

THE INTERSOCIETY COUNCIL FOR PATHOLOGY INFORMATION

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Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council

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New Name and Governance: ICPI changed its name in 2004 to the Intersociety Council for Pathology Information. Its five member organizations are the American Society for Clinical Pathology, American Society for Investigative Pathology, Association of Pathology Chairs, College of American Pathologists, and the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology. Each member society appoints a representative to the ICPI Board. The current Chair is Dr. Ronald Sparks. ICPI is managed by ASIP.

Pathology as a Career Brochure: ICPI publishes a brochure that is sent to students and the public called "Pathology as a Career." A new edition of the brochure will be published in 2005. The brochure will be available for free to any groups that would like to distribute it. In 2005, every medical student entering the pathology course will receive a copy of the brochure.

Directory of Pathology Training Programs in the United States and Canada. Each year, ICPI publishes a directory of accredited programs in pathology in the US and Canada. The 37th Directory included a record number of fellowship programs and 148 residency programs. Since 2001, the Directory has been available for free on the ICPI website at www.pathologytraining.org. It is possible to search by region, state, institution name or type of program. In 2004, an online submission system was successfully established and the faculty listings of the print directory were expanded.

Outreach Grants: ICPI launched an outreach program to assist societies in promoting ICPI's mission of providing information about pathology. ASIP received an award of \$5,000 in 2004 to develop an outreach program for high school teachers to introduce pathology in the biology curriculum. In 2005, awards of up to \$10,000 are available to member societies. The deadline for proposals in 2005 is March 15. Non-member societies may contact one of the member societies to sponsor an application on their behalf.