

REPORT

Gynaecological Pathology Working Group, ESP, 2020

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The activities of the Gynaecological Pathology Working Group (WG) have been continued after the latest ESP Congress in Nice, France, 2019. During that congress, at the Working Groups Chairs meeting, the Gynaecological Pathology WG presented the annual report which included details of the WG activities as well as new ideas and proposals for the future. 2020 was a very difficult year for all of us due to the COVID19 pandemic situation and ESP/IAP congress in Glasgow has been postponed from August-September to December 2020. The scientific programme has been changed accordingly and shortened. I have to add that despite this situation, all the Gynaecological pathology sessions (including the joint sessions) organized during the ESP/IAP congress in Glasgow 2020 were very well attended and appreciated by the participants.

Regarding the scientific programme for the upcoming event ESP congress in Gothenburg, Sweden 2021, a **Symposium** (Joint session with the Cytopathology WG) entitled *Diagnostic challenges of peritoneal effusions in patients with gynecologic diseases: pelvic endometriosis; morphologic aspects after neoadjuvant chemotherapy for high grade ovarian cancers*, a **Slide Seminar** (Joint session with ISGyP- on uterine corpus pathology), and a **Short/Long course** on *Recent advances in pathology of lower uterine genital tract (culva/vagina/cervix)* are the proposals that the WG has submitted and is waiting for approval. Oral free papers and poster session will also be held during the congress. Also, a Business Meeting of the Gyn Pathology Working Group will be organized in Gothenburg so that all our members share ideas, future projects and proposals and the next Chair and co-Chair of WG will be introduced.

One of the main objectives of the WG during 2018-2019 was to establish a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Gynaecological Pathology WG and the International Society of Gynecological Pathologists (ISGyP). This MoU was signed at the beginning of 2019 and was active until the end of 2020 (2 years). This gave an opportunity to these societies to discuss and run scientific projects, educational sessions as well as many other future collaborations. As a result, an international project on cervical pathology has been run, with the aim to produce an impact in the clinical world and shift the existing

paradigm on the classification and staging systems. As a result, an Workshop dedicated on the topic was held in Los Angeles in March 2020 and a special number of International Journal of Gynecological Pathology will include multiple papers on this topic, in which members of both societies were involved. Also, a joint session of the two societies was taken place at the present ESP congress in Glasgow and a second session was taken place at IGCS congress in Rome. I hope that the MoU will go on in the future.

Another main objective of the WG in 2020 was to reactivate the ESCOP Gynecological pathology faculty since some of the members have already retired (Mike Wells and Lynn Hirschowitz). Due to the pandemic situation the ESCOP activities have been canceled and replaced by webinars. A webinar on Gynecologic Pathology has been organized by members of the WG during 2020 and will take place on February 4th 2021.

Also, regarding the ESP advanced training centers and Giordano fellowship, our gynecologic pathology WG has made a new proposal during last year and Karolinska Institute in Stockholm Sweden has become a center of excellence in gynecologic pathology. Again, due to pandemic situation, this activity was postponed for next year.

Regarding the education mission of the WG the Gynaecological Pathology, the WG has been already submitted the Questions for the pathology progress test/UEMS Board of Pathology examination in order to support this project, which is providing a web-based pathology progress test to all pathology trainees in Europe as an instrument for periodic self-evaluation (which corresponds to the standards set by UEMS for certification in Pathology in EU).

Evenmore, members as well as the Chair of the WG are continuously involved in giving lectures at different international societies congresses during 2020 (such as ASCP congress Austin USA, IGCS congress in Rome, USCAP meeting in Los Angeles USA).

Our WG has run several scientific projects during the last year focused on endocervical adenocarcinomas (stage FIGO IA and IB tumors, various microscopic subtypes) in which many members of the WG agreed to participate and to share their cases. As a result, multiple papers and congress presentations have been prepared.

When Prof Raspollini finished her duty in Amsterdam in 2017, she reported that the WG has 130 members, we have now 209 members and i continuously encourage people to register to the WG, which is an easy-to-do on-line process and gives many advantages to the ESP members.

During the WG virtual meeting in December 2020, a new Chair (Dr Ben Davidson, Norway) and co-Chair (Dr Ana Felix, Portugal) were elected. My duties as a Chair of the Gynecologic Pathology WG will end during ESP congress in Gothenburg 2021. I would like to thank ESP and members of the WG for offering me the possibility to be involved into all these activities. I am looking forward to the future with the believe that despite the challenges of the times we are living now, ESP and Gynecologic Pathology WG will continue to evolve.

Sincerelly yours, Prof Simona Stolnicu, Chair of the Gynaecologic Pathology WG

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