

**President's Newsletter**  
**June 2007**

**Dear Society members,**

Greetings from Northern California! Here are some of the highlights of recent and upcoming Society events.

**Society Symposium at the 2007 USCAP Meeting**

The recent symposium entitled "The Myeloproliferative Neoplasms" featured great speakers and attracted a large and very complementary audience as confirmed by the online evaluations that we all filled out to get our CME credit. Thanks to organizers/moderators John Anastasi and Will Finn and speakers Adam Bagg, Jim Vardiman (who did an admirable job of "pinch-hitting" for Hans Kvasnicka), Gary Gilliland, Dan Arber, Will Finn, and Ayalew Tefferi.

**Annual Business Meeting at the 2007 USCAP Meeting**

We approved 24 new members and 32 associate members that bring our total membership to 707. We look forward to working with our new members. At the end of the meeting we had the opportunity to thank the following outgoing committee members: Dr. Robert Coupland, Member-at-Large; Dr. Elias Campo, EAHP representative to the Executive Committee; Dr. Steven Kroft, Membership Committee Member and Chair; Dr. Fiona Craig, ASCP Companion Meeting Committee Member and Chair, and Dr. Vishnu Reddy, Education Committee Member. We congratulate and welcome new executive and committee members listed at the end of this newsletter.

**Pathologist-in-Training Award for 2007**

Two co-authors, Stephan Schulz and Andreas Beilhack, shared the \$500 award this year for their abstract entitled "Prevention of acute graft-versus-host disease by blocking T-cell entry to secondary lymphoid organs." The awards committee had a very difficult time in selecting this abstract from the 29 in competition. Many of our members served as superb mentors for these competing trainees.

**Education Committee/Fellowship Directors' Breakfast Meeting, 2007**

Despite the early hour of the meeting, there was spirited discussion of the two main topics: (1) results of the survey of fellowship directors regarding fellowship recruitment and (2) objective testing of hematopathology fellows.

Problems regarding fellowship recruitment include the ever-earlier commitment of residents to fellowship positions (often before residents have had significant hematopathology exposure), increased competition for the best applicants, and institutional requirements for funding requests that often necessitate early notification. There was little enthusiasm for using the Match because of monetary and other considerations. Although there was concern that voluntary guidelines might not be adhered to, there was general agreement on the following proposal: (1) applications would be received no later than December 15 (generally between 18 and 24 months before the fellowship start date), (2) interviews would begin on January 15 (17.5 months prior to the start date), (3) positions could be offered anytime after the interview start date although directors were encouraged to allow applicants to interview at all of their programs of interest.

The other major focus of the meeting was the objective testing of fellows. Dr. Kathy Foucar provided an excellent overview of her approach to testing using case materials in a manner to address the basic competencies. Dr. Mary Ann Thompson and Dr. Kerry Reichard provided information and examples from development of a hematopathology question bank that would be available to fellowship directors

who wish to derive their own testing. In addition, Dr. Barbara McKenna from the ASCP announced development of a 2007 hematopathology fellow in-service examination (to be provided online in May) that would allow an opportunity to compare a program's fellows to a national pool of hematopathology fellowship trainees.

In summary, it is hoped that a uniform approach to recruitment will come from the above guidelines. In addition, the group will continue to develop a hematopathology question bank that will be available to program directors. The use of the ASCP in-service hematopathology examination is also of interest and the group looks forward to evaluation of that test and its results at next years meeting.

### **Case of the Quarter**

Cherie Dunphy is actively recruiting cases for the online publication of the Society's Case of the Quarter. If you have an interesting case, please contact her by email or telephone (cdunphy@unch.unc.edu or telephone: 919-843-0718). She will be happy to advise you if your case would be of interest in light of topics that have recently been addressed (or not), as well as provide you with the guidelines for submission.

### **SH/ASCP Companion Meeting, New Orleans, October 18, 2007**

Beverly Nelson reports that The Practical Updates in Hematopathology will feature the following speakers and topics:

Dr. Carlos E. Bueso-Ramos, MD Anderson Cancer Center.

Advances in the Pathology and Biology of Acute Myeloid Leukemia and Myelodysplastic Syndromes.

Dr. Nadine Aguilera, The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

Lymphoplasmacytic /lymphoplasmacytoid Small B-cell Lymphoma.

