

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

**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES  
2009-2010**

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**21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Arab Division of IAP  
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain**

This meeting was held in Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain, in collaboration with Bahrain Association of Pathologists on 6-8<sup>th</sup> December 2009 at Bahrain Exhibition Centre.

The President of the meeting Dr Abdullah Darwish and the chairwoman of the Scientific Committee Dr Raja Al Youssef and their team did an extraordinary effort to make the meeting a very successful one.

The meeting was attended by 350 pathologists who came from many Arab countries. There were many guest speakers and participants from Europe, USA and Canada. As with many previous meetings, the British and the French Divisions contributed outstanding speakers, in a tradition of support for the Arab Division, which we hope to continue for years to come.

**Dr Florabel Mullick**, President of IAP, **Dr Kristin Henry**, President elect of IAP and **Dr Francis Jaubert**, Former President of IAP attended this meeting and witnessed the high caliber of the presentations of the speakers and the enthusiasm of the participants and their involvement in case and poster presentations.

Dr Mullick delivered the annual Kamal Ishak Memorial Lecture entitled “**The Legacy of Dr. Kamal Ishak and the Future of Pathology**”. Dr Mullick was close to Dr Ishak during his long years at AFIP, and she told the audience about his contributions to pathology and some personal anecdotes. She proceeded to an issue that is on the mind of all of us: the direction of our

specialty and how it is going to be shaped in the light of the recent revolutionary advances in molecular pathology, genetics, and targeted therapy and so on.

Dr Henry Gave a lecture on Dendritic Cell Tumors and a slide seminar on lymphomas.

We had the following speakers and topics:

### Liver Pathology

- **Chronic Hepatitis: A practical approach to biopsy interpretation, grading and staging** by Dr. Hala Makhlof , Chief, Department of Hepatic Pathology, AFIP, Washington, D.C., USA
- **From cirrhosis to cancer: preneoplastic lesions and early hepatocellular carcinoma** by Dr. Pierre Bedossa, France.

### Pulmonary Pathology

- **The impact of recent advances in lung cancer classification on the diagnostic pathologist – from EGFR to TNM** by Dr. Andrew G. Nicholson, UK

### Pediatric Pathology

- **Hirschsprung disease and the pathologist** by Dr. Raja Rabah, Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA

### Lympho-reticular Pathology

- **Dendritic Cell Tumors** by Prof. Kristin Henry, London, UK
- **Update on Lymphomas: New entities and subtypes** by Dr. Nayef Aqel, London, UK

### Soft Tissue Tumors

- **An overview of the diagnosis of soft tissue sarcomas** by Dr. Mary Leader, Dublin, Ireland.
- **Practical approach to soft tissue tumor diagnosis** by Dr. Awatif Al-Nafussi, Edinburgh, UK.

### Cytopathology

- **Glandular Lesions in Cervicovaginal Cytology with Histologic and HPV correlations** by Dr. Dina Mody, USA
- **Fine Needle Aspiration of Salivary Gland Lesions as an Initial Diagnostic Approach: Recent Update** by Dr. Mousa Al-Abbadi, Tennessee, USA.

- **Discriminating primary from metastatic carcinoma on fine needle aspiration of liver masses. An approach with utility of new immunohistochemical markers** by Dr. Husain Saleh, Detroit, Michigan, USA
- **Breast Cytology: Selected Cases with histologic correlations** by Dr. M Fawwaz Dawamneh, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia

### Gynecologic Pathology Session

- **Endometrial Hyperplasia – When Will We Get Our Act Together?** by Dr. Dean Daya, Canada
- **Familial ovarian tumors** by Dr. Rouba Ali, Detroit, Michigan, USA
- **Invasiveness in Borderline Ovarian Tumors** by Dr. Rouba Ali, Detroit, Michigan, USA

### Neuropathology

- **Neuropathology for The Surgical Pathologist - What do I need to know** by Dr. Michael Farrell, Ireland

### GI Pathology

- **Recent Entities and New Roles for the Pathologist in Colorectal Cancer** by Dr. Jean-François Flejou, France.

### Urological Pathology

- **Pitfalls in the diagnosis of carcinoma of the prostate; including the use of immunohistochemistry** by Dr. Suhail Baithun, UK
- **Update in Urologic Pathology:**
  - A) **Emerging Entities in Renal Carcinomas**
  - B) **Current Concepts in Germ Cell Tumors of the Testis** both by Dr Philippe Camparo, France

### Breast Pathology

- **Practical Problems in Breast Pathology** by Dr. Clive Wells, UK
- **Papillary lesions of the breast** by Dr. Hiam Ali, Manchester, UK

In addition, we had slide seminars for all above topics. We encouraged junior pathologists and pathologists in training to submit cases for presentation at the slide seminar along with case presentations by our guest speakers. We had participants contributing to the slide seminars from Jordan, Palestine, Yemen, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Egypt.

In addition, a Molecular Pathology Seminar was conducted by Dr Fouad Al Dayel and his associates from King Faisal Specialist Hospital, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

There were participants from most Arab countries, many had poster presentations totaling 70 posters, covering most areas of surgical pathology and cytopathology.

There was a social program that included a free gala Dinner attended by the Bahraini Minister of Health who presented commemorative gifts to the guest speakers in appreciation for their efforts. The dinner was for all participants. There was live Arabic music and singing offered by Bahrain's top female singer and her musical group.

The meeting was preceded by a 2 day workshop on Pathology of Lymphoma as part of the activities of the Arab School of Pathology.

