

The Association for Pathology Informatics

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Annual update to the Intersociety Pathology Council
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Leadership: API's current president is Dr. Ronald Weinstein, University of Arizona

Membership: Current membership includes 85 regular, 19 sustaining, 90 associate, 5 institutional/organizational, and 4 corporate members for a total of 203.

Annual Meeting: The 2010 annual meeting combined two former national pathology informatics meetings into one larger meeting, Pathology Informatics 2010, which was held in Boston during September. The meeting had approximately 490 attendees. The next meetings will be held in Pittsburgh and Chicago. This meeting combined the former Advancing Practice, Instruction and Innovation through Informatics (APIII) and Lab InfoTech Summit (LITS) meetings. API also co-sponsors sessions at the College of American Pathologists annual meeting and is applying for companion meeting status with the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology at future annual meetings.

Awards: API awards several travel grants to pathology residents/fellows to the annual meeting. The Lifetime Achievement Award in Pathology Informatics for 2010 was awarded to Dr. Ronald Weinstein, University of Arizona. The 2009 Lifetime Achievement Award was awarded posthumously to Dr. Michael McNeely, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Journal: API has started a new open access, peer reviewed electronic journal called the *Journal of Pathology Informatics*. The journal is indexed in PubMed. The editorial board was organized and the first issue published in March, 2010. It is available for viewing at <http://jpathinformatics.org>.

Status of API: API became incorporated in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in 2009 and has applied to the IRS for 501(c)3 not-for-profit status. The office is currently housed at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. The University of Michigan and University of Colorado have assisted in providing and hosting API's website and member listserve. The website will shortly be undergoing extensive revisions.