

President's Message

Summer, 2012

Summer passes too quickly! I hope everyone has had time to relax, enjoy the outdoors, recharge their batteries, and contemplate new professional and personal activities and goals for the coming school year. It is a pleasure for me to assume the office of President for the Society, and I look forward to working with many of you to continue to make the Society for Hematopathology a valuable resource to you and to the medical community.

The quality of what we do, of course, depends on the members' interest, input, and contributions. Please communicate your questions or thoughts to me or any of the following officers, executive committee (EXCO) members, or other committee chairs/members.

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The following are important news and updates:

Annual USCAP Meeting, Vancouver, BC

Society for Hematopathology Scientific Symposium/Sunday USCAP Companion Meeting:

Thanks go to Daniel A. Arber, M.D. and Kojo Elenitoba Johnson, M.D., Ph.D. for organizing and moderating an excellent session on "Novel Insights of High-Throughput Technology in Hematopoietic Conditions" and to speakers Randy D. Gascoyne on "High Throughput Sequencing in Malignant Lymphoma"; Maria E. Figueroa on "Methylomic Profiling of Acute Myeloid Leukemia"; Aly Karsan on "MicroRNAs in Myelodysplastic Syndromes"; Kojo Elenitoba-Johnson on "Introduction and Overview of Proteomics in Lymphoma"; and Dan Jones on "Practical Use of New Technologies in Hematopathology".

Next year's topic will be "Advances in Small B-Cell Neoplasms: Bringing New Discoveries into Clinical Practice" which is being planned by moderators Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, M.D. and Jim Cook, M.D., Ph. D.

Pathologist-in-Training (PIT) Award:

The 2011 award winner, Sertac Kip, M.D. from the Mayo Clinic, was presented with her certificate at the beginning of the Companion Society Symposium. Dr. Kip performed a study of "Opposing Effects of Vitamin D/Vitamin D Receptor and Interferon Regulatory Factor-4 in Anaplastic Large Cell Lymphomas" under the guidance of Andy Feldman, M.D. The PIT award committee Daniel Arber, Magdalena Czader, and Marsha Kinney also reviewed 56 abstract submissions for the 2012 award and visited the semi-finalists poster or platform presentations. The winner is Alejandra Carvajal-Cuenca for her work on "Clinicopathologic Characterization of Cyclin D1-Negative Mantle Cell Lymphoma" and her certificate will be presented to her in Baltimore.

Please remember to submit nominees for the PIT award to the USCAP by completing the nomination form and faxing it to the USCAP (instructions are on the form). The nomination form is on the SH website, under SH Topics (PIT Award Form). The abstract deadline for the meeting is October 5, 2012; 11:59 PM, Central Time.

Annual Business Meeting:

The minutes of the annual meeting are posted on the SH website (<http://socforheme.org/minutes.asp>) where you will find fiscal information and committee reports. Congratulations go to the new Vice-President, Sherrie L. Perkins, M.D., Ph.D. and Secretary-Treasurer, Daniel A. Arber, M.D. and new EXCO committee members Beverly P. Nelson, M.D. and Kaaren K. (Kaari) Reichard, M.D.

Special recognition was given to Jonathan W. Said for his excellent role as President and his new position as Past-President, LoAnn C. Peterson for her outstanding guidance as Past-President, Nancy Rosenthal her contributions to the EXCO, and retiring committee members William G. Morice, Mihaela Onciu, Vonda K. Douglas, Zeba Singh, Scott J. Rodig, and Kojo Elenitoba-Johnson.

USCAP Long Course

The USCAP 2012 Long Course “Malignant Lymphomas—Building on the Past, Moving to the Future”, organized by course directors Steven H. Swerdlow M.D. and Elias Campo, M.D., was a resounding success. After an amazing multimedia introduction by Dr. Swerdlow outstanding lectures were given by Steven H. Swerdlow on “Lymphoma Classification and the Tools of our Trade”; James R. Cook on “Nodal and Leukemic Small B-cell Neoplasms”; Andrew Wotherspoon on “Non-Cutaneous Extranodal and Splenic Small B-Cell Lymphomas”; Jonathan W. Said on “Aggressive B-cell Lymphomas—How Many Categories Do We Need?”; Nancy Lee Harris on “The Bridge from Large B-Cell lymphomas to Hodgkin Lymphomas and Their Differential Diagnosis”; Elaine S. Jaffe, M.D. on “Nodal and Extranodal T-cell and NK-Cell Lymphomas”; Lawrence M. Weiss on “Non-Neoplastic Mimics of Malignant Lymphoma”; Elias Campo on “Whole Genome Profiling and other High Throughput Technologies—Current Contributions and Future Hopes”; and Joseph M. Connors on “The Clinician’s Perspective—A View From the “Receiving” End.

