FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Art Weinberg, MD

Please join me in thanking Edwina Popek for her outstanding performance as editor of the Society Newsletter. I am just now beginning to appreciate the extent of the task that she accomplished so well. I hope that you will notice little change with the passing of the torch, but there are a few new things that I would like to try. If they work, fine. If they don't, fire me. Your feedback (off line) will be appreciated.

From time to time members of our Society change jobs or otherwise alter their stations in life. Some savants in our organization seem to know about all of these comings and goings and others could care less. I think that it might be of general interest to members of the Society to learn through the Newsletter, rather than through the grapevine, when one of our relatively small circle moves, retires, drops out or passes on. I would like to call this section “Comings and Goings”. Please pass along any information that you wish to have published to Weinberg@childmed.dallas.tx.us. It won't hurt to give it a try.

I would like to continue to publish in the summer Newsletter a listing of all of the fellows currently enrolled in accredited pediatric pathology fellowship programs and the date that each will complete his/her training. This will be useful information for prospective employers who are considering candidates for junior staff positions. In a similar vein, I would like to include in each summer or fall issue the fate of the fellows who graduated the previous June. Please send any information to me or to Alba Greco, who will coordinate this effort.

SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY
NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Claire Langston, MD

Having just returned from our meeting in New Orleans, I barely have had time to take in the wealth of information presented and the fleeting, but important opportunity to catch up with friends and colleagues, when I find I must also communicate with you all in my initial President's message.

The annual meetings are a source of both joy and frustration. The opportunities are myriad and inevitably choices must be made about how to spend these few days of the year when so many of us can meet together. There are new members to meet, friendships to renew, and issues to discuss, as well as the appeal of the scientific program. The time available for these activities is limited and there are always competing events. I have a wonderful time at the annual meetings, and this year was no exception. The scientific program has continually improved over the years. The fruits of the activities of the Research Committee and its retiring chair, David Parham, are becoming accessible as former awardees mature as investigators and return to share their increasing knowledge with us. Monique DePaepe, the recipient of this year's Young Investigator Award, is a previous recipient of the Lotte Strauss Prize. She reviewed her investigations into the controls of lung growth with us at the Symposium in Rhode Island. We have to thank the education committee led by Kathy Patterson for the efforts they put into reviewing abstracts, planning a coherent program, choosing moderators, selecting appropriate symposium and workshop topics, and coercing presenters for those occasions. But, we also need to thank the participants who choose to present their scientific work at our meeting, rather than elsewhere and those who listen critically and broaden the collective experience by their thoughtful comments and questions.

Beyond the educational and scientific programs, the business of the Society including financial management, publication and web site management, future technology, and strategic planning is becoming progressively more complicated. Even with the assistance of professional management, the skills and leadership necessary to further that business are not as available to us as is clinical and scientific expertise. Our relative lack of expertise in these areas means that there is neither widespread support for nor understanding of these important activities, and that decisions made in these areas do not always have the critical analysis that is applied to our educational and scientific endeavors. Society members who toil in these areas are vitally important to Society programs. Careful oversight of Society finances by the Secretary-Treasurer and by the Finance committee led by Joel Haas has brought us close to fulfilling our long-term commitment to support new investigative work in pediatric pathology. By providing an endowment we hope to sustain an investment in research, honor outstanding contributions by trainees, and encourage young investigators in this arena. The Finance committee will undertake an effort to consolidate the various Society funds in order to optimize our ability to support these important goals.

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President Rutledge extended his appreciation to the outgoing committee chairs: Drs. D. Zwick, D. Parham, D. Witte and L. Penchansky.

