

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY
EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING

St. Charles Room, Delta Centre-Ville hotel
Montréal, Québec, Canada
16.00 to 18.00, Friday, 15 September 2006

MINUTES

Attendance:

Members:

Kristin Henry, MD, Chair	Present
H. Konrad Muller, MD	Present
H.K. Ng, MD	Present
Francisco Couto, MD	Present
Anna Kadar, MD	Present
Francis Jaubert, MD	Present
Shinichiro Ushigome, MD	Absent
Vsevolod A. Zinserling, MD	Present
Cecilia Fenoglio-Preiser, MD	Present
F. Stephen Vogel, MD	Absent
David Hardwick, MD	Present
Florabel G. Mullick, MD, ScD	Present
Antonio Llombart-Bosch, MD	Present
Ronald O.C. Kaschula	Present
Ghazi Zaatari, MD	Absent
Sergio Sanchez, MD	Present

1. Call to order and approval of minutes.
 - a. Meeting was called to order by the Chair, Dr. Kristin Henry at 16:00pm.
 - b. Minutes of the Atlanta Education Committee meeting on 11 February 2006 were reviewed. Dr. Hardwick moved to approve the minutes; Dr. Fenoglio-Preiser seconded. Minutes were unanimously approved.
2. Absences.
 - a. Dr. Kristin Henry acknowledged the absences of Dr. Ushigome, Dr. Vogel, and Dr. Zaatari.
3. Matters arising from previous Meeting (not otherwise covered).
 - a. Dr. Hardwick presented “The Knowledge Hub for Pathology.” (See attached handout). He invited other Divisions to validate and expand the

“Knowledge Hub.” The Vice Presidents and International Council should also join the effort.

- b. Bursaries. (See attached report)
 - I. A total of 49 applications from 25 countries were approved for the USCAP Bursaries at \$1,500 USD each.
 - II. A total of 16 applicants from 15 countries were approved for the IAP Centennial Anniversary Bursaries at \$1,500 USD each. This exceeded the ten applications originally planned for.

4. Terms of Reference.

- a. The terms of reference for the Education Committee are to be reviewed and recommended changes prepared in draft form for the San Diego meeting. After draft is approved by Education Committee it will be submitted to the Executive Committee and the International Council in Athens for approval.
- b. One recommendation is that the tenure of the Chair be specified for 4 years. Also the tenure of members likewise specified.

5. Regional reports.

- a. Dr. Muller (See attached report).
- b. Dr. Sanchez (See attached report).

6. Education Aims

- a. Continue and develop current education programmes ADIAP, China, Eastern and Western Europe, Africa – FSAD and AWAD, Russia, South America, Countries formerly part of Russia, Asia Pacific Countries
- b. Recommendation to encourage links from Divisions to the “knowledge hub” and to assign funds to disseminate information. Moved by Dr. Hardwick, seconded by Dr. Fenoglio-Preiser, motion carried unanimously.

7. Financial considerations and requests for funding.

- a. A proposal through the Finance Committee for double the current annual allocation of funds was approved for recommendation to Council.
- b. Requests from IAP Division and Scientific Pathology Groups for financial assistance:
 - I. Hungarian Division, 2nd Central European Meeting on Technology Transfer, Pecs, Hungary, June 2007. Approved in the amount of \$3,500.

- II. Western Indian Ocean Pathologists Meeting, Madagascar, August 2007. Committee recommended we have a formal endorsement from the FSAD and that the travel dollars be broken out in detail. The meeting needs to be formalized with a letter from the division. Approved for no more than \$3,000.
 - III. 5th IAP Asia Pacific Meeting, Singapore 2007. Approved for \$4,000 on the basis of comparable underserved areas that had been previously approved.
 - IV. 3rd intra European Conference 2007. The venue needs to be changed from Beirut, Lebanon. A recommendation has been to change to Alexandria, Egypt. Dr. Amr will inform the committee on the dates and location of the meeting. Dr. Llombart-Bosch stated that the Intra European Conference should be postponed since the European Society will be hosting its meeting in Turkey in 2007.
8. Reports of Meetings supported by the Education Committee of the IAP.
- a. 5th International Conference on Cancer in Africa, Dakar, Senegal, November 2005. Report was presented. Funded through the Division.
 - b. 1st Central Europe an Meeting on technology Transfer, Egar, Hungary, June 2. Report presented. 300 participants. Three speakers were funded. Total of \$3,000.
9. Candidate to replace Dr. ROC Kaschula on the committee. Recommendation of Dr. Schneider, Secretary of the South African Division. The Committee will issue a formal invitation to him.
10. The next meeting of the Education Committee will take place in San Diego.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 17:10pm.

