

USCAP Annual Report for the IAP

In Memory of Harvey Goldman

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Background: The USCAP is one of the oldest continental pathology societies with a rich historical heritage being founded 107 years ago by Drs. Maude Abbott, William MacCallum, James Carroll, William Osler, William Welch and others. It remains one of the most vibrant pathology organizations in the world and the USCAP is one of 50 world-wide Divisions of the International Academy of Pathology (with its 24,000 world-wide members). The USCAP has well over 10,600 active pathologist-members (over 2000 of which are housestaff-in training: Junior Members), and we are tightly focused on pathology education and research. Our educational goal is to continue our role as the international leader in state-of-the-art education for advancing the science and practice of anatomic and molecular pathology. In the last 10 years, the Academy has recruited over 6000 house staff as Junior Members; the Academy pays for 3/4th of the cost of the house staff/fellow, and the resident/Department pays the final \$35/year cost (which includes subscription to one of the Academy's two journals, and markedly reduced rates for the house staff to attend our various meetings). Thus, the Academy invests several \$100,000's/year for the "life-long learning" of the housestaff member. Junior Members can vote, hold office and serve on our committees: indeed two Junior Members serve on our illustrious Education Committee. Online membership renewal and CME portfolio is available.

Annual Meeting: Our Annual Meeting which is held in the Spring, for the last 9 yrs has drawn between 3100-4300 pathologists; it is by far the largest gathering of physician-pathologists in the world. For each of the last 6 years we have had multiple special programs for housestaff (e.g., Fellowship Fair with 30-54 medical schools presenting; House Staff Specialty Conference on Jobs; House Staff hospitality room with outstanding faculty) and have attracted between 800 and 1220 house staff at this Annual Meeting (1220 in March 09). 2600-2800 scientific abstracts are submitted each year from hundreds of academic pathology programs with 1968 being accepted for presentation this year (all-time records); over 56-58% of the scientific abstracts have a house staff/fellow as the first author and many more with other house staff/fellows as other authors. There are at least two dozen awards for house staff at this Annual Meeting (mostly based upon outstanding scientific abstracts), including the prestigious Stowell-Orbison abstracts from Pathologists-in-Training, with submissions each year continuing to break previous records. There are hundreds of world-class faculty presenting over a hundred educational offerings at the Annual meeting (26 Companion Societies, 60 Short Courses, 1 Long Course (usually organ-based), 4 Special Courses (Molecular Pathology; Careers), 19 evening Specialty Conferences.) Between 15-22% of the pathologists in attendance are from over 65 countries throughout the world. All nineteen of the evening Specialty Conferences and all of the Companion Society presentations are up on the USCAP Website for free before the Annual Meeting; An itinerary planner, online CME claim forms, and poster creation service are available. Virtually all Short Courses have SAMS and almost all have pre-meeting web-based materials. Over 250 hours of SAMS are available at our Annual meeting.

USCAP Website: www.uscap.org This website ("The Pathology Portal/The Knowledge Hub for Pathology") has available for free - a thousand different educational modules. These are searchable by both Table of Contents (24+ organ systems), and by Keyword/Index search. The last 8 years of the Companion Societies and evening Specialty Conferences, and 75+ entire Short Courses are available for free for anyone. Often the entire faculty's PowerPoint presentation is available. In addition the last 3 years of presented scientific abstracts (approximately 5000) are available for free, and searchable by topic, disease, author, technology. The USCAP Website is receiving from 5-10 million "hits"/600,000+ page views/month from up to 24,000 individual pathologists from over 168 countries throughout the world. We believe this represents the largest free eBook in Anatomic and Molecular Pathology. There are over 70,000 pages of text, with many thousands of illustrations and images, as well as 100,000's of up-to-date pertinent references. Over 500 "virtual slides" are freely available by either listing of diagnoses or as

unknowns. . This year eAcademy has instituted long-distance interactive online learning with an electronic case series of over 3 dozen cases (APECS series). Many free "podcasts" from the last five years of Plenary Lectures are also available

Journals: Laboratory Investigation and Modern Pathology: These two Academy journals continue to rank in the top four-five (by ISI/SCI) of general diagnostic/investigative Pathology journals and are published by the most outstanding/renowned scientific and medical publishers in the world: Nature and Nature Publishing Group. There is a busy Nature Jobs Website of interest for HS. **The Academy sponsors three other educational offerings (all with SAMS):** 1.) The 6 day summer course "**Diagnostic Pathology**" with reviews/updates of 14 major organ systems; 2.) the January "**Diagnostic Cytopathology**" which is a 2 1/2 day in-depth course (the first APB-approved SAM), and 3.) The two and a half day "**Practical Pathology Seminars**" held in the Spring, which is a collection of our most successful and ending Short Courses. All three have paper handouts & CD's with thousands of images/PowerPoints.