President Rutledge reported on executive committee actions since the last business meeting. These include the following items: Budget variances for *Perspectives* publication and the perinatal group meeting budget. Dr. Rutledge, on behalf of the Society, sent a letter of support for the new AFIP building. Approval for a membership survey in regards to interest in creating an SPP Perinatal Group was granted. It was agreed to publish a list of contributors to the Young Investigator award in the SPP newsletter. An interim meeting ad-hoc committee was formed to explore the relationship of the interim meetings and the SPP. An ad-hoc committee of the past chairs of the Education committee was formed to explore new ways to organize that committee. An ad-hoc committee to organize a CME course for placental pathology was formed. Continuing efforts to liaison with the COG and the CAP were noted.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the membership status and the financial position of the Society. At year-end 1999, there were a total of 549 SPP members, with 371 regular, 42 junior, 51 affiliate, 1 honorary, 33 emeritus and 51 life members. As of January 1, 1998, all Society restricted and unrestricted funds were transferred into mutual funds managed by Salomon Smith Barney. As of December 31, 1999 the SPP had total assets of $566,723.76, with $441,943.78 in restricted funds (Vawter, Lotte Strauss, Young Investigator), $119,878.41 in unrestricted general funds, $2,721.40 in the checking and $1,120.17 in the savings account. The Founders’ Endowment for Research in Pediatric Pathology (FERPP), also known as the Young Investigator Fund, increased from $160,299 in 1998 to the current value of $205,421. The Lotte Strauss Fund value increased from $165,989 in 1998 to the current value of $205,221. The Vawter Fund value increased from $25,983 in 1998 to the current value of $31,300. Additional funding was received from the Vawter family. The financial status of the SPP at year-end 1999 was a deficit budget. The year 2000 budget, approved in September, 1999 is also a deficit budget, with recognition that no utilization of SPP reserve funds has occurred.

Reports were heard from the Committee Chairs: Archives Committee - Dr. Stocker reported that the Oral History project is proceeding. The past interviews have been transcribed and are available for review.

Distinction and Awards Committee - Dr. Witte reported for the Awards Committee. A number of abstracts are being reviewed for the Neustein and Vawter awards, which will

**SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY**  
**Annual Business Meeting Minutes**  
**March 25, 2000, New Orleans, LA**  
**Deborah Perry, secretary-treasurer**

President Rutledge called the business meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. in the Napoleon Room of the New Orleans Riverside Hilton Hotel, New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Rutledge acknowledged the loss of Dr. James McAdams and Dr. Alvin Rodin and a moment of silence was held.

The minutes of the 1999 business meeting were approved.

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be presented at this meeting. The Lotte Strauss award winner is Dr. Anirban Maitra (UT Southwestern; Children’s Medical Center of Dallas). The Lotte Strauss awardee will give an oral presentation at the interim meeting. As outgoing chair, Dr. Witte extended thanks to committee members for a job well done.

Bylaws Committee - Dr. Dickey reported for the Bylaws committee and there are no bylaws changes.

Education Committee - Dr. Patterson reported for the Education Committee. ACCME re-accreditation has been received for 2 years. The number of abstracts received for the spring meeting is down this year - please encourage submission to the SPP meetings.

Fellowship Committee - No Report
Finance Committee - No Report

Long-term planning Committee - Dr. deSa reported for the Long-term planning committee. The minutes will be published in the newsletter. Progress is being made in regards to the web site. Liaison activity is proceeding, with a membership survey in process. Workshops with the ASCP are being explored. The next Long-Term Planning meeting is scheduled for Saturday afternoon in Vancouver (September 2000).

Practice Committee - Dr. Devon reported for the Practice committee. A survey of the SPP Slide Survey program reveals an overall positive response. The Practice committee continues to work with the perinatal group. A pathologist workload study will be done this year. Pathology practice guidelines are being looked at for oncology specimens.