Florabel G. Mullick, MD, ScD, FCAP
Secretary, IAP

(Date)

**ATTACHMENTS
TO
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

CONGRESS MONTREAL 2006**

AGENDA ITEM - 3B BURSARIES

MONTREAL USCAP AND IAP CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY BURSARY APPLICANTS

49 Applicants were approved at the Paris and Atlanta IAP Education Committee Meetings in September 7th 2005 and February 11th 2006. 16 + 2* were later approved by the Education Committee Chairman.

The total number of Countries represented by the 67 successful applicants is now 35.

The majority of Pathologists belong to IAP Divisions. With the exception of the two IAP Presidents and two other Pathologists, most of the 65 Pathologists are in their 30's and most have submitted posters. All were informed that poster abstracts should be sent on line to the Montreal web site www.iap2006.com by 15th March.

Please note: Eight USCAP Bursaries and one of the Montreal Centennial Anniversary (MCA)

Bursaries awarded to Chinese Pathologists and two USCAP Bursaries awarded to the Thai Pathologists were raised to \$1800 in recognition of the special financial needs of attendees from those Countries. The two \$1600 USCAP Bursaries requested by the two Kazakhstan Pathologists were also approved.

The total overspend** of the 65 Bursaries previously awarded is \$1650 (USCAP Bursaries \$950**, MCA Bursaries \$700**) which USCAP agreed to cover.

49 APPLICANTS FROM 25 COUNTRIES APPROVED FOR THE USCAP BURSARIES:

ARAB COUNTRIES x 7 @1500

Dr. Carole **Dagher**: Surgical Pathology Trainee, Hotel-Dieu de France, Beirut, Lebanon

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Dr. Maysa **Husseini**, Pathologist, Jordan University Hospital, Amman, Jordan

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Dr. Laila **Seada**, Ass. Professor, Pathology Department, Benha Faculty of Medicine, Benha, Egypt.

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Dr. Souad **Ibrir**, Pathologist, Algeria

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Total: \$10,500

AFRICA, Central, Eastern and South x 4 @ \$1500:

South Africa x 2

Dr. Pawal **Schubert**, Registrar, Department of Anatomical Pathology, University of Stellenbosch. South Africa

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Dr. Michael **Locketz**, Registrar in Anatomical Pathology, Groote Schuur NHLS, South Africa

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Other African Countries x 2

Dr. Charles **Dzamalala**, Consultant Pathologist, Malawi College, Blantyre, Malawi, Central Africa

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Dr. Michael **Odida**, Senior Lecturer, Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda

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Total: \$6,000

AZERBAIJAN x 1 @ \$1500

Dr. Vugar **Huseynov**,
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Azerbaijan

Total: \$1500

BOLIVIA x 1 @ \$1,00

Dr. Jaime **Rio-Dalenz**:
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versity Medical School, Le Paz, Bolivia ,

Total: \$1500

BRAZIL x 4 @ \$1500

Dr. Victor **de Andraa**: Surg.Pathologist, Fleury Medical Centre, Sao Paulo, Brazil

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Dr. Eumania **Castro**: Professor in Pathology, Faculty of Medicine of Triangulo Mineiro, Uberaba-Minas,Gerais

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Dr. Dr.Larissa **Marinho**: Preceptor and Assistant Pathologist, University of Brazil medical school, Sao Paulo,

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Dr. Lucia **de Noronba**: Professor and Assistant Pathologist, Department of Pathology, Federal University of Parana,

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Total: \$6,000

CAMBODIA x 1 @ \$1500

Dr. Cheng **Sam Ang**, Trainee Hamatopathologist, Sihanouk Hospital Center of Hope, Cambodia

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Total: \$1500

CHINA, Mainland x 7 @ \$1800; X 1 @ \$750

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Total: \$13,650

CHINA, Macao x 2 @ \$1500

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Total: \$3,000

CUBA x 1 @1500

Garcia **Marques** , Aux. Professor, Faculty Mmedical Sciences, Matanzas, Cubaine

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Total; \$1500

FRENCH SPEAKING AFRICA x 2 @ \$1500

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Total: \$3,000

HUNGARY x 2 @ \$1500

Dr.Judit **Halaz**, Pathologist, Semmelweis University, Budapest

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Dr.Peter **Pogany**, Pathologist,Szt.Imre Hospital, Budapest

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Total: \$3,000

INDIA x 2@ \$1500:

