

As requested, below please find a synopsis of the **Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists'** 2008 progress report.

The second year of the presidency of Maria J. Merino (National Institute of Health) was a busy one for the Society. As it is done every year, the Society awarded stipends to outstanding young trainees that are interested in obtaining further training in specific areas of Surgical Pathology. Three awards were made to the following residents - Dr. Joyce Ou from the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Finn from UNC and Dr. Jo from UVA, to support their advanced training in sub-specialty areas not available at the home institution. Each applicant had the support of their institution as well as the guest department.

The Society also awards the Arthur Purdy Stout Prize for the most outstanding young individual in the field of pathology, and this year, the prize was awarded to Dr. Andrew Folpe from the Mayo Clinic, for his outstanding contributions to Surgical Pathology.

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 program is entitled "New and Challenging diagnosis in Surgical Pathology". An outstanding panel of experts that include Dr. J. Epstein from JHH, Dr. Myers from Ann Arbor Michigan, Dr. Reis-Filho from ICR in London, and Dr. Petras from NO will participate. In addition, the Stout Society Lecturer at the ASCP annual meeting this past year was Dr. Robert Petras from Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. Finally, the Stout Society also co-sponsored a course at the CAP Annual Meeting, which was given by Dr. Christopher Crum of Brigham and Women in Boston.

The APSS will participate for the second time in the European Congress of Pathology. A companion meeting has been organized between European and American members. The theme of the meeting is "New and difficult lesions in Surgical Pathology" and will count with the participation of outstanding pathologists as Dr. Juan Rosai, Dr. Christopher Fletcher, Dr. Maria Merino, and Dr. Francisco Nogales. More than 400 pathologists attended the previous meeting that was held in Istanbul.

The Society reconfirmed its relationship with its official journal, The American Journal of Surgical Pathology

Lastly, the Stout Society will continue to work closely 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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