

As requested, below please find a synopsis of the Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists' 2007 progress report.

The second, and final year of the presidency of Professor Gene P. Siegal (University of Alabama at Birmingham) was a busy one for the Society. Key among last year's events were the major pathology societies bonding together to create a unified position in response to a proposed CMS coding initiative. This evolved into what became known as the Medically Unbelievable Edits (MUE) proposal, and was successfully, it briefly concluded with organized pathology, under the leadership of the College of American Pathologists, securing the withdrawal of this proposal as it was originally constituted.

The Society reconfirmed its relationship with its official journal, The American Journal of Surgical Pathology, and negotiated some minor changes that were favorable to the Society.

The Society awards stipends to outstanding young trainees, and this year was no different. Three awards were made to individuals at the University of Texas, Houston, University of Louisville, and Vanderbilt University to support their advanced training in sub-specialty areas of diagnostic surgical pathology not available at the home institution.

As it does each year, the Society also awards the Arthur Purdy Stout Prize for the most outstanding manuscript by a young individual in the field of pathology and this year, the prize was awarded to Pedram (Pete) Argani of Johns Hopkins University. It should be noted that the winner of the Stout Prize for 2006 was Dr. Liang Cheng of Indiana University.

For nearly two decades, John Crisman, former Professor and Chair of the Department of Pathology and former Dean of the School of Medicine at Wayne State University served as the Society's legal agent. With his retirement, this responsibility was transferred through the treasurer, Dr. Susan Maygarden to Dr. Joel Greenson of the University of Michigan where the Society is legally centered. Dr. Greenson also serves as the Chair of the Educational Committee.

Dr. Siegal, as the President of the Stout Society, and serving as the previous Chair of the Fellow Council of the American Society of Clinical Pathology gave testimony to the Commission examining the status of the AFIP as specifically related to the retention of its tissue repository. That discussion continues to the present time but it appears that this repository may move to the Walter Reed Hospital on the Bethesda Naval Military Medical Center Campus, but this is still not finalized.

In regard to educational activities, as it has for many years, the Stout Society continues to offer a companion meeting at the USCAP. This year, its title is "40 Years After Stout: Contemporary Issues in Soft Tissue Pathology" with an outstanding panel under the direction of Prof. Cyril Fisher of the Royal Marsden Hospital in London. Speakers included Andrew Rosenberg from Harvard, Chris Fletcher from Harvard and Sharon Weiss from Emory, as well as Dr. Fisher. In addition, the Stout Society Lecturer at the ASCP annual meeting this past year was Dr. Ralph Hruban from Johns Hopkins University. The Latin American Society elected to meet in Cuba. The Stout Society thus elected not to participate, but is planning to participate at the next Latin American meeting scheduled for Uruguay. Finally, the Stout Society also co-sponsored a course at the CAP Annual Meeting which was presented by Dr. Elvio Silva of MD Anderson on Gynecologic Pathology.

Lastly, the Stout Society elected not to begin to offer Maintenance of Competency [MOC] education as a free standing entity, but to work through the other major pathology societies of which all its members are members, specifically, the CAP, ASCP, and USCAP.

Respectfully Submitted,

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