Publications Committee - Dr. Rogers reported for the Publications committee. Her full report appears elsewhere in this newsletter. The committee thanked Dr Popel for her excellent job as newsletter editor. The hard copy membership directory will be published in the summer of 2000, thanks to the efforts of John Buchino who obtained funding from outside donations. The most current membership information is now available on the SPP website and this should continue to be the case in the future. The membership directory data and website listings are taken from the membership dues statements, so please check to be certain that this information is complete and accurate. Notify the Degnon office of any necessary additions or corrections. Also include or update your current e-mail address, as this is extremely valuable to other members seeking to communicate. It will also be necessary to have this information if, in the future, announcements from the Society are pushed to your desktop. Grant funding to support the bound volume of Perspectives is being sought. Springer-Verlag has been pessimistic about the marketability of a year-end bound volume because the articles have been published previously in the journal.

Research Committee - Dr. Parham reported for the Research committee. Many applications for the YI award and the McAdams travel stipend were received. Dr. Parham, as outgoing chair, extended thanks to the research committee members for their hard work. The Young Investigator award winner is Dr. Monique DePaepe for her work on Fas/Fas ligand in the pathogenesis of bronchopulmonary dysplasia. The McAdams stipend will go to Dr. Laura Finn, which will allow her to work with Dr. Jay Bernstein.

Membership Committee - Dr. Schauer reported for the Membership Committee. The newly elected members include:

Affiliate: Soo-Yong Tan, Kim Wing Yan.

The membership committee will explore the reasons for lost SPP members and is also exploring ways to expand membership.

Nominating Committee - Dr. Langston reporting.
The slate of nominees is:
President-elect: Ron Jaffe
Secretary-Treasurer: Deborah Perry
Council: Liliane Boccon-Gibod and Larry Becker

There was a call for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations. The nominations were closed and the slate was unanimously accepted.

Dr. Rutledge introduced Kathryn Kelley as the Degnon central office representative.

Please note the poster designed by Dr. Alba Greco showing the distribution of 35 free PDP journals distributed around the world. Many letters of thanks are also displayed.

Outgoing councilors, Dr. Greco & Kapur, escorted incoming President Langston to the podium. President Rutledge presented Dr. Langston with the talking stick. Dr. Langston presented Dr. Rutledge with a carved plaque and thanked him for all his work for the Society.

Dr. Langston adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Outgoing councilors Alba Greco and Raj Kapur escort the new president to the podium.

Joe Rutledge crowns the queen.

And presents her to her subjects with princess Linda Margraf in attendance.

Edwina Popek receives presidential commendation for her years of toil as editor of the newsletter.

"Our sometimes sister now our queen". Claire Langston addresses the multitude.
Knights, Buchino, Haas, Jaffé, Dehner and Krous, attend to their new regent.

Liliane Boccon-Gibod, Larry Becker and Cheryl Coffin join Henry, Joel and Pepper in a toast.

Speakers at the Liver Symposium: Kevin Bove, Ron Jaffé, Milton Finegold, Alex Knisely and James Anderson.
PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE
Beverly B. Rogers

The number of submissions and acceptances has been static for Pediatric and Developmental Pathology for 1999 compared to 1998. Please submit to Dr. Benjamin your best articles for publication in our journal. Dr. Benjamin has added a rapid communication section of the journal available for selected articles (see Dr. Benjamin's note in this newsletter). Although our subscription base has increased, we need to do better. There are 57 institutional subscriptions in the U.S. and Canada. The institutional subscriptions are our major source of income for the journal, so we need to increase the number of institutions taking the journal in order to see a profit. If your library does not take Pediatric and Developmental Pathology (or if for some unexplained reason you don't know whether or not your library takes the journal) call, write, e-mail, do whatever it takes to get your library to take this journal. The journal is available in both print form and electronically through Springer Link. Springer is expanding the electronic version, which includes increased capabilities for figures and images, video recordings, and audio recordings. Expect to see initiatives on the electronic front markedly expanding within the next year or so.

Perspectives continues to be the lead articles in each issue of our journal, and many articles are in the queue to be printed. The 1999 year-end bound volume will be out in July, 2000. We are attempting to market the year-end bound volume, so if you know of a person, group, or institution that would be interested in purchasing the bound volume for $49.00, let us know. The editors (Drs. Singer and Dinnick) are also coordinating attempts to obtain grant funding from pharmaceutical or commercial industry to defray the cost of future volumes to the SPP. The SPP will be addressing the question of whether to monetarily support the bound volume after the year 2000, and we will be distributing a poll to the Society for your input. Please look for this and respond when it comes.

