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**Progress Report**

The Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology (PSC) companion scientific session will be held on Saturday March 1, 2014 at the 103<sup>rd</sup> USCAP annual meeting in San Diego, CA. This scientific program will focus on the challenges as well as the exciting new developments in the field of cytopathology. The session has been developed by Dr. Mathew Zarka, chair of the PSC scientific program committee and carries a provocative title of ***“Reinventing Our Profession: Challenges and Experiences”***. Presentations will be given by Drs. Britt-Marie Ljung and Susan Rollins on the topic of ultrasound-guided FNA performed by pathologist in both academic and community settings. Drs. Yuri Nikiforova and Dara Aisner will discuss the emerging technologies and new molecular markers applied to thyroid and lung cytology specimens. The session will end with a presentation from Dr. Liron Pantanowitz on next generation sequencing and current biomedical informatics challenges. The International Relations Committee of PSC will also present an afternoon session at USCAP annual meeting (03/01/2014) in collaboration with International Academy of Cytology (IAC). The discussion will focus on PSC and IAC sponsored Cervical Cancer Prevention Program.

The PSC continues to foster relationships with both national and international pathology societies. PSC has developed exciting sponsored educational events with other societies which include American Society of Clinical Pathology, American Society of Cytopathology, International Academy of Cytopathology, International Academy of Pathology, Binford Infectious Diseases Society and European Federation of Cytopathology Societies. These cosponsored programs are designed to optimize contributions from the various societies with different strengths, needs and membership bases. The Papanicolaou society is also actively involved in the development of outreach programs in Africa and Southeast Asia. These educational programs include didactic lectures, FNA tutorials and live slide sessions. The local pathologists and technologists are actively involved in the development of these programs. We are determined for these relationships to continue and fostered by the present and future officers of the PSC and its roster of vibrant members.

The PSC continues to fulfill its educational mission at both national and international level. It has proven to be a leader in the field of cytopathology in developing guidelines/recommendations for common cytology specimens such as thyroid, pancreas and lung. This is all accomplished by establishing lasting partnerships with medical societies of similar interest. As officers of the PSC we believe that the accomplishments of PSC will continue to grow and keep this society as a productive member among other pathology societies.

Respectfully submitted

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