

SPP Fall Newsletter 2020

Editor's Note



My computer screen just went blank after a most satisfying Virtual Fall SPP Meeting, and SPP history has been made! The meeting was quite successful from all aspects – financial, attendance, scientific content, and camaraderie. It was ably abetted by President Gino Somers and Administrator Jordan Burghardt, as well as a very able Steering Committee that included Linda Ernst, Debra Heller, Chandra Krishnan, Cristina Pacheco, Charles Timmons, Jason Jarzembowski, Sanda Alexandrescu, Jeff Terry, Emily Burch, Jordan Burghardt, Patricia Ferchland-Bingham and Rebecca Pierucci. Thanks to the miracle of virtual computing, we had record attendance for a fall meeting – 234 attendees. Thank you all for a job well done!

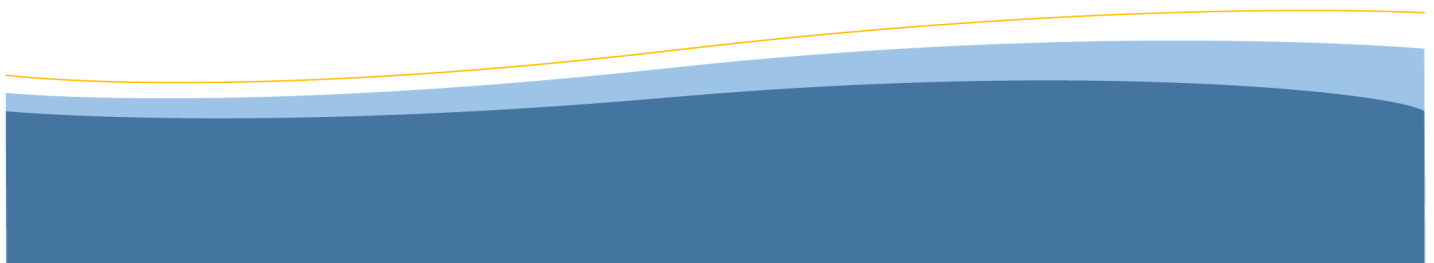
It took me a little time to master some of the nuances in logging on, but eventually it became a snap. Navigating the posters gave me problems, as it seemed that I had to start at the beginning after reading each one, and I read them all (okay, maybe I skipped a couple!). Also, I found that I couldn't mark the ones I finished, which would be an enhancement to consider for next year's meeting. On the other hand, pulling up specific topics was a simple task, thanks to links contained in each poster. For example, I could easily access all posters concerning soft tissue.

A few things seemed to enhance the presentations, compared with real meetings. For one, a lively chat or encouragement often ensued after a particular point was made. Secondly, I could actually read the questions, which are sometimes difficult to hear or follow in person, particularly when the microphone is not used! On the other hand, there were abrupt sometimes annoying transitions of the speaker screens on the first day, particularly for five-minute warnings, but that got better on the second. I guess we were learning as we went along.

As with our President Gino Somers, I was impressed by the beautiful histological and EM images in many of the presentations, particularly during the COVID talks and the perinatal session. These were international affairs, with speakers from Asia and Europe. One speaker from India arose at 2:00 AM to give her case presentation, but she received a round of huzzahs from the participants. Finally, our administrator Jordan Burghardt made a big success as the moderator of the Perinatal Case Presentation session. Huzzah also to Jordan! Not easy to navigate those Greek and Latin roots attached to medical lingo!

As with all of you, I look forward to seeing you again, but in the interim we can give ourselves a big pat on the back, both organizers and participants, and I anticipate we will see similar venues.

Your thoughts? Please email them to spp@kellencompany.com.





Society for Pediatric Pathology

PERINATAL PATHOLOGY COURSE

SPP 2021 Perinatal Pathology Course Going Virtual

Dear SPP Family,

In light of the ongoing concerns regarding public safety due to COVID-19, as well as the demands our members are facing in their own institutions and communities and related travel restrictions, SPP Leadership has come to the difficult decision that we must reschedule the 2021 Perinatal Pathology Course as a virtual meeting.

While we cannot come together in-person, we have a team of volunteers working hard on developing a robust online meeting for you. The dates for the online meeting will be: April 8-11, 2021.



You can learn more about the [Perinatal Pathology Course and Schedule of Events](#) on the SPP website.

Again, thank you for continued support of the SPP. The Society is nothing without its membership, and I hope you take advantage of this unique educational opportunity.

Best regards,
Gino Somers, FRCPA, MBBS, PhD
President, Society for Pediatric Pathology

2021 Membership Dues

We would like to thank you for your participation in the Society for Pediatric Pathology. The Society is truly thankful for the support and engagement of each and every member. We hope that you will consider [renewing your membership](#). This allows your complimentary subscription to *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology*, your discount on meetings and other educational activities, and your participation on Society committees and task forces. It also helps to advance our shared goals of advancing the field of pediatric pathology and its practice, education, and research. Thank you once again for your continued support.



Call for 2021 Committee Appointments

Dear members of the SPP,

VOLUNTEER.

Any talent.

Any member.

Any contribution of time.