The Web Site will be moving to a commercial firm for maintenance and support — we will let you know when the address changes (the current address is: Path.upmc.edu/spp). Dr. Dickman will be establishing a Board for the Web Site, which will interface with the committees of the SPP to move initiatives forward. Expect to see a number of new additions to the site. This year, the membership directory was placed on-line. This is up to date and password protected. If you can't find an address of a member, go to the Web Site. The user name is spp and the password is member. Also, you can find the newsletter for the Perinatal Interest Group on the SPP Web Site.

Dr. Weinberg is the new editor-in-chief of the newsletter, taking over the reigns from Dr. Popek. We want to thank Dr. Popek for her years of service to the Society in her capacity as newsletter editor. We are thrilled to have Dr. Weinberg lend his hand to the penning of this and future newsletters, with the addition of a "comings and goings" category, and other initiatives as space permits. The newsletter is currently available on the Web Site, as well as in printed form. We will be exploring the feasibility of making the newsletter primarily available as an electronic publication. More news will be forthcoming.

The printed directory will be out in the early summer, with Dr. Gail Schauer (Chair of Membership Committee) working with Kathryn Kelley in the Central Office to produce the final product. Address changes are coming to Ms. Kelley via corrections on membership dues statements, so if you have not turned in your dues statements you need to do so.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Kathy Patterson, MD, Chair

The work of the Education Committee is divided among four subcommittees:

Workshop/symposium subcommittee: With the millennium spring meeting in full swing, the workshop/symposium subcommittee turned its attention to plans for the upcoming years. Poul Sorensen has agreed to chair a symposium covering advances in pediatric oncology for the 2001 spring meeting; details will follow in upcoming newsletters. A congenital heart disease workshop will begin in 2001. Discussion of potential topics for a 2nd new workshop focused on requests gleaned from prior meeting evaluations. The workshops are intended to impart up-to-date practical knowledge of use to practicing pediatric pathologists. I know many of you have knowledge and experience in one of the many areas of interest to Society members; please seriously consider sharing that knowledge with the rest of us! Just send (via e-mail, fax, or mail) a short 2-3 paragraph description of your proposed topic to Amy Lowichik (current subcommittee Chair) at Primary Children's in Salt Lake.

Abstract Subcommittee: The number of abstracts submitted for this spring meeting were significantly fewer than prior years as outlined in the following table:

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SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY – 2000 INTERIM MEETING
Vancouver, BC, Canada • September 21–24, 2000

Abstract Submission Instructions

Abstracts must be submitted using the enclosed Abstract Submission Form. A disk must also be submitted with the abstract text. This will be used to post abstracts on the SPP website prior to the meeting.

1. **Deadline:** Abstracts must be mailed (fax transmission will not be accepted) no later than June 30, 2000. (If mailed from outside the United States, abstracts must be postmarked by June 25, 2000).

2. **Format & Content:** Abstracts submitted in paper format must be typed on the original form enclosed and will be used as camera-ready copy. A photocopy of this original form is not acceptable. If the abstract is accepted, it will be printed (unedited) exactly as typed. PROOFREAD CAREFULLY. Abstracts must be succinct and contain factual information. Generalities such as “results will be discussed” are unacceptable. It is suggested that the abstract include: a) a subject of study, b) methods (when appropriate), c) results, and d) conclusions. An abstract must present new information that has never been published or presented at another major meeting within the past six months. Papers will be accepted on the basis of scientific data, relevance to pediatric pathology, timeliness and likelihood that they will stimulate discussion. Case reports are discouraged and will be considered only if they provide exceptional insight into a problem. Follow illustration on abstract sheet and directions below.

