

Report for IPC March, 2014

It was a very busy and productive year for the USCAP. Following upon last year's USCAP Annual Meeting that broke all records for attendance, abstracts submitted, trainees present and non-US and Canadian residents attending, our smaller meetings showed similar levels of outstanding success. The Practical Pathology Seminars meeting that was held in San Francisco attracted over 135 attendees. Diagnostic Pathology, a week-long course held in Anchorage, Alaska this past July attracted nearly 180, approaching the all time record for this event. The recent Diagnostic Cytopathology course, held in San Diego, showed a slight drop in attendance but was also a great success. The final numbers are not in for the current Annual Meeting, but it appears that we will be on course to approach last year's numbers, if not to exceed them. The numbers of abstracts submitted and numbers of Short Course proposals achieved record high numbers this year. Clearly, the USCAP continues to garner the enthusiastic support of members and non-member pathologists throughout the world.

The USCAP also participated in two joint ventures meetings this year. There was a week long School of Pathology held in Cape Coast, Ghana in conjunction with the West African division of the IAP. Over 100 pathologists from West Africa attended the week-long conference and the leadership of that division expressed its excitement about the program and hope for its continuation. Five speakers from the USCAP provided a series of lectures that extended over a 4-5 day program and covered topics as diverse as residency training, laboratory compliance and process improvement and dermatopathology. The USCAP also jointly sponsored an educational event with the German Division of the IAP. Speakers from both divisions shared the stage, helping to educate more than 100 pathologists from many parts of the globe. Leaders from both divisions felt the program to be a success and hoped to create a lasting arrangement that might see additional shared events moving forward – a model for collaboration between divisions of the IAP! In keeping with our efforts to help with pathology education throughout the world, the USCAP also helped to support educational activities in both India and Albania.

The USCAP completely re-built its website this year in order to respond to a growing concern amongst its members that the old site was cluttered, outdated and incapable of more sophisticated educational technologies that are becoming more and more relevant as we move forward with our CME/SAMs programs. This resulted in a more than one-year process that has completely consumed the work force in Augusta, along with several outside vendors. The site is still not completed, with much archival material still to be entered into the site. I have been given every assurance that the entire Knowledge Hub content will continue to reside on the site, will be free of charge, and will be updated each year as Short Courses and other enduring materials are rotated off other sections of the website. This did not happen in as timely a manner as we had all hoped due to major technical issues revolving around membership renewals and Annual Meeting registration and operations.

The USCAP physically relocated its headquarters during all of these projects, moving several miles down the road. Our new address is 404 Towne Park

Boulevard, Evans, Georgia 30809. We moved to a new office space that we were able to design according to our specifications and I am pleased to report that the space is beautiful and ample for our needs.

N. B. I am sad to report that with the adjournment of this year's Annual Meeting I will be resigning my position as the Executive Vice President of the USCAP. I will, of course, remain involved in the Academy. A search for my successor is currently under way. Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the IAP these past few years.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce R. Smoller, MD
Executive Vice President
United States & Canadian Academy of Pathology