

This past year has been an exciting and busy year for the USCAP division of the International Academy of Pathology. Last year, the annual Meeting was held in Vancouver, Canada and saw many of its attendance records broken. Over 4500 pathologists attended the meeting (most ever by several hundred), including over 1,000 pathologists from other divisions of the IAP. The meeting saw the most abstracts ever presented, the most ever submitted and the most pathologists-in-training ever to attend one of our Annual Meetings. The Stowell-Orbison poster competition was the largest and most competitive ever. Those who attended will attest to the spectacular venue and the quality of the program. While the numbers in Baltimore are not yet final, they also appear to be very strong. Preliminary numbers suggest that again, in excess of 4,000 pathologists are attending the meeting, with over 1,000 from overseas and 1,000 pathologists-in-training.

The USCAP hosted a Practical Pathology Seminars meeting in Boston, attracting approximately 75 pathologists and again, garnering tremendously positive evaluations from meeting attendees. This seminar was followed by our annual Diagnostic Pathology meeting in Bar Harbor, Maine. Approximately 140 pathologists attended this meeting, the second largest gathering ever for this meeting. Again, the speakers were all top-notch and the venue was perfect. This year's summer event is scheduled for Anchorage, AK.

Our annual Diagnostic Cytopathology course was held in January and broke all attendance records for this course, with over 100 attendees enjoying New Orleans and the high quality presentations from our faculty.

The USCAP division co-hosted its first ever joint venture with the Hong Kong division of the IAP. Gary Tse and Bruce Smoller jointly directed a course that was sponsored by the Hong Kong division, with the collaborative efforts of a team of visiting speakers from the USCAP division, including Drs. Syed Ali (cytopathology), Joel Greenson (GI pathology) and Bruce Smoller (dermatopathology). This course was held in Hong Kong the first weekend in January and we had a terrific turnout by pathologists from throughout south east Asia. The division is greatly looking forward to similar joint ventures throughout the world, should these be deemed to be mutually beneficial and in the spirit of cross-fertilization. A similar event with the German Division of the IAP is scheduled for September 2014.

The USCAP division has embarked on a complete re-build of its website, striving to attain a more streamlined website that will make it easier for users throughout the world to navigate to exactly the sites that they want and need. As part of this site, all of our free educational materials will remain intact as we continue to add more functionality. The website will be a great step forward in the move towards a "virtual program" that the division highlighted with the release of MyPath in March. This dedicated website has proven to be a useful resource as more than 2000 pathologists have logged on and begun to use its reference capabilities. Every month, we are attempting to add to its content which now includes all of the NIH's PubMed, Rosai's and Sternberg's textbooks of surgical pathology, many other subspecialty textbooks, abundant content drawn from the entirety of the USCAP website and other types of social and interactive sites.

We are eagerly trying to expand our electronic offerings as well as to continue to diversify the types and scope of our live educational offerings. We look forward to remaining a vibrant and dynamic division of the organization in years to come!