3. **Directions for Typist:** The abstract must fit within blue borders on the enclosed submission form or it will be rejected. DO NOT BLACKEN BORDERS OF RECTANGLE. Do not Erase. Single space entire abstract. Do not sequence letters or lines. Check accuracy of spelling. Capitalize entire title. Do not underline author’s name(s). Initials of first name should precede last name, followed by degree. Use only institutional affiliation and city/state/province. Do not list street address or zip code. Do not start author’s name on a new line unless necessary. Indent paragraphs 3 spaces. Do not skip a space between paragraphs. The minimum acceptable font sizes is 12 point for all fonts. DO NOT USE A DOT MATRIX PRINTER.

4. **Criteria for Scoring:** Abstracts will be ranked on a scale of 1 – 5 (with 1 being the lowest and 5 being the highest) according to the following six characteristics: 1) Originality, 2) Importance, 3) Research design, 4) Data analysis, 5) Conclusion, and 6) Quality of writing.

5. **Presentation Choice:** Papers will be presented at a podium session on Friday. Poster sessions will be held on Thursday and Friday. Because of time constraints, the number of podium presentations will be limited and must be no more than 10 minutes long to allow 5 minutes for discussion. Authors are encouraged to give maximum flexibility to the Abstract Committee by checking “either the podium or poster” box. Posters will be 31” by 510” wide.

6. **Gordon Vawter Pathologist in Training Award:** The Gordon Vawter award honors the most meritorious platform of poster presentation by a trainee (medical student, resident, or fellow in pathology or pediatric pathology). The work must be substantially that of the trainee. Authors who wish to be considered for the award must check the appropriate box on the abstract form.

7. **Harry Neustein Electron Microscopy Award:** The Harry Neustein Award honors the platform or poster presentation most meritorious in utilizing electron microscopy, new methodological advances in molecular technology or immunohistochemical techniques or development of other innovative technological advances that pertain to pediatric pathology. Authors who wish to be considered for the award must check the appropriate box on the abstract form.

8. **Sponsorship:** All abstracts must be signed by a member of the SPP. This individual can either be an author or sponsor. The senior author must attest to the originality of the abstract.

9. **Notification of Acceptance/Rejection:** Send two (2) self-addressed stamped business envelopes (not postcards). One envelope will be returned upon receipt of the abstract; the second will be used to inform you of the decision of the Abstract Committee.

10. **Required Submission Material:** a) original typed abstract form with authors and affiliation, b) Four (4) high quality photocopies with title only (exclude authors name and affiliations), c) the abstract text on disk for posting abstracts on the SPP website prior to the meeting and d) disclosure forms signed by presenting and senior authors. Submit to:

    Society for Pediatric Pathology
    6728 Old McLean Village Drive
    McLean, VA 22101-3906 USA
    Phone: 703/556-9222  fax: 703/556-8729
    email: SocPedPath@degnon.org
SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY

ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

Abstracts must be received no later than June 30, 2000

PRESENTATION CHOICE
Check all that apply

- Perinatal meeting (Poster only)
- Interim meeting (Poster only)
- Interim meeting (Podium)
- Interim meeting (Poster of Podium)

☐ Vawter Pathologist-In-Training Award
☐ Neustein Award

CHECKLIST

☐ Format corresponds to sample
☐ Completed envelopes enclosed
☐ 1 original abstract
☐ 4 copies of abstract with title and abstract only - no authors or affiliations
☐ Presentation choice checked
☐ Abstract is typed within lines
☐ Computer disk with copy of abstract enclosed

MAIL ORIGINAL AND 4 PHOTOCOPIES TO:

Society for Pediatric Pathology
National Office
6728 Old McLean Village Dr.
McLean, VA 22101 USA

SAMPLEFORMAT FOR TYPING ABSTRACTS: J. Doe, M.D.; Q. Smith, M.D.; and Z. Jones, M.D.
City University Medical College, Anywhere, AL and People’s Hospital, Somewhere, CA.