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Dr. Aneeta **Jassar**, Major- Indian Army Medical Service, Command hospital, Udhampur, J&K

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Total: \$3,000

INDONESIA 1@ \$1500

Dr. Suga **Anggawidjaja**, Pathologist Gading Serpong, Tangerang 15810, Indonesia

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Total: \$1500

KAZAHKSTAN x 2 @ \$1600:

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Dr.Yertan **Ismoldayev**, Research pathologist, Scientific Centre for Urology, Almaty 050000

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Total: \$3,200

ROMANIA x 1 @ \$1500:

Dr. Claudiu **Margaritescu**, Ass. Professor in Pathology, Faculty of Dentistry, University of Medicine and Pharmacy of Craiova, Dolj, Rumania

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Total: \$1500

RUSSIA x 2 @ \$1500

Dr. Timur **Akhmetov**: Research worker in pathology, Kazan Medical University, Kazan, Russia. ,

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Total: \$3,000

SERBIA x 1 @ \$350

Dr. Zdravko Kosjena

Total: \$360

THAILAND x 2 @ \$1800:

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UKRAINE x 1 @ \$1500:

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Total: \$1500

USA x 1 @ 1500

Dr. Tarek **Elghetany**, Professor of Pathology UTMB, for Lindsey **Harle**, 3rd year Medical Student, University of Texas

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WEST AFRICA, ANGLOPHONE DIVISION x 4 @ \$1,500

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Total; \$6,000

Grand Total = \$75,950

****Overspend \$950**

16 APPLICANTS FROM 15 COUNTRIES APPROVED FOR THE MCA BURSARIES

ARAB COUNTRIES x 3 @\$1500

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Total: \$4,500

BOSNIA x 1 @ \$1500

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Total: \$1,500

CZECH REPUBLIC x 2 @ \$1500

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Dr. Daniela **Soukenikova**, Junior Pathologist, Institute of pathology, Palacky University, Olomouk, Czech Republic

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Total: \$3000

CHINA x 1 @ \$1800

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Total: \$1800

INDIA x 1 @ \$1500

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Total \$ 1500

KENYA x 1 @ \$1500

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LAOS PDR x 1 \$1500

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Total: \$1500

LATVIA x 1 @ \$1500

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Total: \$1500

MYANMAR x 1 \$1500

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Total: \$1500

NEPAL x @ \$1500

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Total: \$1500

ROMANIA x 1 @ \$1500

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PORTUGAL x1@\$1500 Dr.Marie Celeste Dias **Campos**,, Head Pathologist, Hospital Curry Cabral, Lisbon 2685-183 E-mail: celestalmeidadias@sapo.pt

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THAILAND x 1 @ \$1,500

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Total: \$1500

Grand Total = \$24,300

**Overspend: \$700

***Nb.**

The 4 additional USCAP Bursaries awarded were because four pathologists have since withdrawn:

Drs. Aneeta Jassar and Sonu Nigam from India and Drs. He and Zhuofang Hao from China.

Dr. Jassar has been replaced by Dr. **Guliz Barkan** from **Turkey** (currently working in the USA), Dr. **Sonu Nigam** by **Dr.Joshi Dutta** from Nepal, and **Drs . Huiying He and Zhuofang Hao** by **Dr.Suga Anggawidjaja** from **Indonesia** and **Dr. L Zinserling** from **Russia**

Dr. Zdravko Kosjena from **Serbia** was awarded \$350.to assist with registration.

Kristin Henry 6.09.2006

AGENDA ITEM - 5a REGIONAL REPORTS, DR. MULLER

Pathology in the Australasian Region and the Pacific Islands An Overview for the International Academy of Pathology July 2006

Pathology in the wider Australasian Region and Pacific Islands is generally poorly developed at this time. Australian Pathologists have had a long standing involvement in Pathology in Papua New Guinea (PNG). Professor Robin Cooke in particular has provided an important link to PNG where he previously worked. Fiji at one stage was well supported from New Zealand with at least one of its trainees gaining Fellowship of the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia. The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia has recently established a working party to coordinate the activities of Australasian Pathologists in neighbouring developing countries, chaired by Robin Cooke. The Queensland Health Pathology Service and the contribution of Dr Stephen Weinstein has been important in establishing these wider Australian links, particularly in the case of East Timor. The following are some general comments on the countries where links have been established.

Papua New Guinea

Long established links with Australia. Its Medical School produces Medical Graduates for the Pacific area. They also offer a 5 year Masters Course in Pathology. The number taking this course is rather small. Dr Jacob Morewaya is the Chief Pathologist in Port Moresby.

