

THE INTERSOCIETY COUNCIL FOR PATHOLOGY INFORMATION

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Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council

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Members: The five member organizations of ICPI 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 Spark. ICPI is managed by ASIP. ICPI will observe its 50th anniversary in 2007.

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 2006. The brochure will be available for free to any groups that would like to distribute it. In 2006, 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 38th Directory included a record number of fellowship programs (432), 146 residency programs and 17 post-sophomore fellowships (a continued decline). 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. Awards are still available in 2006. Non-member societies may contact one of the member societies to sponsor an application on their behalf.

Intersociety Pathology Council: ICPI took over the Secretariat function of the IPC in July 2005.