At this season of looking forward to new things, it's time to consider SPP Committee appointments. This is an excellent opportunity for SPP members, new or seasoned, to contribute to the Society through volunteering your time and energy.

The terms of service, which are mostly for 4 years, begin in 2021 with the installation ceremony at the

conclusion of the Spring Business Meeting. The committees typically meet one day before the Spring meeting, and many committees also meet before the Fall meeting at the discretion of the committee chair. Committee business between SPP meetings may involve conference calls and e-mails. There is an expectation that volunteers will be active participants in the committee work.

The committees for which positions may be available are the following:

- **Education:** which implements the educational content of our meetings and other activities such as the slide survey. It has three subcommittees: [workshop](#); [symposium](#); and [slide survey](#).
- **Fellowship:** which deals with matters of pediatric pathology training, trainee recruitment and certification, and program accreditation.
- **Finance:** which handles the financial matters of the SPP.
- **Informatics and Communication:** which oversees the SPP website, listserv, social media presence, and archives
- **Membership:** which deals with matters of member eligibility, recruitment, retention, and outreach
- **Perinatal:** which deals with educational needs and practice matters specific to perinatal pathologists, including perinatal symposia and courses.
- **Practice:** which addresses issues confronting practicing pediatric pathologists and seeks ways to improve the quality of our practice.
- **Publications:** which oversees publication of the journal and Perspectives.
- **Research and Awards:** which selects abstracts for our meetings and oversees grants and awards given by the SPP.

If you would like to be considered for appointment to a Committee, please send your name and contact information to me at hellerds@njms.rutgers.edu by **Friday, January 15, 2021**.

If interested, please include the following in your letter of inquiry:

- Background experience with any committee work
- Whether or not you are practicing or in a pathology training program
- What pathology do you practice and where (i.e., practicing pediatric pathologist at CHOP)

If more than one committee appeals to you, you may list them all in order of preference. Depending on the number of volunteers, it may not be possible to place everyone who responds, but we will try to be as inclusive as possible. I look forward to hearing from all who are interested in volunteering.



Please note: if you are a current Junior member on an SPP committee, upon renewal as a Regular member, you have the option to remain on your appointed committee. Please contact Dr. Heller to indicate if you are interested in continuing your participation on your appointed committee.

Sincerely,
Debra S. Heller, MD
SPP President-Elect



SPP COMMITTEE UPDATES

Education

Workshop Committee SPP Call for Future Workshops



Interested in Speaking at an SPP Event?

The SPP Education Committee is soliciting workshop proposals for future Spring meetings. Based on feedback from our membership, we are particularly interested in submissions based on the topics listed below, but encourage all submissions.

- Non-Neoplastic Dermatopathology
- Congenital Cystic Lung Diseases
- Head and Neck Pathology (non-thyroid)

Please outline your proposal in the Workshop Proposal Form on the [SPP website](#) and submit via email to: pferchland-bingham@staff.spponline.org and to sanda@erdani.com by **January 15, 2021**.

Best Regards,

Sanda Alexandrescu, MD
Chair, SPP Education Committee
sanda@erdani.com
713 992-7111

ALL FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15, 2021.

Trouble accessing the SPP site? Copy & Paste this link into your web browser:
<https://spponline.org/Speak-at-Future-Meeting>

Slide Survey: Cases 13-18 Now Available until February 28, 2021



Dear SPP Members and Slide Survey Subscribers,

It's time to shore up your professional practice. [Cases 13-18 of the 2020 Slide Survey are now available.](#)

This is the last of three online mailings (6 cases each) for SPP's Slide Survey Online Program.

Pathologists and pathology trainees alike have the opportunity to enhance their medical knowledge with this coveted online program that includes 18 virtual microscope slides, digital versions of the booklets, and the electronic answer- submission sheets, not to mention up to 18 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.™

Haven't signed up yet? Enrollment is available through the end of the year. [Enroll today!](#)
**Please note that effective April 2020, institutional subscriptions are no longer offered. Doctors can purchase Slide Survey access through the website.*

Past Slide Surveys (2015-2019) are available to pathologists-in-training (both SPP members and non-members). Your SPP Junior membership gets you access to all the past Slide Surveys + the non-CME 2020 Slide Survey. Medical students, residents and fellows can access non-CME Slide Survey [here](#).

Don't forget to sign in after purchasing to activate your subscription for the year.

Due to the change in the Slide Survey web-hosting site, there is a slight difference in how thumbnail images are displayed: once you click on the thumbnail image, please use the arrowhead pointing left at the top of the image (circled below). This will minimize the virtual "slide tray" and maximize the digital image. Otherwise, zooming in and out functions are similar to the previous Slide viewer.



CME Information:

The Slide Survey has been designated for a maximum of 18 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ and approved by the American Board of Pathology (ABP) for Part IV (Performance in Practice) and Part II (Self-Assessment Modules) of the American Board of Pathology Continuing Certification Program. This program is an Accredited Self-Assessment Program by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and approved by the Canadian Association of Pathologists. For more information about CME/SAM credits, please also visit <https://portal.spponline.org/online-store/merchandise>.

