The year 2011 has been an excellent and eventful year with many exciting developments in the advancement of pathology education due to the hard work and commitment of a large number of the IAP Divisions and their collaborative activities. New IAP Divisions have been formed, namely the Balkan, Mexican and Panamanian Divisions. And Georgia, Turkey and Serbia are in the process of forming Divisions. 2011 has also seen the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of two of our most active Divisions - the Japanese and British Divisions.

There has also been sadness; and I would like to pay homage to Bill Gardner, a longstanding supportive member of the IAP who died shortly before he could take over as IAP Treasurer.

I also want to thank Jack Strong for his long, faithful and wise service to the IAP as Treasurer. And now we welcome and congratulate Allen Tucker as the incoming Treasurer.

The Education Committee, now with HK Ng as Chairman, continues its mission of support to countries perceived as especially deserving. These countries include many in Africa, Eastern Europe, the Asia Pacific regions and some Spanish speaking countries, some of which have not yet formed IAP Division. Attention has been particularly focused on the Far Eastern Countries. Requests for support from Cambodia, Phnom Penh, and the Philippines have been received and approved as well as from Georgia. Many more requests are in the pipeline.

The IAP in 2011 has also supported International Scientific Meetings of the Cuban and Ukrainian Divisions and the 8th Asia Pacific IAP Congress in Taipei, Taiwan which was a great success.

The Education Committee currently is engaged in the selection of applicants for the Bursaries awarded to young pathologists enabling their attendance at the 2012 IAP Congress in Cape Town. In addition to the IAP Bursaries awarded by means of generous donations by a number of IAP Divisions, there is now provision for Bursary awards to Senior Pathologists by means of a Central IAP Senior Bursary Fund. For this Congress there are also Bursaries to be awarded to pathologists from the sub-Saharan African Countries by virtue of a fund set up by the Friends of Africa - led by Adeskunle Adesina and Fred Silva. It is hoped that more Divisions will in future donate funds for Bursaries.

Interaction between different IAP Divisions continues unabated. There are already many such collaborations as mentioned in my previous ‘Message from the President’ Recent collaborations are the Central European Technical Transfer in Diagnostic Pathology Meetings set up by the Hungarian Division which in this its 7th year is being held jointly with the Austrian Division; and the planned collaboration between USCAP and the Hong Kong Division.

The setting up of Assemblies in certain geographical areas such as the South American/Spanish Speaking and APIAP (Asia Pacific IAP) Assemblies is an excellent model for collaboration, offering many advantages in the setting up and delivery of educational programmes by pooling educational resources. More countries in other global areas might also benefit from the formation of Assemblies.

Interaction of the IAP with other Pathology Societies is also beneficial in terms of devising joint educational programmes, as is the link formed between the IAP and European Society of Pathology with joint ESP/IAP symposium now taking place every year during the European Congress of Pathology. It should also be noted that the 2016 IAP International congress in Bonn will be held jointly with the ESP.

The five Schools of Pathology set up between
March 17-23, Vancouver, British Columbia

The General Registration of the meeting was the highest in the history of USCAP attendance - 4458. 25% of the registrants were from more than 24 countries outside of the US and Canada. The biggest number (121) was from the Japanese Division and the second biggest (84) was from the Australasian Division.

Our total USCAP Membership is over 9,350 physician-pathologists. (The apparent decline in membership from the numbers reported in 2011 reflects a change in the membership accounting data). 2,000 of these are Junior members. 1,286 residents/fellows attended this meeting. A number of special functions were included in the program to cater for the junior members. Some of these are illustrated in the photos in this News Bulletin.

Dr. Greg Fuller served a distinguished and quite active term as President of the USCAP. He turned over the gavel and the Presidency to Dr. Linda Ferrell as the new President of the Academy.

Scientific abstracts:
3083 scientific abstracts were submitted for evaluation; this was the most in our history. 71% were accepted as poster presentations. The abstracts are all on line on the USCAP website: www.uscap.org.

Awards

Stowell Orbison Awards for the best scientific poster presentation:
The four co-equal recipients of this award were;
[1008] Comprehensive Molecular Oncogenic Profiling & microRNA Analysis of Prostate Cancer:
Seema Sethi, Dejuan Kong, Greg Dyson, Wael Sakr, Fazlul Sarkar.

Wayne State University, Detroit, MI.

[1620] Identification of Anaerobic Bacteria Using MALDI-TOF MS Bruker Biotype System
Yen-Michael S Hsu, Carey-Anil D Burnham.
Washington University School of Medicine, Saint Louis, MO.

[1656] The Effects of Oxidative Stress on Dendritic Cell Migration and T-Cell Interaction
Ibrahim Batal, Jamil Azzi, Marwan Mounayar, Bechara Mfarrej, Reza Abdi.
Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA.