Society for Hematopathology/European Association of Haematopathology Meetings/Workshops

XVIth Meeting of the EAHP-SH will be held in Lisbon, Portugal on October 20-25, 2012 and is hosted by the University of Lisboa and the Local Organizing Committee which includes Jose Cabeçadas (Chairman), Pedro Farinha, Ana Cristina Ferreira, and Sofia Loureiro dos Santos. The International Scientific Committee includes Jose Cabeçadas, Elias Campo, Philippe Gaulard, John Goodlad, Daphne de Jong, Philip Kluin, Laszlo Krenacs, Antoine de Mascarel, German Ott, Anna Porwit, Letecia Quintanilla-Fend, Elena Sabattini, Jonathan Said, and Christer Sundström. An Educational session on Peripheral T-cell Lymphomas will be held on Saturday. On Sunday a European Bone Marrow Symposium on "Reactive and Neoplastic T-cell proliferations in bone marrow" will be presented followed by a poster session and a Bone Marrow Workshop. On Tuesday the EAHP Lymphoma Symposium will begin and include keynote and topic lectures on peripheral T-cell lymphoma biology, pathogenesis, diagnosis, and treatment. Featured presentations include: A Highlight “David Mason” Lecture – “Toward visualization of nanomachines in myeloid cells in their native cellular environment using electron cryo-microscopy” presented by Peter Peters of the Netherlands and the Karl Lennert Lecture presented by Brunangelo Falini of Italy.

Please go to the link <http://www.haematopathology2012.org/> for the complete schedule of events and registration information.

The next SH/EAHP Workshop, "Progress in Acute Myeloid Leukemia, Myelodysplastic Syndromes and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Classification and Molecular Pathogenesis", will be held October 24-26, 2013 at MD Anderson Cancer Center and is being hosted by Carlos E. Bueso-Ramos, MD, PhD, L. Jeffrey Medeiros, MD, and Francisco Vega-Vazquez, MD, PhD. The scientific panel includes Marie C. Bene, MD, Brunangelo Falini, MD, Kathy Foucar, MD, Attilio Orazi, MD, Anna Porwit, MD, PhD, and James Vardiman, MD.

SH/EAHP Workshop Proposals for 2015

Proposals must be submitted by December 1, 2012 for review by the executive committee and presented at the EXCO meeting on Saturday, March 2, 2013 in Baltimore. The guidelines and proposal form are posted on the website at <http://www.socforheme.org/shwsguid.asp>. We look forward to hearing from you!

SH ASCP Companion Meeting, October 31-November 3, 2012, Boston, MA. John Frater, chairman of the ASCP Companion Meeting Committee has organized the following topic: Hematopathology – New Diagnostic Frontiers; speakers include John Frater, MD; Yi-Hua Chen, MD; Lawrence M. Weiss, MD; and Antonio Subtil, MD.

Education Committee Activities Update

The Education Committee has been actively involved in the following two projects:

- (1) Fellow In-Service Hematopathology Examination (FISHE) and Resident In-Service Examination (RISE) - The Education Committee appointed two subcommittees that interact closely with the American Society of Clinical Pathologists (ASCP), FISHE, and RISE Examination Committee. The three-member Core Hematology Test Subcommittee is responsible for test question writing and vetting, strategic planning and test preparation. The Examination Question Authors is composed of 15 volunteer members, who write or solicit test questions from colleagues. Question writing and selection for the next academic year are underway as per the ASCP guidelines.
- (2) Virtual Hematopathology Teaching Set - The Education Committee is brainstorming about the feasibility of setting up a virtual hematopathology teaching resource that is linked to the SH website. A survey to assess needs, availability of institutional resources and funding, is being sent out to solicit information from all members. SH members with a specific interest in contributing to this project are encouraged to contact the Chair of the Education committee, Yaso Natkunam.

As the fellowship recruitment season begins, the Education Committee strongly urges all Hematopathology Fellowship Training Programs to abide by the guidelines adopted by our society in March 2008 and further discussed in March 2012.

Timelines:

1. Accept applications until December 1, 2012.
2. Interview candidates in the month of January 2013.
3. Offer positions anytime on or after February 1, 2013.

These guidelines are an informal agreement among Hematopathology Fellowship Training Programs to standardize the recruiting process across all programs in the country. These timelines fall slightly earlier than those of the Association of Pathology Chairs (APC/PRODS), which recommends accepting applications until December 1 and letters of recommendation until January 1, interviewing in February and offering positions on or after March 1 of the year preceding the beginning of the fellowship.

Passages

It is with great sadness that I report the loss of three members of the SH and EAHP who have made significant contributions to hematopathology:

Professor Masahiro Kikuchi who passed away on 4/2/12,
Professor Ronald Dorfman on 6/15/12, and just recently,
Professor Karl Lennert on 8/27/12.

Further remembrance of these individuals will be given at the next SH Business meeting in Baltimore.

New Members

We have 11 new members (5 full and 6 associate) who were unanimously approved by the Society:

Full Members:	Associate Members:
Nathanael Bailey	Dick Hwang
Grant Bullock	Eric Loo
Sindhu Cherian	Elizabeth Morgan
Sara Duesterhoeft	David Park
Anthony Martyniak	Bijayee Shrestha
	Tyler Smith

New members are the life blood of our Society and we encourage everyone to consider asking your trainees to join and participate in our activities.

Best regards to all,
Marsha C. Kinney
President, Society for Hematopathology
September 24, 2012