

ESP Nephropathology Working Group: Report 2019/2020

Chair: Kerstin Amann, Erlangen, Germany
Co-Chair: Helmut Hopfer, Basel, Switzerland

Registered Working Group Members (ESP-Website, 17.11.2020): 105

Activities in 2019 and 2020

- Annual WG Chairs' Meetings
- A member of our WG was present at both chairs' meetings in Brussel (2/2019 and 2/2020) and the meeting in Nice (9/2019).
- 31th European Congress of Pathology, Nice, France
- We look back to a successful 2019 meeting with interesting and well-attended sessions, particularly a session on Antibody-mediated rejection in renal transplantation organised by the French group led by Marion Rabant.

Business Meeting 2019 at the 31st European Congress:

The following topics were discussed:

- Short report from the chair and the secretary
- WG membership
- Web page (Helmut Hopfer)
- Report from the KBC (Amélie Dendooven and Sabine Leh)
- European diagnostic QA in nephropathology (Marion C. Clahsen - van Groningen)
- Interaction with the RPS (Renate Kain)
- Upcoming nephropathology events:
 - 2020: Joint 32nd ECP and XXXII International Congress of the IAP. Glasgow/UK (contact: Ian S. Roberts)
 - 4th Int. Renal Pathology Conference (IRPC) Warsaw (contact: Agnieszka Perkowska-Ptasinska)

In September 2019 we were asked to tell the ESP staff about our Escop educational team:

We suggested the following WG members:

İpek Isik Gönül, Ankara, Turkey
Amélie Dendooven, Ghent, Belgium
Sabine Leh, Bergen, Norway
Joris Roelofs, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Sandrine Florquin, Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Saba Kiremitci, Ankara, Turkey
Marian C. Clahsen-van Groningen, Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Ian Roberts, Oxford, UK
Helmut Hopfer, Basel, Switzerland
Kerstin Amann, Erlangen, Germany

Online Business Meeting 2020 (18.11.2020, 9-10 am, 27 participants:

The following topics were discussed:

- Activities since Nice 2019 – report from the chair and co-chair
- Upcoming events:
 - IRPC Warsaw online – 19.-21.11.2020 (thanks to Agnieszka for the organisation)
 - ECP Glasgow online – 6.-8.12.2020 (thanks to Ian Roberts for working on the programme commission):
The programme had to be shortened due to the digital format:
Nephropathology sessions will be on Sunday, 6th of December in the afternoon and on Monday, 7th of December
- ECP Gothenburg 28.08.-01.09.2021: it is still not clear whether the meeting will take place on site or whether it will go digital; members will be informed as soon as the chair/co-chair will receive notice from the ESP.
Suggestions for the 2021 programme have already been sent to the ESP:
 - Joint Symposium with Electron Microscopy WG: „EM contribution to kidney biopsy diagnostics ”
 - Joint Symposium Nephro-, Cardiovascular-, Infectious Diseases Pathology WGs: “Organ involvement in COVID-19 – more than the lung”
 - Symposium "New frontiers - Nephropathology goes digital"? (organized by Peter Boor, Aachen, Germany)
 - Slide seminar or videomicroscopy session
- Project: online seminar series in diagnostic renal pathology
 - survey in August 2020 showed that many WG members are interested in an online seminar series.
 - idea to schedule 4 seminars (~1 hour) in 2021
 - organization of all the details (form, topics, speakers, platform, CME credits, ...) by a committee (Giovanna Cenacchi, Amélie Dendooven, Joris Roelofs, Thorsten Wiech, Samuel Rotman, Helmut Hopfer)
 - Mark Haas: Coordination with the activities of the Renal Pathology Society (Tony Chang) important (Kerstin Amann will take care of that)
- New WG website created and launched at the end of 2020 (thanks to Helmut Hopfer) with many new features; also linked via the ESP website.
- Information about the ESP educational platform which is under development.
Once established, it may be very helpful to WG activities. Helmut Hopfer as member of the ESP Educational Subcommittee is involved.
- Election of new chair/co-chair in 2021:
 - suggestion of a “rolling system”: Helmut Hopfer will take over as the chair in 09/2021 for 2 years together with a newly elected co-chair who will become chair in 2023.
This system allows for a smooth transition that keeps the knowledge of how things are run within the WG).
 - election of chair and co-chair independent of each other for a 2 year period
WG will ask for nominations early next year. We will send out an official note on the nomination for a co-chair in 2021 together with a “job description”.
 - we will ask if the ESP can help with a voting system if Gothenburg will take place as a virtual meeting.
- Miscellaneous /other:
 - Update Kidney Biopsy Project (kibico.org; Amélie Dendooven, Sabine Leh)
excellent progress, first publication submitted, but lack of funding!