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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 and the Argentine Division have sent information about it on its Courses 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 the fees.

The Vice-Presidency for South-America from June 2009 started its web site page – www.iapsudamerica.com- through which since then it sends information on the XXVIIIth International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology, Sao Paulo, Brazil 2010.

This web site page is available –absolutely free of charge- to all the Divisions of the South-American Area in order to share information on its Continuing Education Program and any other relevant information on them.

It is our belief that it will be a useful tool to interlink the different Divisions of the Area and to keep a permanent update of the IAP activities.

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 he will hold a full day Symposium of the Mexican Division of the IAP within the forthcoming Meeting of the Federation to be held in San Luis de Potosí, in November 2010.

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- who have expressed their compromise to create the Panama Division of the IAP according to the IAP Bylaws and following its “Procedures for Establishing a New Division”. It has to be taken into consideration that Drs. Pinzón and Vergara-Vazquez represent an

enthusiastic group of 20 pathologists willing to become members and participate in the IAP. They will present an application letter -and the corresponding fees for the future 20 members- at the Executive Committee Meeting in Washington this March.

I would also like to highlight the diligent contacts carried out by Dr. Sanchez-Sosa, member of the Education Committee.

It is for me a great pleasure to inform that after sending my first report about the possible creation of a Panama Division in 2009, Dr. David Hardwick immediately sent them back the Bylaws, a copy of the Spanish Division Constitution and the Procedures for creating a Division.

We have contacted Dr. Pedro Rolón who attended the Breast Pathology Symposium organized by the Vice-Presidency in Buenos Aires, November 11-12 2009, in order to encourage the creation of the Paraguayan Division of the IAP, which constitutes a former project that we shared with his father, Dr. Pedro Rolón Sr. who unfortunately has passed away.

We would also like to mention that the Cuban Division has paid up all their fees for 2010.

The Argentine Division of the IAP organized the following activities within its Continuing Educational Program for 2009:

The Division organized 6 tutorial courses, held in the Provinces of the country on the following topics:

Bone and Soft Tissues Pathology, Breast Pathology, Dermatopathology, Gynecopathology, Head and Neck Pathology and Cytology.

The Vice-Presidency for South America organized a **Course on Environmental Pathology** chaired by Dr José Centeno from the AFIP, Washington D.C. on October 19-20, 2009 in Buenos Aires.

On October 9, 2009 Dr. José Antonio Centeno PhD, FRSC, Senior Advisor Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, IYPE, chaired the **Symposium in Celebration of *The International Year of Planet Earth. Global Connections between Environmental Pathology, Human Health and Medical Geology***, in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dr. Centeno was invited by the Vice-Presidency for South-America of the International Academy of Pathology -Eduardo Santini-Araujo MD Vice-President, IAP and Alberto Filomeno MD Member of the Argentine Division- by the Director of the Army Central Hospital, Argentine Army -Gen. José Luis Ciucci- and by the Dean of the Engineering School of the Argentine Army -Col. Jorge Guido.

Dr. Centeno lectured in the Engineering School on the following topics:

1) Introduction to the International Year of Planet Earth. Building a better future.

- 2) Medical Geology breakthroughs. An emerging area in Public Health and Environment.
- 3) Recent Topics in Environmental Pathology.
- 4) Environmental Pathology of Metals, Metalloids and Trace Elements.
- 5) Environmental Pathology. The identification of foreign material in tissues.
- 6) Water Quality and Human Health.
- 7) Air and Human Health.
- 8) Soils, our Health and the Environment.

A registration of 56 professionals -Medical Doctors, Geologists, Odontologists, Pharmacologists, Toxicologists, Engineers in Biomaterials, Forensics- participated interactively with Dr. Centeno.

The Symposium was extremely exciting and as an outcome of the same a motion was presented to Dr. Centeno by Dr. Santini-Araujo, Dr. Filomeno and Col. Guido, to create the Argentine Chapter of the International Medical Geology Association.

We would really like to thank Dr. Centeno for his extraordinary expertise in the area, for his outstanding pedagogic skills and his enthusiastic attitude towards all of the participants.

The Vice-Presidency for South America organized a **Symposium on Breast Pathology** on November 11-12, 2009 in Buenos Aires. The Symposium was Chaired by Dr Eduardo Santini-Araujo, Vice-President for South-America, IAP, Dr. Sergio Sanchez Sosa, Education Committee IAP, and Dr. Alberto Filomeno, Coordinator of the Argentine Division IAP.

The Director of the Army Central Hospital, Argentine Army –Gen. José Luis Ciucci- and the Dean of the Engineering School of the Argentine Army -Col. Jorge Guido, also collaborated on the organization of this event which was held in the Engineering School of the Argentine Army.

The following professionals were the invited speakers:

Roy A. Jensen MD, Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, Director, University of Kansas Cancer Center Division of Cancer and Developmental Biology, Vanderbilt University USA, **Lowell Rogers MD**, Director Surgical Pathology, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, USA, **Rafael Jiménez MD**, Department of Pathology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Mn, USA, **Reynaldo Falcón-Escobedo MD**, University of San Luis Potosi, México, **Daniel Mysler MD**, Radiology Department Italian Hospital, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The topics presented were:

Breast Cancer in Latin-America

The **Module 1** was on morphologic approach.

- 1) Breast Imaging for Pathologists.
- 2) Papillary Lesions in Breast.
- 3) Columnar Cell Lesions in Breast.
- 4) Apocrine Lesions in Breast.
- 5) Spindle Lesions.
- 6) "In Situ" and Invasive Lobular Carcinoma.
- 7) Sentinel Lymph Node in Breast Cancer.

The **Module 2** contained topics on rational use of ancillary studies.

- 1) Immunohistochemical Markers as Predictive Tools for Breast Cancer.
- 2) *Her 2*: FISH or CISH / SISH in Breast.
- 3) Quality Assurance in Breast Markers.
- 4) Triple Negative Breast Cancer.
- 5) Gene Expression of Breast Cancer.

The guest of honor of the Symposium was **Dr. Florabel G. Mullick** President, International Academy of Pathology and Senior Executive Service. The Director, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology, Washington D.C. USA, who in fact was the true person who took the initiative and encouraged this Symposium from the very beginning and who spoke on the topics: "The IAP in the next 100 years", "The mission of the AFIP" and "Environmental Pathology, Telemedicine and Telediagnosis".

The Symposium had a registration of 260 pathologists, from Buenos Aires and different provinces of the country, as well as pathologists from Uruguay, Chile, Paraguay and Bolivia.

Both of these Symposia received the support of the IAP Education Committee in the form of funds in the amount of \$5,000 US, which in part covered the expenses originated in the organization of these events.

Dr. Florabel Mullick was also "Guest of Honor" of the National Academy of Medicine on November 10 at the National Academy of Medicine, where at an Official Designation Ceremony she was appointed as "Honorary Academy Member". On this occasion Dr. Mullick gave the lecture "The International Academy of Pathology and The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology: Their mission" .

Also Dr. Florabel Mullick was decorated with the Medal of the "Regimiento de Granaderos a Caballo General José de San Martín", Argentine Army, in a ceremony in the headquarter of the historical Grenadiers Regiment, which is also in charge of the Presidential Guard.

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, guaranteed the great success of the Meeting.

The Argentine Division will organize two Courses for 2010 within its Continuing Education Program, to be held in Buenos Aires.

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

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 forthcoming International Congress of the XXVIIIth International Academy of Pathology, Sao Paulo, Brazil 2010, October 10-15.

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