



**Progress Report- 2008**  
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**Directory:** The 40<sup>th</sup> Edition of the *Directory of Pathology Training Programs in the United States and Canada* included a record number of fellowship listings (456) as well as 141 residency listings. The number of post-sophomore fellowship listings continued to decline (to 13). For the third year, listings were revised online utilizing a new program that was received very favorably and that has been cost efficient. The 40<sup>th</sup> Edition was mailed in mid-June.

**Website:** The ICPI website, which includes a searchable version of the *Directory*, has an improved search engine for finding an institution. Copyright notices were added to each listing. ICPI member society submissions to the *Directory* were made available on the website on the Resources Page. In addition, hotlinks to the member society websites are now on the ICPI homepage.

**Pathology Career Brochure:** A new version of “*Pathology: A Career in Medicine*” was mailed to the Chair of every Department of Pathology in the United States and Canada in January 2007 in sufficient quantities (18,000 copies overall) to distribute to every second year medical student. There was a second mailing to all schools in August 2007. In addition, nearly 2,500 copies were sent upon request to high school guidance counselors, pathologists who were participating in career fairs, and individual high school and college students. All mailings are free of charge.

**Finances:** ICPI’s financial status is strong. ICPI’s financial reserves have increased from a dangerously low 23.7% of annual operating expenses in 2001 to a healthy 146% of annual operating expenses. ICPI observed its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2007. Each member society was provided with \$5,000 in support for their annual meeting to plan activities that recognize and promote ICPI’s mission.

**Intersociety Pathology Council (IPC):** The IPC selected ICPI as the new Secretariat on February 27, 2005. Records from ASCP were transferred to ICPI in July 2005. Since then, a new website [www.interpathcouncil.org](http://www.interpathcouncil.org) has been launched and a listserv was initiated for representatives of the IPC member organizations. The annual meeting of the IPC was held in San Diego on March 25, 2007 (during the USCAP Annual Meeting) and had record attendance and participation.

**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. In 2007, ASCP and ASIP received career outreach grants. For more information about this grant program, contact ICPI’s Executive Officer, Dr. Mark Sobel, at [mesobel@asip.org](mailto:mesobel@asip.org).

**Trainee Travel Awards:** To further support the mission of its member societies, ICPI has launched a new trainee travel award program. Trainees of the member societies are eligible to apply for \$500 travel grants to support their travel to a meeting sponsored by the member societies. In 2007, trainee awards were granted to attendees of the CAP and ASCP annual meetings that were held in the Fall. This program will be continued in 2008. Applications can be downloaded from the ICPI website at <http://www.pathologytraining.org/Travel%20Award.pdf>.