[1819] Therapeutic Combination of Novel Mitochondrial Hsp90 Inhibitors, Gamitrinibs, with Phosphatidylinositol 3-Kinase Inhibitors Exerts Therapeutic Activity Against Glioblastoma In Vivo and In Vitro without Significant Toxicity
Markus D Siegelin, Dario C Alteri.
Columbia University College of Physicians & Surgeons, New York, NY; The Wistar Institute Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA.

There were 4 co-recipients of Certificates of Merit:
The Institutions from which they came were:
Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO;
A number of Universities in the UK; A number of Universities in Canada; Weill Cornell Medical College, NY.

The ADASP/USCAP Autopsy Award winning abstract was:
Charlene Hellman, Clarissa Krinsky, Sarah Lathrop, Mohammad A Vasef.
University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM.
The ADASP/USCAP Surgical Pathology Awardee was:

**Carotid Plaque Inflammation and Morphology Is Associated with Early Stroke Recurrence.**
Susan Prendeville, Michael Marnane, Aine Merwick, Orla Sheehan, Niamh Hannon, Tim Grant, Peter Kelly, Niall Mulligan.

Mater Misericordiae University Hospital and University College Dublin, Ireland.

**Courses**

The Long Course entitled “**Building On The Past, Moving To the Future**” was presented by Drs. Steven Swerdlow and Elias Campo. It was attended by 713 registrants. It included a CD that contained over 600 images. It was well received and will be published in the next year in Modern Pathology.

**Sixty-half day Short Courses were presented:**

The total registration for Short Courses taken was 5495 (the highest in history). All Short Courses this year had Self-Assessment Modules (SAM) available.

Six Special Courses were offered:

**“A Practical Guide to Molecular Testing in Cancer”** headed by Dr. Julia Bridge (Univ. Nebraska) was “sold out” attracting virtually a maximum room number of 495 registrants on Monday. This course has a CD in addition to the extensive syllabus.

**“Advanced Molecular Pathology”** headed by Dr. Frederic Barr, (Univ. of Pennsylvania) on Tuesday attracted 252 registrants and included a CD in addition to the extensive syllabus.

**“Careers in Investigative Pathology”** directed by Drs. Massimo Loda (Brigham & Women’s/Dana Farber) and David Berman (Johns Hopkins) was sub titled “Get Published”. It is now in its third year and it attracted 104 attendees.

**“Navigating the Academic Waters: A Survival Course for Residents/Junior Faculty”** by Dr. Sharon Weiss (Emory University). It also was “sold out” with 104 attendees.

**“Introduction to Molecular Pathology for the Practising Pathologist”** by Dr. Jennifer Hunt (Univ. Arkansas). This was a new course and it had 264 registrants.

**Companion Societies**

Twenty Six Companion Societies presented their educational endeavors on Saturday night and Sunday.

This year two new Companion Societies were added:

- **Association for Pathology Informatics (API)**
- **Association of Veterinary Pathology**

67% of all attendees attended at least one Companion Society Symposium.

**The Nathan Kaufman Timely Topic Lecture**

“The Cancer Genome: A Step Towards Personalized Therapy” given by Dr. Bogdan Czerniak from M. D. Anderson.

**The fifty-fourth Maude Abbot Lecture**

“Ovarian Carcinogenesis. Myths, Models, and Paradigm. Observations of a Biology Watcher” was given by Dr. Robert Kurman (Johns Hopkins).

**The Distinguished Pathologist Award**

Dr. Steven Silverberg

For his long-term, distinguished service in the development of the discipline of pathology and the USCAP. His biosketch is on the USCAP web site.

**The President’s Award**

Dr. Robin Cooke

Robin is from Australia and he is best known to our membership as the man behind the camera. Many of the photographs that have appeared on Academy publications and its website over the years are Robin’s unique contributions to the successes of the Academy. His biosketch is on the USCAP web site.

**The F.K. Mostofi Distinguished Service Award**

Dr. Celeste Powers (Medical College of Virginia).

For her important, multiple, and extraordinary efforts and achievements to the Academy. Celeste was further recognized for her efforts by her election to Vice President of the Academy at the 2012 meeting.

IAP Executive Meeting: Seated: Samir Amr (Pres elect), Antonio Llobart-Bosch, Flavio Mallick (past Pres.), Eduardo Santini-Arujo, Sylvia Aar, Kristin Henry (Pres), David Hardwick (Sec.), HK Ng (Chair Education Com.).

The Ramzi Cotran Young Investigator Award

Dr. Cristina Antonescu (New York Hospital – Weill Cornell School of Medicine). For her major work in molecular mechanisms of oncogenesis in gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST), and molecular characterization of novel fusion genes, which may serve as specific molecular markers in diagnosis and prognosis of soft tissue and bone tumors, as well as potential therapeutic targets.

