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**Progress Report**

The Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology (PSC) companion scientific session will be held on Saturday March 21, 2015 at the 104<sup>th</sup> USCAP annual meeting in Boston, MA. This scientific program will focus on the challenges as well as the exciting new developments in the field of Head and Neck cytopathology. The session has been developed by Dr. Mathew Zarka, chair of the PSC scientific program committee and carries a provocative title of **"Small Biopsy Specimens of Head and Neck with Emphasis on Cell Cytology and the Role of Special Studies"**. Presentations by Dr. William C. Faquin will address aspects of the diagnosis of salivary gland lesions by fine needle aspiration biopsy including diagnostic pitfalls and the incorporation of ancillary studies as an aid to the diagnosis of these challenging lesions. The second presentation by Dr. Raja R. Seethala will focus on small biopsies of intraoral lesions and parapharyngeal space lesions with emphasis on cell cytology and special studies, including diagnostic pitfalls. The third presentation by Dr. Lester D.R. Thompson will focus on small biopsy specimens of sino-nasal lesions with emphasis on cell cytology and the role of special studies. The fourth and the final talk by Dr. Margaret S. Brandwein-Gensler will cover difficult squamo-proliferative lesions and variants of squamous cell carcinoma, and challenging benign and malignant mimics of head and neck squamous lesions. This will include emphasis on cell cytology and the role of ancillary studies.

The International Relations Committee of PSC will also present an afternoon session at USCAP annual meeting (03/21/2015). The presentation topics will include: PSC sponsored Cervical Cancer Prevention Program in developing countries, developing a breast FNA biopsy service in Peru and U.S.-funded measurements of cervical cancer death rates in India.

The PSC continues to foster relationships with both national and international pathology societies. PSC has developed exciting sponsored educational events for this year with other societies which include American Society of Clinical Pathology, American Society of Cytopathology, International Academy of Cytopathology 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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