

REPORT OF THE 10th BUSINESS MEETING,
CYTOPATHOLOGY WORKING GROUP – ESP
Helsinki, August 30, 2011

The 11th Business Meeting of the Cytopathology Working Group (WG) of European Society of Pathology (ESP) was held in Helsinki-Finland, on August the 30th, 2011, during the 23rd European Congress of Pathology. The meeting was organized in two sections: the first was organized with the International Academy of Cytology and dealt on the following topic: “Cytology in developing countries: old techniques, new opportunities”, The second part has been dedicated to the Cytopathology WG business affairs. In the first part dr. Roberto Monaco from Naples (IT), member of the Italian organization “Patologi oltre frontiera”, presented his experience in different developing countries as pathologist. Dr. Monaco gave an impressive presentation, focusing on the crucial role that cytopathology may have in the health care organization of developing countries. The presentation of dr. Monaco, combining human and professional aspects, had a great impact on the audience, attested by many final questions and by the proposal of constitution of a specific WG dedicated to the pathology in developing countries. In the second part dedicated to WG business affair, the chair first reported on the meeting of the ESP chairs that had been hold in Brussels on January 29, 2011. Dr. Z. Pohar-Marinek then presented the results of the second round of the pilot study on “Immunocytochemical staining of ER-PR on breast FNAs”. The results and the future prospects of this study were discussed and the secretary accepted the task of require a financial support from ESP.

The chair then communicate the request of dr. Amanda Herbert, Editor-in-Chief of Cytopathology to propose the Journal as an Official Journal of the ESP. Whereas the members were general in favour, the difficulties of former similar initiatives have been stressed; however the chair accepted the task of asking the ESP secretary about this possibility.

Finally the discussion dealt on the next 24th Congress ESP that will be held in Prague on September 2012. The chair communicated to the assembly the organization and the chairmen of the sessions allotted to the Cytopathology WG by the local committee of the ESP. Finally the request of other sessions/satellite symposia, organized by the Cytopathology WG in collaboration with other societies and WGs, as successfully done in the former ESP Congresses, was approved by all the participants. In conclusion the need of widening of WG by the involvement of young pathologists has been stressed and accepted as main task of the WG. The meeting was then closed.