- This is an example of the format to be used when there are multiple authors.
- Include only academic degree, name of institution and city and state.
- It is not necessary to skip a space between paragraphs. Just indent each paragraph three spaces.
- Abstracts should contain factual information; generalities such as “results will be discussed” should be avoided. It is suggested that the abstract include:
  1) subject of study, 2) methods (where appropriate), 3) results and 4) conclusions
- In addition, send the original and four (4) copies of the abstract with title only, without authors names or affiliations and two (2) self-addressed stamped business envelopes (not postcards).

Name and Address of Author for Correspondence: ________________________________

Telephone Number: __________________ FAX: __________________

Name of presenter if not first author: ________________________________

This abstract has not been published or presented at another major meeting within the past six months.

SIGNATURE OF SPP MEMBER OR SPONSORING MEMBER:

NAME: (Print): ________________________________

SIGNATURE OF SENIOR AUTHOR (IF DIFFERENT):

NAME: (Print): ________________________________

REGISTRATION - Authors presenting the accepted scientific entries will be required to pay the general registration fee for the meeting.
Discussion of possible reasons for this fall-off yielded several possible ideas with no one clear cause forth coming. The format for the spring meeting has been modified to allow for a larger number of posters supplemented by a second poster presentation Sunday morning. This means that the number of abstracts that can be accepted for the spring meeting is increased over past years. The possibility of coordinating the spring SPP abstract submission with that of the USCAP meeting is also being explored. Please contact Cynthia Kaplan (subcommittee Chair) or me with any insight or ideas you may have relating to SPP abstract submission and handling. And please put the SPP at the top of your considerations for abstract submission.

CME Subcommittee: Under Wes Tyson’s guidance, the SPP successfully completed its Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) site visit in July and has been granted full accreditation status for two years. The ACCME has meanwhile changed its guidelines and the CME Subcommittee, under the directorship of Lisa Teot, has a substantial job ahead getting the various education activities of the society in line with new “Essentials”. This subcommittee, which spends its time working in the background, plays a critical role in maintaining the ability of the SPP to grant CME credit for meetings and the members deserve your hearty support and thank you.

Extramural Subcommittee: This subcommittee continues to explore interactions with other pathology and pediatric societies. Providing CME accreditation for the newly formed COG pathology/biology symposia is underway and further educational interactions with this group are under consideration. A questionnaire intended to gather updated information on SPP members’ fields of research, clinical expertise, and related society memberships will be included in the summer newsletter. The information gleaned from this can be used to aid the Education Committee in its multi-faceted endeavor to bring the latest information on pathogenesis and diagnosis of pediatric diseases to SPP members as well as the medical community at large.

PERINATAL INTEREST GROUP
MEETING – VANCOUVER 2000
Ona Faye-Petersen, M.D.

The annual meeting of the SPP Perinatal Interest Group will be again held in conjunction with the Society’s fall meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 21, 2000, at the Granville Island Hotel, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. This year’s symposium, “Point of Care Testing (POCT) in Neonatology” has been constructed to provide a unique opportunity to learn about the merits and problems of implementing continuous clinical monitoring modalities in the care of the neonatal patient. The symposium topic represents a commitment to both the clinical laboratory and anatomic aspects of perinatal pathology, and the meeting, a forum for educational interaction between neonatologists and pediatric pathologists. The agenda is included in this issue as an attachment, but the expert panel in POCT includes John A. Widness, M.D., Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa. Dr. Widness is a leading authority in the field of clinical monitoring of the premature and compromised infant. In addition, several esteemed pediatric clinical pathologists (Drs. Billman, Pysher, and Benjamin) will provide experiential depth to the program. Presenters will provide an overview of types of POCT and address the potential impact in savings of phlebotomy loss by use of in-line monitoring compared to standard benchtop laboratory testing; the limitations, disadvantages, and safety risks of in-line monitoring in critically ill newborns; how pre-existing facilities and services can affect the perception of, and need for the evaluation of POCT; how clinical staff should be involved in establishing the criteria for the performance of tests in near-patient or central laboratory locations; and the relative bias and precision for point-of-care monitors in the clinical setting relative to benchtop instruments. Space is limited. Registration $75 (form attached); CME credit 4.5 hrs; Contact: Ona Faye-Petersen, M.D. [onamarie@path.uab.edu; ph: (205) 975-8880; fax: (205) 975-7284.]

