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TO: Intersociety Pathology Council

FROM: American Association of Neuropathologists  
Anthony T. Yachnis, M.D., President

RE: Annual Report

The American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) held its 89<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting in Charleston, SC, June 20-23, 2013. Our next meeting will be in Portland, Oregon, June 12-15, 2014. The Special Course will be divided into 2 sessions. The first session, entitled “PI3K-AKT-mTOR & Brain Overgrowth: Too Much of a Good Thing,” will include presentations on developmental and neoplastic CNS disorders such as hemimegalencephaly, cortical dysplasias, tuberous sclerosis, Lhermitte-Duclos Disease, and autism. The afternoon session, entitled, “A Practical Approach to Pediatric Brain Tumors” will include presentations on medulloblastoma classification, pediatric gliomas, and atypical teratoid/rhabdoid tumors. The half-day Presidential Symposium, entitled “Brain Tumor Diagnostics: What’s Next?” will include presentations including “WHO's next? Envisioning the next stages in brain tumor classification and grading,” “Low Grade Gliomas: The TCGA Findings”, “Glioblastoma: The TCGA Findings,” “Meningioma Grading.” Special lectures in our endowed lecture series will include presentations on “Parechovirus Encephalitis” and “Update on the 2012 NIA-AA Alzheimer Disease Diagnostic Criteria”. Additionally, there will be a Trainee Luncheon, and the ever-popular Saturday evening Diagnostic Slide Session.

The Education Committee continues to expanded the availability of Self-Assessment Modules (SAMs) available for neuropathologists needing recertification/maintenance of certification by the American Board of Pathology. Modules on Astrocytomas and Human Prion Diseases are available and modules on skull base tumors, pediatric brain tumors, and peripheral nerve diseases are in preparation. In addition, SAM credits have been available by completing post-test modules based upon the Special Course, Presidential Symposium and the Diagnostic Slide Sessions presented at the annual meetings in 2012 and 2013. I just reviewed the first SAM that was based on a review article of the *Journal of Neuropathology and Experimental Neurology* and we anticipate more opportunities for CME/SAM credits offered by the *journal*. The Education Committee will meet by conference call in March, to finalize plans for the June,

2014 meeting in Portland, OR and discuss educational programs and goals for the 2015 meeting in Denver, CO.

The AANP will again participate in the Companion Society Meetings at the 2014 USCAP Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. The AANP session will be Saturday evening, March 1. The title of the session is, "Glioblastoma: Molecular and Histologic Variants You Need to Know". Presentations will include, "Molecular Pathways Relevant to Gliomagenesis (Dan Brat, Emory)," "Glioblastoma: clinically relevant subtypes and diagnostic challenges (Arie Perry, UCSF)," and "Pediatric High Grade Gliomas (Cynthia Hawkins, U. Toronto, Sick Kids)," and "Clinically Practical Molecular Testing for Glioblastoma (David Louis, Mass. General).

Respectfully submitted,

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