

Report of the Working Group “GYNAECOPATHOLOGY” activities: Years 2013-2014

Following the successful Lisbon European Congress of Pathology (ECP) in 2013, the WG executive started focusing on the organization of the London ECP 2014. Compared to the past, some new sessions have been organized jointly with other WGs such as Uropathology and Paediatric Pathology. With uropathologists the topic of the session will deal with similarities and dissimilarities between male and female urogenital tract pathology, while with paediatric pathologists will deal with trophoblastic disease and its differential diagnosis.

Reknown international experts have accepted to participate, thus allowing the development of a powerful scientific program which will offer a window of opportunity for many to update their knowledge and enjoy really good science!

There is also much to say about the new WHO classification of Tumours of Female Reproductive Organs and the new FIGO staging of tumours of the ovary and fallopian tube and primary peritoneal carcinoma. In this respect outstanding expert colleagues will debate the pros and cons and the useful and not so useful aspects of these new classifications.

Besides the organization of specific sessions at the next ESP congress the WG has promoted a couple of new projects involving WG members.

The first of these projects is related to neuroendocrine tumours of the uterus.

Unusual cases of this kind of tumours have been collected from members: they will be reviewed as diagnosis by a panel of experts appointed by the WG, some new immunohistochemical stains will be performed in order to ameliorate diagnosis, and eventually some molecular biology studies will be performed in order to understand the biology of these tumours.

A second project deals with borderline tumours of the ovary, particularly focusing on the agreement of differential diagnosis.

Data from these two studies will be presented at the ESP congress in Belgrade 2015.

Finally, the WG started a cooperation with the European Society of Gynecologic Oncology (ESGO) related to educational activities (joint courses) and scientific projects. In this regard, the WG will hopefully organize a joint sessions with ESGO at ECP 2015 in Belgrade while the WG have been invited to take part in a joint session at the ESGO October 2015 Congress in Nice, France.

Faithfully submitted,

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