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Progress Report

The Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology Evening Session will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011. The topic will be, The Evolving Practice of Cytopathology: Morphology, Ancillary Tests and Personalized Medicine. The scheduled speakers are Drs. Zubair Baloch (University of Pennsylvania), Sylvia Asa (University Health Network, Toronto, Ontario), Jennifer Hunt (Massachusetts General Hospital), Dara Aisner (University of Pennsylvania) and William Westra (Johns Hopkins Hospital).

The PSC Afternoon Session (2/26/2011) will focus on the international practice of cytology with emphasis on training programs in Africa and screening programs in Mexico. During the Afternoon Session, speakers will include Rebecca Share of the Lawrence Armstrong Foundation, Austin, Texas, Britt-Marie Ljung, University of California, San Francisco, Ludwig Erick Gonzalez Mena of the Mexican Academy of Cytopathology and Andrew Field (St. Vincent's Hospital, Sydney, Australia).

The Papanicolaou Society has undertaken a number of outreach programs in Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East. These programs are designed to develop cytopathology service infrastructure, long term relationships with local pathologists, and the development of educational resources in a variety of developing countries. Programs have included, Papanicolaou Society members presenting educational programs which include workshops at a variety of sites in Africa and Southeast Asia. Additionally, the PSC has developed a "buddy" system for the sharing of cytopathology journals with pathologists in Africa. The PSC has focused on the creation of educational courses in fine-needle aspiration which partner with local pathologists and trainees to build fine-needle aspiration services and educational resources.

The PSC has extended agreements with European and Asian cytopathology societies to broaden its membership base and develop an international network of cytopathologists and surgical pathologists. The PSC has recently participated in educational programs at the 2009 European Congress of Cytopathology in Lisbon and the British Society of Cytopathology 2010 meeting in Edinburgh. The PSC continues to strengthen its relationship with the American Society of Cytopathology by developing joint educational sessions. Joint programs are designed to optimize contributions from the two societies which have different strengths and membership bases.

The PSC will build upon its successful contributions to the NCI State of the Science Review for thyroid FNA by developing a set of guidelines for cytologic diagnosis of pancreaticobiliary tract lesions and

pulmonary/mediastinal lesions. The first of these guidelines are proposed to be completed by the end of 2011 with the pulmonary guidelines projected to be completed by late 2012. The major mission of the PSC continues to be educational both nationally and internationally. The 2010 Companion Society Meeting at the USCAP focused on fine-needle aspiration of thyroid lesions beyond the summary of the NCI State of the Science in thyroid cytopathology. The PSC will continue to develop educational programs which partner with professional societies in surgery, medicine, and radiology. Summaries of the State of the Science and in some cases, guidelines for cytopathology will be issued as part of the educational mission of the PSC.

Respectfully submitted,

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