FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Lynna J. Popek, D.O.

Well, “Spring has sprung, Fall has fell and Summer’s here and it’s hot as — the devil. None of you from the upper mid-west may envy our warmth because of your spring, but I know that many of us are looking forward to the trip to Minneapolis September just to cool off. Everyone could be excited about the Raffle to raise funds for the Young Investigators Research Grant. It was the brain child of Dr. Edith Jenkins. She arranged with each of the donors, editors and artist to donate their prizes. Please note that you can arrange to have tickets, even if you are unable to attend the interim meeting.

John Buchino has been at it again; fundraising, that is. He made an agreement with the donor to underwrite the Newsletter for the coming year. I think he may have a new thing, if things get really down and out in medicine, he should look into the Democratic National Committee, I understand that there may be a job opening soon.

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

James E. Dimmick, M.D., FRCPC

If you believe medical laboratory restructuring is exclusively a U.S. event let me refute the notion. The same pressures exist in Canada and have propelled most major academic centers into substantial reorganization and in many instances “partnerships” with large private laboratories. In our own circumstance at the Children’s and Women’s Health Centre of British Columbia (our new family name) our department reorganized four years ago into five programs from ten. Now, as the regionalization initiative of health care continues we in the Vancouver area are increasing our integration with the other major academic hospital laboratories by forming, we expect, a partnership to further reduce duplication in specialty laboratories and yet continue to support the clinical and research mandates unique to each hospital group. This sort of stuff is critically important to all of us but certainly intrudes into the time for practice and research in pediatric pathology. You may wish to take the opportunity to discuss these matters in an informal way in Minneapolis at the interim meeting. Those most heavily involved in department administration may want to arrange a few moments to talk outside the meeting schedule - may I suggest the bar! Personally, for a change in my activities, I am looking forward to the scientific and social events developed by Susan Simonton and her colleagues, which are so typical of our interim meetings. At the meeting, council and long term planning will meet together to bring closer to conclusion several of the initiatives that arose from the Houston planning session. These ad hoc initiatives are: the electronic media chaired by Paul Dickman; extracurricular educational events, by Joe Rutledge; practice committee ventures, by David Zwick, and membership plans by Tom Stocker and Virginia Baldwin.

The pediatric pathology presence is very evident in Japan thanks to the dedicated career of Dr. Kazuaki Misugi. Dr. Misugi recently retired as Professor and Head at Yokohama City University. To honor his retirement a pediatric pathology special conference was held in Yokohama. It was a pleasure to attend and present to Dr. Misugi a talking stick on behalf of the SPP and our department in Vancouver, which has a research exchange program with Yokohama. The meeting was attended by pediatric pathologists from major centers of Japan and by Drs. Derek deSa and Virginia Anderson. Pediatric pathology also was successfully promoted in Romania during a SAKOW/Humana Foundation sponsored conference attended by approximately 150 enthusiastic young pathologists (see elsewhere in this newsletter). Drs. Rutledge, Buchino, Patterson and Dimmick presented.

Let me remind you of the imminent emergence of our new journal and request your support in achieving success.
RAFFLE TO BE HELD AT THE INTERIM MEETING IN MINNEAPOLIS

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE SEeks Suggestions for Society Officers

The Nominating Committee of the SPP is seeking your suggestions for candidates for the offices of (1) President-elect, (2) Secretary/Treasurer, and (3) At-large Council Members (two positions) to be elected at the annual meeting in Boston in February 1998. If you have suggestion for the committee for any or all of the above four positions, please send them to the Nominating Committee Chair, Tom Stocker. Please include a short paragraph indicating the qualities or experiences of the nominee that you feel would make them a good candidate. We are especially interested in those SPP members who have made significant contributions to the Society and/or to the field of Pediatric Pathology.