East Timor

East Timor is an emerging country with many problems particularly in recent years. The Gold Coast Hospital Pathology Service with Dr Stephen Weinstein has been involved in establishing a diagnostic link with clinicians in Dili. Surgical material has sometimes been generated by visiting specialist surgeons from the Royal Australian College of Surgeons Pacific Islands Program. A volunteer scientist from Adelaide, Barry Gormley, is about to install histopathology processing equipment this year and train local technical staff. Interestingly a Cuban Pathologist (one of hundreds of Cuban doctors coming to East Timor at the invitation of the former Alkatiri/Lobato ministry) appears to have little to do at this stage in the Dili National Hospital as tissue pathology specimens have been unable to be processed up until now. A planned Queensland Health Pathology Service liaison visit is likely to occur across the next year to further consolidate diagnostic services in East Timor.

Fiji

Pathologists in Suva, Lautoka and Labasa perform their own histopathology. The head is Dr Eka Buadromo at Colonial War Memorial Hospital. This year she was sponsored by the IAP Australasian division to attend the annual meeting in Sydney in the first week of June. Second opinions on difficult slides are given by Queensland Health Pathologists and others. The Fiji School of Medicine is also establishing a pathology training program similar to that at the University of Papua New Guinea.

Solomon Islands

The Solomon Islands have the longest relationship with Queensland Health having sent histopathology for over 20 years. Presently a Solomon Island Registrar, Dr Roy Roger Meraka, is completing the 5 year pathology training program at the University of PNG. As this requires a year in a larger country, it is planned for him to spend the first six months of 2007 in India, with the second six months likely to be spent with Queensland Health Pathology Service. He intends to return to practice in Honiara. He was also recently sponsored to attend the IAP meeting in Sydney.

The possibility of telepathology for the Solomon Islands is still being explored in association with Swiss pathologists with images being sent from Honiara and reported in Europe. A real problem in Honiara is the generation of good quality technical slides and this remains a challenging area.

Samoa

The National Hospital in Apia was serviced until recently by a 70 year old pathologist Dr Asau. Presently they are in the process of hiring an Indian pathologist to take up the vacant post.

Nauru

The small number of specimens requiring histopathology are sent to a private laboratory in Brisbane.

Kiribati

The Queensland Health Pathology Service Gold Coast Hospital has been performing histopathology for Kiribati since 2003 and emails back the report.

Tonga

Like Papua New Guinea, Fiji and Samoa, Tonga also undertakes their own histopathology. Dr Siale Akauola is the pathologist on site.

Palau

This former United States territory in the Pacific has until recently sent most of their pathology to Hawaii and the US mainland. A trainee from there is currently in Taiwan and should return to Palau in 2008.

Vanuatu

All Vanuatu histopathology is sent to Dr Michael Martin in Mackay Queensland. Some serums for tests are sent to the Gold Coast Pathology Service and the results returned by e-mail. The Vanuatu Ministry of Health in signing a Memorandum of understanding with Griffith University at the Gold Coast, Queensland, to provide student electives and possible joint research.

Tuvalu

Histopathology is reported from Dr Ela Buadromo's laboratory in Suva, Fiji.

Comment

Diagnostic pathology is not well developed in most of the wider Australasian area and the Pacific Islands. Links have been established with many of these countries by laboratories like those in Queensland Health Pathology Service providing a facility for diagnosis and consultation. The IAP Australasian Division has sponsored Pathologists from the Solomon Islands, Fiji and Papua New Guinea to attend meetings in Sydney. The IAP Australasian Division can best help by providing appropriate sponsorship for Pathologists from these countries to attend the Annual Australasian meeting in Sydney.

Indonesia has its own IAP Division. In bygone years IAP Australasian Pathologists have visited Indonesia taking part in Post Graduate teaching.

At the conceptual level, like we will see a School of Pathology in the Middle East supported by the British IAP Division, a future possibility would be for the Australasian Division to sponsor a week long School of Pathology to provide Pathology education for wider Australasian and Pacific Island regions. It is likely that such a notion would be well supported by Queensland Health Pathology Service and other Pathologists in Australia and New Zealand.

In short, the level of Pathology practice and expertise in all of these countries does require substantial building over the coming years. The Australasian Division of IAP is likely to play an important role in aiding these developments.

This overview has been prepared with the help and major input of Associate Professor Stephen Weinstein of the Gold Coast Hospital Pathology Laboratories.

H Konrad Muller
President-Elect IAP