

Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology

2006 Report to the Intersociety Pathology Council

The Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology (PSC) evolved in the last 10+ years out of USCAP members with an interest in Cytopathology who perceived the need for a Companion Society that bridged the gap between surgical pathology and cytopathology. As per its first elections only 8 years ago, the governance of the PSC is via a Board of Directors with 5 officers (2 - 3 year terms) and 6 Executive Board members (3 year terms). Since its inception it has evolved into a 420 member international society that not only sponsors a scientific session at the annual USCAP meeting, but participates regularly in international meetings sponsored by the International Academy of Pathology, International Academy of Cytopathology, and European Congress of Pathology among others. This year the PSC will begin its own Biennial Summer Meeting, the Montebello Conference in association with the Norwegian Cancer Society, in Lillehammer, Norway.

Diagnostic Cytopathology is the official journal of the PSC.

The PSC is one of the few Companion Societies to have initiated its own Saturday afternoon session dedicated to fostering cytology internationally : "Cells Without Borders". These sessions include special programs with social and large scale health implications for developing countries. The PSC is also a leader in the area of developing (via expert panels), validating (via surveys) and publishing (via the newsletter, journal and website), standards of practice in non-gynecologic cytology. In 2006, the PSC was invited to sponsor a landmark series of Cytopathology Monographs, to be published by Cambridge University Press.

The PSC regularly collaborates with other professional organizations for practice guidelines and issues which are relevant to cytopathology. Most recently PSC was part of the Cytopathology Education and Technology Consortium formed to provide guidance to the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services and other regulatory bodies regarding revisions of the Cytology Proficiency Test Regulations.

Other Society activities include the sponsorship of annual awards which are announced at the USCAP meeting:

- \$500. Resident Research Award for the highest caliber research abstract presented by a resident or fellow in cytology at the USCAP meeting
- \$1000. L.C. Tao Educator of the year award given to an esteemed educator in the field of cytology. (financially sponsored by L.C. Tao)
- \$1000. Yolanda Oertel Interventional Cytopathologist award given to a cytopathologist who is forwarding the practice of fine needle aspiration in a community practice of university setting. (financially sponsored by Yolanda Oertel)