

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY

Report of the VP SOUTH AMERICA

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Report of activities.

Regarding the XXVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology, Sao Paulo, Brazil 2010, October 10-15, in the Transamerica Hotel Conference Center, the Vice-Presidency for South-America has sent information about it on its web site and the Argentine Division on its Courses and Tutorials of the Continuing Education Program and to different Pathology Departments of Hospitals and Schools of Medicine in the country.

During the first months of 2010 all of the Presidencies and Secretariats of all the Divisions of the South-American Area of the IAP, were contacted in order to remind them of the need to cancel the payment of all their fees.

Regarding the other Divisions of the Area:

In relation with the Mexican Division of the IAP we have contacted Dr. Reynaldo Falcón-Escobedo, President of the Mexican Pathology Federation and Dr. Sergio Sanchez-Sosa. Dr. Falcón-Escobedo confirmed that they were working on the wording of the Bylaws of the new Division, to be presented before this Executive Committee Meeting in Sao Paulo and that they will hold the **First Meeting of the Mexican Division of the IAP** together with the Federation of Mexican Pathologists in San Luis de Potosí, from October 29 to November 1st.

This Meeting will have as its Guest of Honor Dr. Florabel Mullick who will give the Central Conference of the Meeting: “The Mission of the International Academy of Pathology”.

The Organizing Committee has been so kind to invited me to chair a Long Course on Bone and Soft Tissues Pathology and to participate in a Seminar on Immuno-histochemistry and Molecular Biology.

I take advantage of this opportunity to express -on my behalf and on behalf of the Organizing Committee- our debt of gratitude to Dr. Mullick who, with her presence, will guarantee the great success of the Meeting.

In relation with the creation of a new Division in Panama we have contacted again Dr. Nedelka Pinzón –President of the Society of Pathology of Panama- and Dr Ruth M. Vergara-Vásquez – Secretary of the Society-. They presented an application letter -and the corresponding fees for the future 20 members- at the Executive Committee Meeting in Washington last March at the 99th Annual Meeting of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology. On September 15 I contacted Dr. Vergara-Vasquez by e-mail and she confirmed that they were working on the wording of the Bylaws of the new Division, to be presented before this Executive Committee Meeting in Sao Paulo.

The Bolivian Division of IAP will hold its **XXIV Annual Meeting** together with the Bolivian Society of Pathology in Cochabamba from 21-23 October. The Organizing Committee will consist of Dr Marta Calderón Zelaya -President of the Bolivian Society of Pathology-, Dr. Jaime Rios Dalenz -former President of the Bolivian Division of the IAP- and Dr Delfo Carballo -President of the Bolivian Division-

We are talking with Dr. Pedro Rolón from Paraguay in order to encourage the creation of the Paraguayan Division of the IAP.

The Argentine Division organized two Tutorial Courses in 2010 within its Continuing Education Program, in Buenos Aires.

One Short Course on **Gynecological Pathology** –June 25-26- gave by Drs. Baltasar Lema and Alejandra Maciel and a Short Course on **Orthopaedic Pathology** –August 27-28- gave by Drs. Eduardo Santini-Araujo, Liliana Olvi and Gustavo Lembo.

The decision not to organize any Symposia with foreign guests was taken by the Executive Committee of the Argentine Division in order not to interfere with the XXVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology -Sao Paulo-.

I would really like to thank Dr. Marcello Franco President of this Congress for appointing me as a Member of the Organizing Committee.

For 2011 the Argentine Division is organizing 2 International Meetings:

First a **“Meeting to celebrate 100th anniversary of the birth of Prof. Fritz Schajowicz”**, to be held in Buenos Aires. The Faculty will consist of Dr. Antonio Nascimento, and DR. Franklin Sim (Mayo Clinic, Rochester) and DR. Ricardo Kalil (SARAH Brasilia). This Meeting will be held together with the Austral University and the Argentine Society of Paediatric Orthopaedia, of which Dr. Schajowicz was a Founder Member.

Prof Fritz Schajowicz born in Vienna in 1911 was disciple of Prof. Jakob Erdheim and emigrated to Argentina in 1939. He was Director of the International Reference Center for Histo-Pathologic Diagnosis and Classification of Bone Tumors and Allied Diseases. World Health Organization. He was the author together with Drs. Lawrence Veder Ackerman and Hubert Sissons of the First Edition –1972- of the Blue Book of the WHO Classification of Bone Tumors, and its Second Edition –1993-.

Dr. Schajowicz was one of the greatest bone tumor pathologists of our time and put Argentina on the map in the field of Orthopaedic Pathology. He was rendered a posthumous homage in the Symposium: History of Bone Tumor Pathology at the IAP XXVI International Congress - 100th Anniversary Congress- 2006 Montreal.

The second will be the **“Meeting in Memory of Dr. Mario Luna”**. Dr. Luna pathologist of the MD Anderson Cancer Center and author of the Classification of Head and Neck Tumors of the WHO –2002-, was one of the greatest contributors of the South-American Divisions Education Programs.

This Meeting will be chaired by Dr. Sergio Sánchez-Sosa, from the Education Committee of the IAP and will have the presence of Drs. Alberto Ayala (Methodist Hospital, Houston), Francisco Nogales (Granada University, Spain), Anais Malpica (MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston) and Rafael Jiménez (Mayo Clinic, Rochester).

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