilian Division and Vice-Presidency for South America:

As usual, during the latest two years, the IAP Brazilian Division has worked in conjunction with the Brazilian Society of Pathology (SBP), in a very productive way.

1. All the members of the SBP are automatically members of the Brazilian Division which has resulted in a significant increase in number of members (around 1500).
2. We organized the Brazilian Congress of Pathology which was held in Niteroi, Rio de Janeiro, in 2009, with the participation of many Brazilian and South American pathologists, and several speakers from many different countries.
3. This year, we have been very busy organizing the 18th IAP International Congress, to be held in Sao Paulo city, October 1-15, 2010. The organization has been a joint venture between the IAP Brazilian Society and the SBP. There are already around 1500 registered pathologists from all over the world. The abstracts (n=738) will be published in a special issue of "Histopathology". Around 350 foreign speakers, from the 25 subspecialty, have already confirmed presence and participation in the Congress. The final program is described in the Congress site: www.iap2020.com. Many bursaries have been distributed by the IAP Educational Committee, supporting many pathologists from underdeveloped areas.
4. In addition there have been monthly or bimonthly local meetings of pathology all over Brazil, organized by the State Societies of Pathology. One important example is the São Paulo State Association of Pathology (APESP) which organizes regular meeting of continuing education in pathology with visiting expert pathologists.
5. The most important event for next year will be the Brazilian Congress of Pathology which will be held in Maceio, in the Northern part of Brazil, in conjunction with the Latin American Congress of Pathology. The organization of this important congress is already under way.
6. Both the IAP Division and the SBP have been organizing regularly continuing education activities particularly in the very specialized fields of pathology, such as Transplant Pathology, Hepatopathology, and Bone Marrow pathology, among others. These activities are supervised by the Society Clubs of the Subspecialty such as the Renal Club, the Liver Club, among others.
7. Finally we have been very much involved with the discussion on ethics in pathology, important issues involving the regulation in the country on who is able to issue pathology reports, salary, payment for the exams, adequacy of the residency programs, opening of new medical schools, among so many other topics.

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