

## United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology

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The USCAP currently has 10,020 members, including 2,117 Junior Members,

The USCAP website ([www.uscap.org](http://www.uscap.org)) continues to add materials. The complete Program Book for the current meeting is online, and includes a Daily Schedule by topics and all of the Abstracts. Beginning with the 2006 annual meeting, paper copies of the handouts for the 23 Companion Society Symposia and the 17 evening Specialty Conferences will no longer be printed and distributed at the meeting. Handouts for Companion Society symposia will be placed on the USCAP website at least two weeks before the annual meeting. Specialty Conference slides and case histories will be available on the website at least a month prior to the annual meeting, and the complete handout will be placed on the website the morning after the conference. These will not be available in advance in order not to give away the diagnoses. Visitors to the website will have high quality jpeg images, a discussion of the differential diagnosis and references available for study even if they cannot come to the meeting. Also available on the website are all of the teaching materials from the meetings of 2002-2005 together with a search function.

The USCAP continues to send surplus educational materials around the world to those IAP divisions with the greatest need as well as others - from Azerbaijan to Yugoslavia.

The 2006 Annual Meeting provides an abundance of educational opportunities. A total of 1,588 abstracts will be presented, including 218 submitted for trainee awards. There are 60 short courses scheduled, including 18 new courses. The Long Course on "*Pathology of Liver & Pancreas*" will be co-directed by Drs. Linda Ferrell and Volkan Adsay. The two Special Courses on molecular pathology are continued. Introductory Molecular Pathology provides attendees with the basic genetic principles for understanding the applications of molecular methodologies in clinical medicine. Advanced Molecular Pathology focuses on translational issues that link basic discoveries with the practice of pathology. Additional highlights of this year's program include the Nathan Kaufman Timely Topics Lecture which will be presented by Dr. Tyler Jacks and is entitled "*Animal Models for Human Disease*". Dr. Anna-Luise Katzenstein will deliver this year's Maude Abbott Lecture, entitled "*Changing Concepts and New Ideas in Pulmonary Pathology*".

The new housestaff initiatives which began last year will be continued. A Housestaff Hospitality room will be open on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and many renown pathologists have agreed to be present in the room for informal conversation and 1:1 interactions with housestaff. A Fellowship Fair will again be held on Sunday afternoon. We have 50 institutions who have signed up to be present to advertise their various fellowships free of charge. A Housestaff Specialty Conference will be on Sunday evening and this year's topic "Beyond Training - Jobs, Jobs, Jobs" will include talks by Fred Silva "*What Employers are looking for*" and Carol Farver "*What Employees are Looking For*". There will also be a panel discussion and housestaff will have ample opportunity to ask questions.

The USCAP Strategic Planning Subcommittee, under the direction of Dr. Jeffrey Myers (Chair of the Education Committee) is moving forward with the implementation phase of the process. Recommendations arising from this committee have resulted a second new course, Practical Pathology Seminars. This new course, under the direction of John Goldblum will be held March 9 - 12, 2006 in Amelia Island, FL. The second presentation of Diagnostic Cytopathology, directed by Celeste Powers, was presented January 13-15, 2006 in Palm Desert, CA and was again very successful. Diagnostic Pathology 2005 was in Santa Barbara, CA, July 9 - 15, 2005 and attracted 136 registrants. The evaluations reflected that it was highly rated by attendees. The 2006 Course will be on July 8 - 14 in Bar Harbor, ME - a location which attracted a record number of registrants in the past.

The IAP Centennial Congress, hosted by the United States and Canadian Division, will be held September 16 - 21, 2006 in Montreal. Planning for the educational programs to be presented are well underway, under the direction of Drs. Jeffrey Myers and Richard Fraser. Congress representatives will be present at this meeting to promote the Congress.

Respectfully Submitted,

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