

**Report from Dr. H.K. Ng, Vice-President of Asia, IAP to the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Pathology to be held at Washington DC on March 21, 2010**

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The activities of the Hong Kong Division (<http://www.hkiap.org>) since the last report in March 8, 2009 at Boston are as below (events reported before are not being repeated) :

The **main officers** of the Hong Kong Division for 2008-2009 are :

President : Gary Tse ([garytse@cuhk.edu.hk](mailto:garytse@cuhk.edu.hk))

President-Elect : Loretta Tse ([tsely@ha.org.hk](mailto:tsely@ha.org.hk))

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Treasurer : Colin Mak ([klmak@ha.org.hk](mailto:klmak@ha.org.hk))

The **Annual Scientific Meeting** for 2009 was held on October 24-25, 2009. This year the invited speakers were **Steven G Silverberg** (gynecologic pathology) and **Christopher DM Fletcher** (soft tissue pathology). There was an excellent turnout of pathologists from Hong Kong as neighboring countries and cities.

**Histopathology Courses :**

Two courses were held in 2009 : May 8-9, 2009 - co-organized with the Hong Kong College of Pathologists. The Speaker was **Edward Odell** (oral pathology). June 20, 2009 - co-organized with the Hong Kong Society of Dermatology and Venereology. The Speakers were **Martin Mihm** and **Jaime Calonje** (dermatopathology)

**Brain 2010**, the sixth multidisciplinary meeting was co-organized by the Division with the **Chinese Society of Neuro-oncology, Neuroscience Society of China, Taiwan and Hong Kong**, Hong Kong Society of Neurology, Hong Kong Neurosurgical Society was held on January 8-9, 2010 (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/brain2010>). The themes were brain tumour and stroke.. The pathology speakers were **Arie Perry** from St Louis and San Francisco, **Hiroko Ohgaki** from IARC, Lyon and **Yin Wang** from Shanghai. There were about three hundred registrants with significant regional participation.

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**Interaction with other Asia Pacific Divisions and pathology organizations**

The **6<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (APIAP)** was held at Kochi, Kerala, India 20<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2009. It was a huge success. The Congress was hosted by the IAP – Indian Division. The local Organizers were the Kerala Chapter of the Indian Association of Pathology & Microbiology. Below is a report from Dr Francisco Couto, President of the Indian Division edited by Robin Cooke.:

“ **Dr. Francisco Couto**, President IAP – Indian Division was the Chairman of the Scientific Committee and the Chief Co-Ordinator of the Congress. He was assisted by members of the local organizing committee, particularly **Dr. M. Balaraman Nair**, **Dr. Anita Borges**, **Dr. K. R. Harilal** and **Dr. S. Sankar** and by many other local and national Committee members. Prof. Robin A. Cooke (Australia) and Prof. H. K. Ng (Hong Kong) were the International Advisers for the Congress. The Congress received strong support from the **IAP**, and also the **Australasian, British, Japanese and Hong Kong Divisions**.

The Congress was attended by several dignitaries from the International committee of the IAP - **Konrad Muller** (Immediate Past President IAP), **Kristin Henry** (President Elect IAP), **Francis Jaubert** (Past President IAP), **David Hardwick** (Secretary IAP), **Robin Cooke** (Editor, International Pathology). Area Vice Presidents and Presidents and Committee Members of Divisions in the region and from elsewhere in the world also attended. Prof. Florabel Mullick, the President of the IAP, unfortunately could not attend and sent her greetings and best wishes for the success of the Congress.

There were 130 Faculty speakers and 630 delegates from more than 26 different countries. A wide range of topics was covered during the Congress. The presentations were of a high standard and were both interesting and useful for the delegates.

Prof. Robin A. Cooke (Australia) delivered the Keynote address for the Congress. There were four Plenary speakers - Prof. Mahul B. Amin (USA), Prof. Bharat Jasani (UK), Prof. Bharat N. Nathwani (USA) and Prof. Sunil R. Lakhani (Australia).

A Presidential Address was delivered by Dr. Francisco Couto who highlighted the tremendous progress made by the IAP – Indian Division over the past 20 years. The organization of this Congress was greatly assisted by the collaboration and support, both financial and advisory, which came from the Regional Divisions of the IAP and individuals within these Divisions. Support came also from the Education Committee of the International body and from a number of other Divisions as well. It was a great tribute to the goodwill and camaraderie that has been built up since the first of these meetings was held in Sydney in June 1995. (The APIAP is an organization that has no written constitution and no official office bearers. If only the politicians in the region could do the same.)

There was a significant trade display. I thank the exhibitors for their support of the Congress and the IAP - Indian Division.

The Congress ended with a short Valedictory function where Francisco Couto handed over the IAP flag to the President of the IAP – Taiwan Division **Dr Shih-Ming Jung** and the **Taiwan Division** who will be hosting the **Seventh APIAP Congress in 2011 in Taipei**, Taiwan. **Professor Ih-Jen Su** will be the Scientific Programme Chairman. Francisco on behalf of all the members of the regional Divisions wished Shih-Ming and his team success for their Congress.”

The Past President of the IAP, Professor Konrad Muller, who attended the APIAP Congress at Kochi on behalf of President Mullick, also made a separate report to her in September 2009.

The **Eighth APIAP Congress in 2013** will be held in **Seoul**, Korea to be hosted by the **Korean Division**.. The President of the Korean Division , **Kun-Young Kwon** will be the leader of that organization team. The **Ninth APIAP Congress** in 2015 will be held in Australia.

**The Seventh Business meeting** of the Asia Pacific Divisions and associated pathology organizations was held on August 22 at Kochi. It was attended by 17 delegates from seven regions of the region. Regular business meetings have been held regularly in every IAP Congress and every Asia Pacific IAP meetings. H.K. Ng routinely sent out a copy of the minutes to the Secretary of the IAP.

**Asia Pacific Pathology website** - An active web site exists for the Asia Pacific group (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/app>) continues to be used and updated. The Vice Presidents' reports from Asia are listed there for the convenience of checking up activities in the region.

The Asia Pacific group interacts closely with the **Asia Pacific Society of Molecular Immunohistochemistry** which holds some of their annual meetings just before our Asia Pacific IAP Meetings. They held a companion symposium of molecular pathology at the Sixth APIAP Meeting on at Kochi on August 20, 2009 thanks to the efforts of **Robert Osamura** and **Jiang Gu**.

The **Chinese Division** and the **Hong Kong Division** will co-organize the **Eighth Meeting of the Association of Directors of Pathology of China** in Shanghai on October 22-24, 2010 (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/adpc>). The conference is organized mainly by the Shanghai Cancer Hospital and thirteen international speakers are supported by the **Chinese University of Hong Kong, Pathological Society of UK, American Cancer Society, Department of Pathology of University of British Columbia, Department of Pathology of Calgary University, St Vincent Hospital (Melbourne), Chinese American Pathologists' Association.**

**Interactions with other international organizations of pathologists** : We interact actively with the **International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP)** and **Chinese American Pathologists' Association (CAPA)**, both of them pathology organizations made up mainly of pathologists of Chinese ethnic origin practicing in North America. We meet regularly during the USCAP Meeting including the recent Denver meeting. The President of the Hong Kong Division, **Gary Tse** who is also the Secretary of the IACP and me lectured in regional meetings of pathology (Shanghai, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Tokyo, Osaka) and interacts often with the Thai, Chinese and the Philippine divisions and Malaysian pathology organizations.

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