

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 observes its 50th anniversary in 2007.

Invitation to Become an Associate Member of ICPI. ICPI Bylaws have been revised and the Board is now accepting applications for Associate Membership. Dues in 2007 will be \$100. Associate member benefits include a one-page listing in the annual *Directory of Pathology Training Programs* and eligibility of trainee members for ICPI Trainee Travel Awards.

Pathology as a Career Brochure: ICPI has published a new edition of “*Pathology: A Career in Medicine.*” The new brochure has been distributed to every medical school in the United States and Canada so that 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 39th Edition of the *Directory of Pathology Training Programs in the United States and Canada* included a record number of fellowship listings (451, a 5% increase over last year) as well as 146 residency listings. The number of post-sophomore fellowship listings continued to decline (to 15). For the third year, listings were revised on-line utilizing a new program that was received very favorably and that has been cost efficient. 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.

Career Outreach Grant Program: In 2004, ICPI launched a pilot grant program to support initiatives by the five member societies that will result in dissemination of information about pathology as a career. As a result of the success of the pilot program and the improvement in ICPI's finances, the Board extended an invitation to each member society to submit a grant proposal of up to \$10,000 to support such career outreach programs. Member societies are encouraged to submit a proposal for the Board's review. For more information about this new grant program, contact ICPI's Executive Officer, Dr. Mark Sobel at mesobel@asip.org or 301-634-7130.

Trainee Travel Awards: Effective 2007, ICPI is providing trainee travel awards for trainee members of its member societies to receive \$500 travel stipends to attend a scientific meeting. Applications are available on the ICPI website at www.pathologytraining.org.

Management: The ICPI Board voted to extend its Management Agreement with ASIP through 2007.

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