Dr. Beverly Nelson, Northwestern University.

Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia: Diagnosis and Prognosis.

### **SH/EAHP Workshop, Indianapolis, IN, November 1-3, 2007**

The scientific panel has completed the review of the submitted cases and by the time you receive this newsletter, the notifications regarding the case disposition will be e-mailed to the participants. The response to the workshop was overwhelming with close to 180 cases submitted for review. The upcoming deadlines include the submission of the additional H&E slides for the slide box by August 10, 2007. Early meeting registration and hotel reservation are strongly encouraged. The registration form and links to the hotel reservations are placed at the workshop website at:

<http://www.iupui.edu/~pathol/HematopathologyWorkshop/> The updates regarding the workshop program and additional information can also be found at this website.

### **SH/EAHP Workshop Proposals for 2009**

Members are encouraged to submit proposals for the 2009 workshop. Workshop guidelines are provided on our website and applications are due next Jan. 15. A final decision will be made following the next USCAP meeting. Proposals that are received in advance of the deadline will be greatly appreciated. In an effort to suggest topics and potential members for consultation, I have assembled the following list of previous sites and topics:

## SH and EAHP Workshops

Year	Site	Topic
1988	Geneva	Extranodal lymphomas
1990	Wurzburg	Thymus tumors and virus and immunodeficiency associated lymphoproliferations
1991	San Antonio, TX	The interrelationship between Hodgkin's Disease and non-Hodgkin's lymphomas
1992	Bologna	Reactive and neoplastic proliferations of the monocyte/macrophage system
1993	Toronto, Ont	Disorders of small B-lymphocytes
1994	Toledo	Hodgkin's lymphoma and related disorders
1995	Duarte, CA	Immunodeficiency-related lymphoproliferative disorders
1996	Paris	Spleen pathology
1997	Pittsburgh, PA	Extranodal hematopoietic/lymphoid disorders
1998	Leiden	"T-cell lymphomas"
1999	Barcelona	Composite and transformed lymphomas
2000	London	"Neoplasms of the follicle"
2001	Boston, MA	Genetic and molecular genetic studies in human hematologic malignancies
2002	Sienna	Aggressive B-cell lymphomas
2003	Memphis, TN	Pediatric hematopathology
2004	Thessaloniki	Extranodal lymphomas excluding marrow, spleen and stomach
2005	Houston, TX	Progress in T-cell malignancies...
2006	Vienna	Small B-cell lymphomas in lymph nodes, bone marrow and spleen
2007	Indianapolis, IN	Myeloid neoplasms and mastocytosis...
2008	Bordeaux	"Grey zone lymphomas at the border of diffuse large B-cell lymphoma"

### SH Symposium at the USCAP Meeting, Denver, March 2, 2008

Entitled "New Approaches to Diagnosing and Classifying Aggressive B-cell Lymphomas" and organized by Dan Jones and Eric Hsi, the symposium will link new developments in the genomics, microarray classification and immunohistochemical markers of large B-cell lymphoma and Burkitt lymphoma with increased recognition of histogenetic subtypes and morphological variants. Professors David Mason (John Radcliffe Hospital and Oxford University) and Izidore Lossos (University of Miami School of Medicine) will discuss novel tissue markers useful for diagnosis, classification and therapy selection. Professor Elias Campo (University of Barcelona) will discuss insights from array studies and Dr. Ahmet Dogan (Mayo Clinic) will discuss an integrated approach to diagnosis and risk stratification in aggressive B-cell lymphomas that includes consideration of genetic polymorphisms. The talks will be followed by an interactive panel discussion on the best path forward for improving diagnosis and therapy response prediction in aggressive B-cell lymphoma.

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Program – USCAP – 2008 – Dan Jones and Eric Hsi

SH/EAHP Workshop – 2007 - Magdalena Czader and Attilio Orazi

Thanks to all of the members who serve the Society in so many different ways. Since I have recently finalized all of my committee appointments, if any of you are interested in serving on one of the committees of the Society, express your interest to president elect Carl Kjeldsberg [ckbike@comcast.net](mailto:ckbike@comcast.net) (or me [rwarnke@stanford.edu](mailto:rwarnke@stanford.edu)).

Regards,

Roger