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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear SPP Members,

I hope you all have been having a wonderful summer. Due to all the summer vacations and activities, summer usually means a bit of a slowdown in academic activities; however, the SPP offices have been busy!

As we head into mid-August it seems that the Fall Meeting is just around the corner. Hopefully, many of you are submitting abstracts and planning to attend. Registration is now open. This is our first fall meeting and will also serve as our annual meeting. The schedule has been made, and we are looking forward to an exciting agenda. Dr. Krieger and her team at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia have put together two symposia which promise to be educational and informative. The pediatric symposium is entitled, *Immune Dysregulation Syndromes and Organ-Specific Pathologies*, while the perinatal symposium is entitled, *In Utero Diagnosis, Interventions, Pathologic Consequences and Genetics*. In addition, we will have a special slide session honoring Dr. Bove's work in pediatric liver pathology. A great social event at Reading Terminal Market is planned for Saturday night along with many other educational activities. Special thanks go to Dr. Kreiger for her work with Rachael Lowery, our Executive Director, and the AMI team, in securing nine sponsors for the meeting. This is a tremendous achievement. Meeting expenses have grown significantly over the past few years, and sponsors will be key to keeping meetings affordable and ensuring their financial solvency

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The 2025 Slide Survey Online has launched and hopefully you have all registered and are working on the first set of cases. Dr. Siegele has partnered with the Executive Committee to revamp the Slide Survey Committee to ensure timely release of the cases. Special thanks to the leads and committee members of Slide Survey for all their work putting together the educational content.

Finally, look for the SPP Board of Directors Ballot in early September. This is your chance to help choose your representative to the Society's Board.

It has been a privilege to lead the Society over the past year, and I am thankful to all of you for making the Society great. We are only as strong as our membership and our volunteers. The number of people interested in volunteer opportunities has been wonderful and really shows how dedicated our members are to the success of SPP.

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President, Society of Pediatric Pathology

A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

Late summer's greetings to all SPP members from hot and humid Arkansas! As Jim Morrison sang, summer's almost gone, and it's time to start planning for our Fall Meeting. The Fall Meeting is now the signature gathering of our Society, and so I am hoping for a strong and enthusiastic showing. Due to a convergence of events, I sadly will be unable to attend, but I hope to view whatever videos can be gleaned from the goings on. Late summer's greetings to all SPP members from hot and humid Arkansas! As Jim Morrison sang, summer's almost gone, and it's time to start planning for our Fall Meeting. The Fall Meeting is now the signature gathering of our Society, and so I am hoping for a strong and enthusiastic showing. Due to a convergence of events, I sadly will be unable to attend, but I hope to view whatever videos can be gleaned from the goings on. From our historical column, I note that 25 years have now passed since our Society took on professional management and website maintenance. How time has passed, and yet it seems that these features have been part of our group for ages. To think that the Editor would remark that one can no longer practice without computer skills, only that short time ago. Now, practicing without a computer seems analogous to being in the Stone Age. Well, time marches on, and who knows what's next around the bend? Doubtlessly, there will be input from the new era of computer intelligence. Finally, I thank our outgoing President Cristina Pacheco for her service to the SPP over the past year, and I wish our incoming President Chandra Krishnan the best as he takes the reins. From personal experience, I know of the personal sacrifice and time commitment that this job requires, and now I am always sympathetic and thankful for those who take it on.

David Parham

Newsletter Editor

THE SPP 25 YEARS AGO

**From the Archives of the
SPP Newsletters**

The big news of Summer 2000 was the announcement that management of the fledgling SPP Website had been changed to a commercial firm, after an infancy nurtured by Paul Dickman at the University of Pittsburgh. As a result of this change, plans were made to replace the printed version of the Newsletter with a web-based version. This move created considerable savings and better financial stability for the Society. Editor Art Weinberg remarked, "The computer is now a vital part of our practice and pleading computer illiteracy is no longer a tenable position".

President Claire Langston remarked on the move to a central office for management of the Society, stating that this maneuver provided improved continuity and relieved members from onerous chores. However, much of the work was still being done by volunteer members, and Claire encouraged the group to find ways to use the new operations paradigm.

Finally, SPP members mourned the loss of two giants in pediatric pathology, Benjamin Landing and John Emery. For more historical information about these leaders and their contributions to our field, see *Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology* 1997;20:1-13 and 1992;16:1-6.

FALL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 22nd - 26th, 2025

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown | Philadelphia

Featuring:

- Symposia: Immune Dysregulation Syndromes and Organ-Specific Pathologies
- Kevin Bove Memorial Slide Session
- Symposia: In Utero Diagnosis, Interventions, Pathologic Consequences and Genetics
- Lotte Strauss Lecture: Reappraisal of Soft Tissue Myoepithelial Tumors by DNA Methylation Profiling Reveals an Epigenetically Distinct Group of Mostly Fusion-Driven Neoplasms
- Cocktail Reception & Poster Blitz
- Friday Night Banquet at Reading Terminal Market
- & more!

Early Bird Rates through September 25th:

- Member Registration: Early Bird | \$795
- Non-Member Registration: Early Bird | \$895
- Trainee & Emeritus Member: Early Bird | \$395
- Trainee Non-Member: Early Bird | \$495

Hotel Information:

Philadelphia Marriott Downtown
1202 Market Street
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Reserve your room today, using SPP's discounted rate.

Note: Booking within SPP's room block helps keep meeting costs down and allows SPP to fulfill its contractual obligations.

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SLIDE SURVEY ONLINE

Case Set 1 (Cases 1-5) is now available. Registration also provides access to Case Sets 2 and 3 which will be launching later this year, for a total of 15 CME. The cost is as follows:

- Practicing or Retired Pathologist – SPP Member | \$225
- Practicing or Retired Pathologist – Non-Member | \$325
- Pathologist-in-Training | Free

The slide survey is offered in an online version only via our online learning platform, EthosCE. The Slide Survey Online (SSO) consists of 15 cases per year (three sets of five cases each) which include virtual microscope slides, digital versions of the booklets and the electronic answer-submission sheets, as well as survey analysis and case discussion. Participants can expect to spend approximately one hour on each case, including reviewing the history and slide, arriving at a diagnosis, answering the questions, and reviewing the contributor's summary and case discussion.

[Register Here!](#)

If you have specific questions regarding Slide Survey, or want to place a group order, please reach out to the SPP at info@spponline.org.

2026 ANNUAL MEETING ABSTRACT SUBMISSIONS

Abstract Submissions for the 2026 USCAP
Annual Meeting are Open!

Requirements

Scientific material must be original and not previously published, nor currently accepted for publication or presentation at another meeting prior to the USCAP 2026 Annual Meeting. All presenters for posters and platforms must be in San Antonio, TX. There are no virtual presentations.

Abstract Fee

There is a \$50 non-refundable processing fee for each abstract submission.

Submission Deadline

The deadline for abstract submissions will be October 7th, 2025 at 11:00AM Pacific/2:00PM Eastern.

Notification of acceptance or rejection will be sent by e-mail in late October.

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