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**Report of the Canadian Association of Pathologists  
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**(1) Advocacy Initiatives:**

- Workload guidelines were published in the Canadian Journal of Pathology.
- Immunohistochemistry guidelines were published in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology.
- The Canadian Journal of Pathology continues to grow, and abstracts from the Annual Meeting were published online in the journal.
- Several Ad Hoc Committees were formed:
  - The Mission Statement Committee, chaired by the Resource Development Chair, produced a new concise and comprehensive Mission Statement.
  - The Working Groups on the Pathologist and Tissue Banking, Guidelines for Pathology Review for Research, and the Royal College Diploma Program continue their important work, with the latter producing a CAP-ACP White Paper on the proposed Royal College Diploma Programs.
  - The Section on Patient Safety and Quality Assurance organized a Quality Summit and a Quality Symposium at the CAP-ACP Annual Meeting in Montreal, at which leaders in Quality Assurance in Canada, the United States and Britain presented the latest views on Quality Assurance and facilitated discussion.
  - Dr. Michael Pollanen, Chair of the Section of Forensic Pathology, led a fact-finding mission to Haiti to plan a Disaster Victim Identification (DVI) mission in collaboration with the CAP-ACP, the RCMP and INTERPOL. The Section hosted a Symposium on DVI at the Annual Meeting.
- Five new Special Interest Groups (SIGs) have been formed, joining the Humanities in Pathology SIG, namely: International Health; Education; Informatics; Tissue Banking; and Semen Analysis. The International Health SIG collaborated with the CAP on behalf of the CAP-ACP on Haiti relief.

**Collaboration with other Organizations:**

- After endorsing the College of American Pathologists (CAP) Cancer Checklists last year, and with the assistance of the Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC), CAP-ACP developed a Memorandum of Understanding with CAP, and established Canadian Expert Panels that will give input into the development of the CAP Cancer Checklists. CAP-ACP also continues to work with CPAC to establish national synoptic reporting for Pathology cancer reports.
- CAP-ACP and CPAC co-developed, and CAP-ACP accredited four web-based education sessions on the use of the checklists. These sessions are also available online for ongoing CPD.
- CAP-ACP, CPAC and Cancer Care Ontario co-developed, and CAP-ACP accredited a number of additional education sessions on the use of the checklists. These sessions are also available online for ongoing CPD.

- CAP-ACP, CPAC and CCO co-developed, and CAP-ACP accredited a session on the TNM system that will be offered in April, 2011.
- CAP-ACP was also involved in the planning of a Consensus Conference on Laboratory Medicine in the fall, organized by the Royal College, and is a member of a working group developing terms of reference for a Canadian Leadership Council on Laboratory Medicine that was proposed by the conference.
- CAP-ACP is also working with Accreditation Canada and the Canadian Standards Association on a proposal to obtain funding for work in Quality Assurance in Canada.
- In order to communicate more effectively with the Canadian public, CAP-ACP has developed ties with the Canadian Cancer Action Network (CCAN) including inviting a CCAN representative to our Council Meeting.
- CAP-ACP and Eli Lilly Canada Inc. co-developed, and CAP-ACP accredited an educational series, Pulmonary Oncology Program for Pathologists and Oncologists.
- CAP-ACP was accredited as a Royal College Accredited Provider of CPD for another five years, and was rated excellent on many accreditation standards.

**(2) Membership Issues:**

- Financial viability of our organization.
- Recruitment and retention of new members. Approximately 60% of pathologists in Canada are members of CAP-ACP. CAP-ACP currently has 1017 members which includes Emeritus, Honorary, Junior 1<sup>st</sup> year, Junior 2-5 years, Associate and Corresponding Members.
- Need to constantly update our database, instrumental in providing critical information to our Provincial Associations in times of negotiations.

**(3) Conferences:**

- A very successful Annual Meeting was held in Montreal in July, 2010.
- The meeting was preceded by a second meeting on Immunohistochemistry.
- Extensive planning is underway for our annual meeting in Vancouver (CAP-ACP's 62<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary) June 4-8, 2011, with the Canadian Society of Clinical Chemists.
- The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual CAP-ACP Resident Review Course will take place in March, 2011, in Hamilton.
- CAP-ACP is collaborating with CAP to offer a course on breast pathology in 2011 in Toronto. A portion of the course will consist of online Self Assessment Programs that will be accredited by the CAP-ACP.

Respectfully submitted,




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