HISTIOCYTOID CARDIOMYOPATHY REGISTRY

We are collecting material and information on cases of histiocytoid cardiomyopathy with an attempt to identify the gene. If you have a case or know of a case, please send a paraffin block of the heart along with clinical information (autopsy report or clinical history) to the address below. If you are doing an autopsy on a new case and suspect histiocytoid cardiomyopathy, please freeze fresh part of the heart for our registry. We can arrange for transportation on dry ice at our expense.

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AWARDS AT THE 2000
ANNUAL SPP MEETING

David Witte, M.D. Chairperson,
Committee on Distinctions & Awards

Gordon F. Vawter Award

The Gordon F. Vawter award for trainees was presented to
Dr. M. Arroyo, for the platform presentation titled “Metanephrine adrenofibroma and related lesions: Clinicopathologic
study of 24 cases”.

Harry B. Neustein Memorial Award

The Harry B. Neustein Memorial Award was presented to
two individuals this year. Dr. P. Argani for the platform
presentation titled “Reassessment of infantile fibrosarcoma
and related lesions by RT-PCR for the ETV6/NTRK3
fusion transcript” and to Dr. J. Hicks for the platform presenta-
tion titled “Role of ICAM-1 deficiency in modulation of
lupus-like glomerulopathy: A histopathologic and ultrastruc-
tural study”.

Lotte Strauss Prize

The Lotte Strauss Prize was awarded to Dr. Anirban Maitra,
University of Texas Southwestern Medical School and
Children’s Medical Center of Dallas for his 1999 publication
in Cancer titled “The RNA component of telomerase as a marker of biologic potential and clinical outcome in
childhood neuroblastic tumors”.

Members of the SPP Recognized

Edwina Popek, D.O. for her service to the Society as the
Society for Pediatric Pathology newsletter editor.

FRANK GONZALEZ-CRUSSI WINS
GUGGENHEIM FELLOWSHIP

Frank Gonzalez-Crussi, past president of the Society, was
selected from a pool of almost 3000 applicants to receive
one of the 182 Guggenheim Fellowships awarded this year
for science, arts and the humanities. He won the award for
his proposal to write a book of “classical literary essays on
human genetics”. These essays will include personal
thoughts and observations as well as perspectives from
history and literature. He will rent an apartment in Paris this
fall near the Bibliotheca National where he will study ideas
concerning genetics in the age of enlightenment. Other major
libraries at home and abroad are also on his agenda.

RAPID PUBLICATION IN
PEDIATRIC AND DEVELOPMENTAL
PATHOLOGY

We now have the capability to get certain time sensitive
manuscripts into print much sooner than in the past. We no
longer queue manuscripts in the order of acceptance and
we now have a much more rapid turnaround from our pub-
lisher; manuscripts could appear in print within three months
of their acceptance. Authors who wish a manuscript to be
considered for rapid publication should state this in their
transmittal letter. However, the final decision rests with the
reviewers and the editor, and will depend on merit and avail-
able space. Authors will be notified at the time of initial
review whether or not their request will be honored. Please
remember that we are a bimonthly publication.

In the very near future such articles will also appear months
ahead of time in the on-line version of the journal (“Fast-
track”). More details about web-access to the on-line jour-
nal will be provided in a subsequent edition of the newslet-
ter. Please keep a lookout for this information.

