

**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 San Antonio, Feb 27, 2011**

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The activities of the Hong Kong Division (<http://www.hkiap.org>) since the last report in October , 2010 at Sao Paulo are as below (events reported before are not being repeated) :

The **main officers** of the Hong Kong Division 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))

Secretary : Joshua Kan ([joshuakan@gmail.com](mailto:joshuakan@gmail.com))

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

The **Annual Scientific Meeting for 2010** was held on December 4-5, 2010 with Dr **Stuart Schnitt**, Harvard University, as the keynote speaker on breast pathology. The meeting was an enormous success. There were over 250 registrants with half of them coming from outside Hong Kong (from the Asian region).

**Spring Annual Scientific Meeting 2011**

May 28-29,2011. **Drs Elizabeth Montgomery and Jonathan Epstein**, Johns Hopkins University, will speak on urology and soft tissue

**Annual Scientific Meeting 2011**

The 2012 Annual Scientific Meeting will be co-organized with the **International Liver Pathology Study Group** on October 15-16 at the Chinese University of Hong Kong.

**Brain 2011**, the eighth multidisciplinary meeting will be co-sponsored by the Division as well as Hong Kong Society of Neurology and Hong Kong Neurosurgical Society (<http://www.brain.med.cuhk.edu.hk>). The pathology speakers are **Drs Gregory Fuller** (MD Anderson), **Kalman Kovacs** (University of Toronto) and **Werner Paulus** (Munster, Germany). The themes will be stroke and brain tumours. The conference was exceptionally well attended with over 550 registrants. In addition, the speakers, together with **H K Ng**, did a three day neuropathology course for the division and also a group of 45 neuropathologists from China and the region after the main conference.

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

The 7<sup>th</sup> **Asia Pacific Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (APIAP)** will be held in Taipei on May 20-24, 2011. The website is <http://www.apiap2011.com>. The Taiwanese division has made up an extremely exciting and packed programme with more than 170 speakers from outside Taiwan.

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All these pathologists have come to teach at APIAP at their own costs !!! The Hong Kong Division sends at least six speakers to the meeting.

Preliminary plans are made for the Eighth APIAP Congress in Seoul in 2013 and Ninth APIAP Congress Brisbane in 2015. The Australasian Division has already proposed the dates of the 2015 to be **June 4-7, 2015**. They hope by this very early announcement, there should be no clash of major activity in the region.

**The Eighth Business meeting** of the Asia Pacific Divisions and associated pathology organizations was held in October at the IAP International Congress at Sao Paulo. It was attended by 14 delegates from seven regions of the Asia Pacific area. With the support of the IAP and David Hardwick, the **Assembly of Asia Pacific IAP (APIAP)** was formally constituted and endorsed by the Executive Committee, the Council as well as the General Meeting of the IAP at Sao Paulo. A new chapter has begun. H K Ng stepped down as the Convenor of the APIAP. Bob Osamura became the new Convenor and Gary Tse the Secretary. **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 **Chinese Division** and the **Hong Kong Division** co-organized 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 was organized mainly by the Shanghai Cancer Hospital and thirteen international speakers were supported by the **Chinese University of Hong Kong, Pathological Society of UK, Department of Pathology of University of British Columbia, Department of Pathology of Calgary University, St Vincent Hospital (Melbourne), Chinese American Pathologists' Association**. **David Hardwick**, Secretary of the IAP and **Charles Ramey**, Assistant Secretary of the IAP represented the IAP at the Meeting. The conference was an enormous success with attendance over 700, being restricted mainly by the availability of accommodation during the World Expo at Shanghai. It was the last such conference the Chinese Division and Hong Kong Division would co-organize for a long time. In the future, they will in fact not organize their own big conference but will instead join forces with the **Chinese Society of Pathology** in their annual conference in 2012.

**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 Meetings. The President of the Hong Kong Division, **Gary Tse** who is also the President-Elect of the IACP and me lectured in regional meetings of pathology several times a year and interact often with the Thai, Taiwan and Chinese divisions and Malaysian and Singaporean pathology organizations.

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