



GYNAECOLOGICAL PATHOLOGY WORKING GROUP

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Dear Members of the Gynecologic Pathology Working Group, dear friends and colleagues!

We would like to take the opportunity to give you a brief update on the decisions taken at the business meeting of September 6, 2009 at the ECP in Florence, Italy, as well as to provide you some information for the upcoming meetings.

1. New officers of the WG

The following officers of the working group were elected:

Chairperson: Prof. Jaume Ordi (Hospital Clínic, University of Barcelona)

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Secretary: Prof. Harry Hollema (University of Barcelona, The Netherlands)

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The officers during the previous two years were

Past chairman: Prof .s. Regauer (Graz, Austria)

Past secretary: Dr.Jaume Ordi (Barcelona Spain)

The new officers were proposed at the business meeting of the GYN Pathology WG held during the Intercontinental Congress of Pathology in Barcelona 2008. No other nominations were received and no objections to this proposal were raised.

2. Structure of the working group

It was suggested to formally establish an advisory board formed by a group of senior members of the WG who have been particularly active in the formation and recent history of the WG. These senior members have actively provided advice during the last few years. Past chairs will also become new members of the advisory committee for a period of 4 years. Thus, the advisory committee will be formed by:

Senior members:

- Mike Wells (UK)
- Vera Abeler (Norway)
- Francisco Nogales (Spain)

Past chair:

- Sigrid Regauer (Austria)

The officers (chair and secretary) will be active in their positions for a period of 2 years. In order to provide continuity to the WG, after the period of 2 years, the chair will become a member of the advisory committee for a period of 4 years and the secretary will become the chair. Thus, the secretary of the WG will act as elected chair.

3. Membership of the working group

According to the bylaws of the ESP, each member of the working group should become a member of the ESP. There is no additional membership fee to join this working group.

Nevertheless, any pathologists interested in GYN pathology from European and non-European countries may receive the newsletter by emailing the secretary.

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The mailing list currently has 174 members from 28 different countries.

Country	Dom	n	Country	Dom	n
Austria	at	6	Netherlands	nl	8
Belgium	be	3	Niger	ne	1
Czech Rep	cz	3	Unidentified	net/org	7
Denmark	dk	5	Norway	no	5
Finland	fi	5	Poland	pl	1
France	fr	6	Portugal	pt	10
Germany	de	15	Romania	ro	3
Greece	gr	11	Russia	ru	1
Hungary	hu	5	Spain	es	40
Iceland	is	1	Sweden	se	3
Ireland	ie	3	Switzerland	ch	2
Israel	il	3	Turkey	tr	11
Italy	it	4	United Kingdom	uk	8
Macedonia	mk	2	USA	us	1

To update the membership list and to ensure that everyone receives news about the working group, we ask members and interested pathologists who want to join to respond to this newsletter with a complete list of postal and email addresses, phone and fax numbers to the secretary Harry Hollema at h.hollema@path.azg.nl

In order to be included in the activities of future meetings, members are asked to provide their areas of special interest or expertise and, if possible, a list of their publications (original manuscripts, case reports book chapters), lectures, participation and organization of meetings during the last few years. We would also like to encourage the members of the WG to let us know about recent publications

The officers will contact with the national societies of Pathology to identify national working groups or pathologists with especial interest in GYN pathology.

4. Forthcoming meetings

3rd Intercongress of the ECP in Krakow, Poland. September 2010.

As previous Intercongresses the Krakow meeting has a special focus on activities of the working groups. All WG's will have two sessions at this meeting, one 2.5 hours and a second shorter 1.5 hour session.

The proposed activities are

- A slide seminar of 2.5 hours
- A short course on endometrial pathology of 1.5 hours.
- A 2.5 hour joint session between the GYN and the cytopathology WGs, focused on Pathology/Cytopathology of the uterine cervix

A detailed program will follow in due course

XXIII ESP Congress in Helsinki, Finland in September 2011.

No details of the program have been decided yet, but the gynecological pathology working group will be actively involved in the congress.

5. Final comments

Finally, we would like to thank the former chair, Prof. Sigrid Regauer for her job during the past 4 years. We would like to thank as well the members of the Advisory committee, Profs. Mike Wells, Francisco Nogales and Vera Abeler, for the advice and support given during the last few years, that will continue in the future.

You are cordially invited to actively participate in this working group!

We wish you a happy New Year

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