We had a Council Meeting for our Division which was attended by Drs Mullick, Henry and Jaubert. They gave us advice and guidance on several issues discussed during the meeting.

## **The 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Arab Division of IAP**

### **Al Ain El Sukhnah, Egypt**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Arab Division shall be held in Al Ain El Sukhnah, a resort town on the Red Sea on December 15-17, 2010.

The President of the meeting is Dr Ali El Hindawi and the chairwoman of the Organizing Committee is Dr Salwa El Haddad, currently the President elect of the Arab Division.

The organizers had recruited many international speakers to cover various topics.

The meeting shall be preceded by a two days workshop on "Bone Marrow Pathology" as part of the activities of the Arab School of Pathology.

More details about this meeting shall be submitted at the IAP meeting in Brazil.

## **The Seventh Arab British School of Pathology**

### **Tutorial on Neuropathology**

#### **King Fahad Hospital of the University, Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia**

The Seventh Tutorial of the Arab British School of Pathology was held on March 31-April 2, 2009 at the Medical Education Center of King Fahad Hospital of the University in Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia. The topic of this tutorial was neuropathology.

The British Division sent two eminent neuropathologists namely Prof Paul G Ince from Sheffield University and Prof. Seth Love from the University of Bristol. They were supported by Arab neuropathologists namely Dr Maysa Al Hussaini from King Hussein Cancer Center, Amman,

Jordan; Dr Mamdouha Ahdab-Barmada from the American University of Beirut Medical Center, Beirut, Lebanon; Dr Hindi Al Hindi from King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Center, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia and Dr Hisham Al Khalidi from King Saud University, Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.

Prof Dr Dalal Tamimi, Chairperson of the Department of Pathology at the College of Medicine of King Faisal University and her team organized this meeting with great success. More than 70 junior pathologists and staff pathologists attended the session of this tutorial which included lectures and microscope sessions.

The tutorial covered different areas of neuropathology including the following topics:

- Pathobiology of brain tumors (Prof Ince).
- WHO classification of CNS tumors (Dr Al Hussaini).
- Pitfalls in pathology of CNS tumors (Dr Al Hindi).
- Nerve and muscle pathology (Drs Barmada and Al Khalidi).
- Head injuries (Prof Love).
- Cerebrovascular disease (Prof Ince).
- Intraoperative consultations in neuropathology (Dr Al Hussaini).

Slide seminar of common and rare lesions were presented and discussed at the microscopy sessions by various speakers. Local pathologists from Dhahran Health Center (Dr Salwa Sheikh and Dr Rola Rabah), King Abdulaziz Specialist hospital, Taif (Dr Dalal Nemenqani), and King Fahd University Hospital (Prof M Shawarbi) presented cases as well.

This tutorial was well received and was quite successful. The participants requested to have future tutorials to be held in Al Khobar to enhance their diagnostic skills in various areas of surgical pathology. This is an indication of the success of the Arab School of Pathology and the Arab British School of Pathology in fulfilling their goals of education in pathology.



Speakers and Organizers of the Workshop on Neuropathology, Al Khobar, Saudi Arabia

## THE ARAB SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY

### Workshop on Lymphoma Bahrain, December 4-5, 2009

Prior to the 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Arab Division of IAP, a workshop on Lymphoma was carried out on December 4-5, 2009. It was organized by Dr Nayef Aqel (UK), and assisted by Dr Nadia Mokhtar (Egypt), Dr Salwa Sheikh and Dr Nasir Amra (Saudi Arabia). They gave presentations on Hodgkin's lymphoma, non-Hodgkin large B-cell lymphomas, small cell lymphomas, and T-cell lymphomas.

50 pathologists attended the meeting including pathologists from the Gulf countries, Jordan, Sudan, Oman, Lebanon, Yemen, Libya and Palestine. It was quite successful and there was positive feedback. This workshop is one of the activities of the Arab School of Pathology.



Speakers and Organizers of the Workshop on Lymphoma in Bahrain

**Workshop on Pediatric Tumors  
Amman, Jordan  
July 11, 2009**

This one day workshop was held in Amman, Jordan at King Hussein Cancer Center (KHCC).

There were presentations on “small blue cell tumors” with special reference for Wilms tumor, lymphoma, brain tumors, epidemiology of pediatric tumors in Arab children, and role of pathology in proper management of pediatric tumors. The Guest Speakers included Dr Raja Rabah, Professor of Pediatric Pathology at Ann Arbor School of Medicine, Michigan, USA, and Dr Samir S Amr , Chairman of the Department of Pathology at King Fahad Specialist Hospital, Dammam, Saudi Arabia.

The workshop was organized by Dr Maher Sughaiier, Chairman of the Department of Pathology at KHCC.

**FUTURE WORKSHOPS OF ARAB BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY**

The Eighth Arab British School of Pathology shall be held in May 2010 in Tunis, Tunisia on “Head and Neck Pathology”

Dr Roderick Simpson, a renowned Head and Neck pathologist is the organizer of this workshop. He shall be conducting this workshop with another British pathologist and two Arab pathologists who had interest in this field.

**FUTURE WORKSHOPS OF THE ARAB SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY**

1. Workshop on Endocrine Pathology. It shall be held in Amman, Jordan in April 2010.
2. Workshop on Bone Marrow Pathology. It shall be held in Al Ain El Sukhnah, Egypt in December 2010.

**FUTURE MEETINGS OF THE ARAB DIVISION OF IAP**

1. Al Ain El Sukhnah, Egypt, December 2010.
2. Beirut, Lebanon, 2011.
3. Amman, Jordan, 2012.
4. Khartoum, Sudan, 2013.

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