Mail, phone, FAX, or E-mail suggestions to:

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PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGISTS TRAVEL TO ROMANIA

Drs. John Buchino, Joe Rutledge, Jim Dimmick and Kathy Patterson recently conducted a symposium on pediatric pathology in Cluj-Napoca, Romania. The symposium was organized by SPP member Dr. Petre Florescu. Over 150 pathologists from throughout Romania attended the symposium. In addition, two pathologists from Slovenia and one from Bulgaria also attended. The symposium was held over a four day period (May 21st to May 24th) and included topics on new techniques, pathology of neoplasia, congenital defects and metabolic disease. Numerous case studies were also presented. The North America contingency was quite impressed by the level of knowledge of the attendees as well as their enthusiasm for learning new information. The Romanians proved to be extremely gracious hosts who conferred honorary membership in the Romanian Society for Pathological Anatomy on all faculty. The symposium ended with a festive dinner which Dr. Rutledge felt identified several candidates for PPC Knighthood. The symposium was made possible by generous grants from Surgical Aid to Children to the World and Humana.

HONOR TO PREVIOUS LOTTE STRAUSS PRIZE WINNER

In an article from "The Scientist", Dr. Shirley Driscoll brings to the attention of the SPP an article about Mark Greene, M.D., Ph.D., of the University of Pennsylvania who was the first to receive the Lotte Strauss Prize from the SPP, presented at the Annual meeting in 1986 in New Orleans. Dr. Greene continues to have an impressive career in basic science but also finds the time to encourage high school and prebaccalaureate students into pursuing careers in basic sciences to combat what he perceives as a lack of "a sense of scholarship" in American Universities. He received a special Dean's Award from the University of Pennsylvania for these efforts. He also serves as Vice Chair of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and heads both the department's Immunology Division and Center for Receptor Biology and Cell Growth. In 1991 he was named a John Guggenheim fellow and currently is the John Eckman Professor of Medical Sciences and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine. His major contributions to Pathology are in the study of the neu oncogene, and his more current work with antireceptor antibody therapy, that may have a role in the treatment of breast and pancreatic carcinoma. According to Dr. Driscoll—"We chose well-no?"

Dr. Rutledge takes a seat among conference attendees preparing to listen to Dr. Patterson lecture at Romanian Pediatric Pathology Symposium.

Drs. Buchino and Dimmick hard at work recruiting a potential knight of the PPC (Dr. Dan Gheban) at Romanian Symposium.

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Australian and New Zealand Pediatric Pathology Group

Australian and New Zealand Pediatric Pathology Group  
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Pediatric Forensic Issues: Pathology, Diagnosis, Imaging and Investigation

The Institute for Pediatric Medical Education and the Society for Pediatric Pathology (SPP) will jointly sponsor a course on the pathology, diagnosis, imaging and investigation of pediatric forensic issues. The four day seminar will be held at the Coronado Springs Resort at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida from December 1 - 4, 1997 under the direction of Drs. Henry F. Krous, Tracey Corey Handy, and Roger W. Byard. This course is designed primarily for general and pediatric pathologists but will be of interest to forensic pathologists/medical examiners, pediatricians, emergency room personnel, pediatric nurses, attorneys and law enforcement officials. Presentations will include discussions of scene investigations, child abuse, accidental, unnatural and natural causes of sudden death in infancy and childhood, poisoning and toxicology, concealment of birth infants, medical/legal importance of the placenta, DNA analysis in pediatric forensic pathology, and the “expert witness and court pitfalls.” The radiological aspects of non-accidental injury will also be discussed along with a discussion on how to establish a pediatric forensic medicine program. Daily case presentations will be used to involve the participants in “real life” situations. Faculty members include Drs. R. Alexander, R. W. Byard, M. Case, S. Cohle, G. J. Davis, M. Fiero, R. C. Froede, T. C. Handy, R. L. Hanzlick, C. G. Kaplan, P. Kleinma, and H. F. Krous. Course participants will also receive a 250 - 300 pages syllabus including conference presentations and case discussions.

This course, through the SPP, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Education (ACCME). The SPP certifies that this CME activity meets the criteria for 29 credit hours in category 1 for the Physician’s Recognition Award for the American Medical Association.

For further information, contact the Institute for Pediatric Medical Education, 6604 Landon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817. Telephone and Fax: 301/229-8338.

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