

ESP Working Group for Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology – Report from 2017

The ESP meeting was held in Amsterdam, the Netherlands, between 2st September - 5th September 2017.

As usual, our working group worked very hard in the selection of topics and areas of interest to general pathologists and we were very well succeeded with our proposed program, hosting 5 sessions. In addition, there is an oral free paper session and poster sessions. This year 1 session is being performed jointly with with Pulmonary Pathology WG, another one as Joint session with Ophthalmic Pathology WG and a videomicroscopy session with Head & Neck WG.

1. Joint Session Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology with Pulmonary Pathology WGA

Inherited and developmental lung diseases

Chaired by Ulrike Gruber-Moesenbacher and Marta Cohen

Imaging in pediatric lung diseases: Alistair Calder

Lung Biopsy and bronchoalveolar lavage: handling for histo/cytology, electron microscopy and molecular analysis: Aurore Coulomb

Update on Cystic Fibrosis and lung transplantation: Fiorella Calabrese

Alveolar dysgenesis and capillary dysplasia: Megan Dishop

Cystic pulmonary adenomatoid malformation – one disease?: Helmut Popper

Infectious lung diseases: is there a role for the pathologist?: Marta Cohen

2. Joint session Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology with Ophthalmic Pathology WG

Ophthalmic Pathology in Paediatric Age: a practical approach

Chaired by Sarah Coupland and Isabel Colmenero

Malformations of the anterior segment of the eye.: Tero Kivela

Malformations of the posterior segment of the eye and orbit. Hind Alkatan

Relevance of ophthalmic pathology at Autopsy in syndrome diagnosis of foetus' with multiple congenital malformations. Rob Verdijk

Paediatric ophthalmic childhood inflammation and infections. Sarah Coupland

Update on Retinoblastoma. Irene Scheimberg

Medulloblastomas and medulloepitheliomas of the eye and CNS. Charles Eberhart

Paediatric orbital tumours. Isabel Colmenero

3. Long Course Sampling and Definitions of Placental Lesions

Chaired by Srinivas Annavarapu and Paula Borralho

Sampling the Placenta and canned comments. Beverly Rogers

Fetal Vascular Malperfusion. Phillip Cox

Delayed Villous Maturation. Guitta Turowski

Intrauterine Infection. Paula Borralho

Villitis of Unknown Aetiology. Linda Ernst

Maternal Vascular Malperfusion of the Placental Bed. Anastasia Konstantinidou

4. Joint session Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology with Head & Neck WG

Head and neck pathology in paediatric age

Chaired by Alessandro Franchi and Paula Borralho

Isabel Fonseca. Salivary gland tumours in the paediatric age

Pieter Slootweg. Fibro-osseous lesions of the jaws.

5. Business Meeting

Joint session Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology with ESCMID Study Group for Forensic and Post Mortem Microbiology WG (ESGFOR)

Chaired by Marta Cohen and Amparo Fernandez Rodriguez

The microbiology investigation in post mortems: a new perspective. Amparo

Fernandez Rodriguez

Sampling protocols at post mortem: how can we do better? Marta Cohen

Congenital herpes. Paul Dickman

EBV-T cell lymphoproliferative disease, hemophagocytosis, lymphohistiocytosis of the liver. Bo Ngan

Infectious sudden cardiac death in children and adolescents. Marta Cohen

Our session in Cologne were very well attended, very participated with many questions and input from the audience.

However, we have to regret that many abstracts that should have been sent to our WG were actually sent to other working groups. As such, were evaluated by adult pathologists, which can explain the inferior quality of some abstracts. We will suggest that in future Congresses the reviewers are instructed to ask for our collaboration whenever the theme is connected to paediatric or perinatal pathology.

In our business meeting we had the opportunity to present our report to members and discuss some of the topics included in the draft for 2018 meeting in Bilbao. Once again we stressed the need of all pathologists that have an interest on Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology to become members of the WG and of the PPS. The process of becoming member of the WGs is now done online and we explained briefly how it works and what we do expect from our members (contributing to scientific programs, suggesting speakers, etc.). We have currently 58 registered members and we again asked all members to send us suggestions with topics that are considered interesting and that can be included in future meetings. Dr. Rita Allagio suggested for 2019 a Joint session with endocrine WG and for the Business meeting: scenario of Paediatric Pathology in Europe. We also had the opportunity to talk about PPS and its commitments and advertise the 63rd Annual Meeting of the Paediatric Pathology Society in Lisbon.

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