The Benjamin Castleman Award for the most outstanding paper in the field of human pathology.

Dr. Daniel Winer (University Health Network, Toronto) for his paper entitled “B Cells Promote Insulin Resistance Through Modulation of T-Cells and Production of Pathogenic IgG Antibodies”, published in Nature Medicine 17(5): 610-617, May 2011. The Award was presented by Dr. Greg Lauwers, Vice-Chair of Pathology at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

The F. Stephen Vogel Award for the most outstanding paper published in an Academy journal by a pathologist-in-training.


The Harvey Goldman Master Teacher Award

Dr. Virginia LiVolsi (Univ. Pennsylvania) The USCAP, in conjunction with Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital/Harvard, presented this award.

The 19 evening Specialty Conferences

These are organ-based, and are held from 7:30-9:30 PM, a testimony to the continuing endurance of the meeting’s registrants. All of the evening Specialty Conferences are online on the Academy’s website. SAMs are offered for participation in these conferences.

Other educational endeavors by the USCAP these past few years include:

MyPath a new online service was launched at the meeting. See the website for details.

The First and Largest American Board of Pathology-
approved “Self Assessment Modules” (SAM). All of the educational activities of the USCAP are now eligible for SAMS credits.

**The eAcademy.** This continues to grow and to diversify (go to: www.uscap.org for further information).

**Altruistic activities**
This year the “Friends of Africa” program raised $112,000 to support the travel of sub-Saharan African pathologists to the International Academy of Pathology congress to be held in Cape Town later this year.

**USCAP “Knowledge Hub/Pathology Portal”.** This free service continues to attract numerous users

**Exhibitors**
With 130 exhibitors, this proved to be our largest Exhibit Show in history. The Academy has twice won Tradeshows Week’s Award for the “Fastest 50 Growing Shows”.

**New initiatives for our Junior members**
Saturday Leadership Seminar for residents conducted by Dr. Carol Farver (Cleveland Clinic). It was fully subscribed and a huge success. It will be augmented at future meetings.

**A cocktail reception for residents, members of the USCAP Council and Ambassadors** designed for our future leaders to meet our present ones.

**Fellowship Fair** with 40-55 institutions to discuss hundreds of fellowships (this year 45).

**The evening Specialty Conference** just for house staff/fellows.

**The House Staff Hospitality Lounge** where Academy and Pathology leaders from throughout North America gathered to talk with the house staff. In addition the Weiss and Loda/Berman courses listed above are aimed to these young pathologists.

**The most significant changes to our USCAP Committees:**
- **Dr. Jeff Myers** (University of Michigan), is the President-Elect of the Academy;
- **Dr. Celeste Powers** (Medical College of Virginia) is the Vice President.

**Next year’s Annual USCAP meeting** will be in Baltimore, Maryland, from March 2-8, 2013. Thanks for all your support for all those we serve—our patients, our physicians and our students.

**Bruce R. Smoller, Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Vice President, USCAP.**

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different IAP Divisions continue to flourish. Notable in 2011 was the 9th Arab British School of Pathology which took place in the Sudan in Khartoum. And a new development for the German Division’s International Junior Academy Summer School is that this year the 5th summer School will take place outside Germany in Dublin Ireland in collaboration with the BDIAP. More Schools of Pathology are needed!

With regard to the President’s Working Party on Educational Initiatives (WPEI) set up last year, its pro-active ‘outreach’ programme of visiting Goodwill Ambassadors/Lecturers to underserved countries with poor educational facilities and resources is being developed. Already there are proposals for two such Visiting Ambassadorial programmes for 2012. It is hoped details of the programme can soon be accessed on the IAP website.

Despite all the above educational efforts and achievements of the IAP Divisions and their collaborative successes, many challenges remain as to the effective delivery of pathology education worldwide. Among the most important of these challenges are those imposed by travel restrictions due to cost; Central IAP has limited funds to allocate to the Education Committee. Restriction in travel also results from ethnic and gender problems and in obtaining visas. Then there are the increasing constraints in time available to engage in educational programmes - both on the part of teachers and participants. Language can also present problems. Central IAP is dedicated to finding solutions including ways of generating income. However, in the final analysis, I cannot emphasise too strongly that of prime importance in the delivery of effective international pathology education is dependent on the success and strengths of its Divisions and in the collaboration between the Divisions.

We now all look forward to the 2012 IAP International Congress in Cape Town – the first time an IAP Congress has been held on the Continent of Africa. The number of Bursaries to be awarded for this Congress has been increased so there will be attendance by a large number of young pathologists. The scientific programme under the Presidency of Martin Hale is impressive and should also ensure good attendance by IAP members.

Kristin Henry
President, International Academy of Pathology
March 1st 2012

Below: Tuesday Lunch. Linda Ferrell greeting residents as they waited in line (in a queue) for food