Denis R Benjamin, M.B.,B.Ch. - Editor-in-Chief
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DEADLINE FOR
THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER
JULY 5, 2000

ENCLOSED WITH THIS ISSUE:
- Interim Meeting registration form
- Perinatal Interest Group meeting registration form
- Interim Meeting abstract form and instructions
MEETINGS

UPCOMING MEETINGS

• Latin American Conference in Buenos Aires - Oct 31, 2000. (Dr. Garcia de Davila)

• International Pathology meeting in Victoria Falls - summer 2000. (Dr. R. Kashula)

• 2002 fall meeting in Santiago. (Dr. Los Heras)

FUTURE SPP MEETING DATES

SPP/USCAP Meetings
2001, Atlanta, March 2-3
2002, Chicago, February 22-23
2003, Washington, DC, March 21-22

SPP Interim Meetings
2000, Vancouver, British Columbia, September 22-24
(See insert in this issue)
2001, Memphis, TN
2002, Dallas, TX

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKING POSITION

A Board certified pediatric pathologist, trained at Washington University in St. Louis in 1997-98, wishes to return to the U.S. CV and list of references will be provided on request. Interests include pediatric surgical and autopsy pathology.

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Rangaraj@bom5.vsnl.net.in
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MEDICAL DIRECTOR-CLINICAL LAB
Phoenix Children’s Hospital

Established in 1983 and Arizona’s only children’s hospital, Phoenix Children’s Hospital is an independent 219-bed hospital-within-a-hospital now located at Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center. Due to a growing pediatric population and expanding services, PCH is about to become a freestanding hospital on a new campus in Phoenix. The Medical Director will plan and direct the new laboratory.

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AGENDA

8:00 am  Introduction: Ona Faye-Petersen, M.D. and James Dimnick, M.D., F.R.C.P.C.

8:15 am  First set of small group meetings
   A) SGPC Organizational  Robert White, M.D
   B) Oligohydramnios Database Robert Bendon, M.D.
   C) Education  Ona Faye-Petersen, M.D.

9:15 am  Break and Poster Viewing (refreshments provided)

9:45 am  Second set of small group meetings
   A) SGPC Practical Problems: NICU Point of Care Testing Robert White and John Seguin, M.D
   B) Practice Yee Khong, M.D
   C) Nosology Raymond Redline, M.D.

10:45 am Summation of group discussions and Business Meeting  Robert Bendon, M.D.

11:30 am-1:00 pm  Break for Lunch (not provided)

1:00 pm  Perinatal Pathology Poster Discussion

2:00 pm-5:00 pm  SYMPOSIUM: “Point of Care Testing in Neonatology” Introduction and Welcome:
   Ona Faye-Petersen, M.D. and Robert White, M.D.

2:00 pm “Point of Care Testing in the Neonate: what’s possible, what’s permitted, what’s practical, and what’s needed.” Glenn F. Billman, M.D. Associate Director of Pathology (retired), Children’s Hospital San Diego, Clinical Instructor of Pathology, University of California at San Diego, San Diego, California

3:00 pm  Break and Poster Viewing (refreshments provided)

3:15 pm  Clinical Aspects of In-line Monitoring in Critically Ill Neonates” John A. Widness, M.D. Professor of Pediatrics, Division of Neonatology, University of Iowa Hospital and Clinics, Iowa City, Iowa

4:15 pm “Point of Care Testing in the Newborn Intensive Care Unit: A Tale of Two Cities” Theodore J. Pysher, M.D. Medical Director of Laboratories, Primary Children’s Medical Center, Professor of Pathology and Pediatrics, University Utah School of Medicine, Salt Lake City, Utah Denis R. Benjamin, M.B., B.Ch., B.Sc. Director of Laboratories, Cook Children’s Hospital, Ft. Worth, Texas

5:00 pm  Panel Discussion: “Point-Counterpoint on Point of Care Testing”, Glenn F. Billman, M.D., John A. Widness, M.D., Theodore J. Pysher, M.D., and Denis R. Benjamin, M.B., B.Ch., B.Sc
   [Moderator Ona Faye-Petersen, M.D]

5:30 pm  Adjournment