The deadline to complete submissions for CME **is Sunday, February, 28, 2021, at 11:59pm ET.** We look forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Picarsic MD, Slide Survey Chair (2020)
Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center Pathology and Lab Medicine
Email: slidesurvey@spponline.org
Jennifer.Picarsic@cchmc.org

Research & Awards Committee Updates



Congratulations on our Fall 2020 Award Recipients!

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2020, Fall	Catherine Gestrich, DO Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH	Correlation of Fecal Calprotectin Levels with Histologic and Endoscopic Findings in Pediatric Inflammatory Bowel Disease
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2020, Fall	Terry Morgan, MD, PhD, Oregon Health & Science University, Portland, OR	Placental cell-specific extracellular vesicle profiles from syncytiotrophoblasts and extravillous trophoblasts in the first trimester
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Benirschke Perinatal Award:

2020, Fall	Linda Ernst, MD NorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston, Illinois	Formulating a Meaningful and Comprehensive Placental Pathology Classification Which Addresses Multiplicity, Grade and Temporal Distribution of Lesions
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Case Report Award:

2020, Fall	Lauren Kroll-Wheeler, MD Michigan Medicine Ann Arbor, MI	Anaplastic Sarcoma of the Kidney
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Resident Recruitment awards:

2020	Caitlin Hughes	PGY4
	He Zhen Ren	PGY4
	Jonathan Slack	PGY5

James McAdams Short-Term Study Stipend Award:

2020	Daniel "Chad" Butler, MD Medical University of South Carolina	Four week perinatal/developmental pathology rotation at Women & Infants Hospital of Rhode Island
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**COMING
UP**

Call for Nominations & Upcoming Deadlines

Enid Gilbert Barness:

The Research and Awards Committee would like to remind you that nominations for the Enid Gilbert Barness Prize are due on **Thursday, December 31, 2020**. If you or someone you know is eligible, please refer them to the guidelines outlined below or on the SPP website.

The Enid Gilbert Barness Prize, established by an anonymous donor in 2008, honors the achievements and contributions of Dr.

Enid Gilbert Barness, the past president and life member of Society for Pediatric Pathology, to children's healthcare and to our specialty.

The prize recognizes the impact of an outstanding pediatric pathology paper on anatomic pathology, clinical practice, research or public health, and to encourage excellence and relevance in pediatric pathology practice.



The papers should be accepted or published in a peer review journal during the past three calendar years by members of the Society for Pediatric Pathology who are the first or last author and the primary contributor to the work to be eligible for the prize.

Members may nominate a colleague's paper or submit their work for consideration. A panel of nationally known clinicians makes the final selection, and the winner is announced at the Annual Meeting. The winner receives a plaque and \$1000 cash award. The application requires the submission of the paper as a .pdf file.

Please submit the required documents by **Thursday, December 31, 2020, at 23:59 (PST)** to:

Karen Chisholm, MD, PhD
Chair, Awards Subcommittee
karen.chisholm@seattlechildrens.org

Lotte Strauss Prize



The Research and Awards Committee would like to remind you that nominations for the Lotte Strauss Prize are due on **Thursday, December 31, 2020**. If you or someone you know is eligible, please refer them to the guidelines outlined below or on the SPP website.

The Lotte Strauss Prize recognizes the meritorious work by an individual 40 years of age or younger in a subject germane to pediatric pathology, published or accepted for publication during the year immediately preceding the award. The winner receives a certificate, \$1000 cash award, and presents his/her research at the subsequent fall SPP meeting.

The application requires submission of:

- A copy of the paper as a .pdf file
- A letter from the nominee or sponsor (if the nominee is not an SPP member) explaining the nominee's contribution to the work and the contribution of the paper to the field of pediatric pathology
- A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae

Please submit the required documents by **Thursday, December 31, 2020, at 23:59 (PST)** to:

Karen Chisholm, MD, PhD
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Membership Committee SPP Member Needs Survey Results

SPP 2020 MEMBER NEEDS SURVEY

Presented to the SPP Board of Directors

October 22, 2020

Jordan Burghardt, SPP Administrator

This summer, the SPP Membership Committee administered the SPP Member Needs Survey. The goal of this survey is to assess what benefits are most important to SPP members – and which are most underutilized!

The survey was distributed to all active SPP members between June – July 2020. We received a 21% response rate from eligible attendees, in line with industry trends. This year's Survey Results presented the following overall information:

- 168 Responses - 21% response rate
- 75% are Regular Members
- 26% have been members for 0-5 years
- 57% have been members for 10+ years



[Click here for final Member Survey Results and Findings.](#)

Testimonials: *Why did you become a pathologist? What does SPP membership mean to you?*



Why did I become a pediatric pathologist? I discovered pediatric pathologists are “my people.” My mentor encouraged me to present at SPP Meeting when in residency. After a nerve-wracking presentation, I was met with completely open arms by every single pediatric pathologist there, and it seemed like I had come home to my family. Since then, I have found so much joy in pediatric pathology both in providing answers to families and watching many of them succeed with treatment! I’m presently five years out of training, in a private group serving practicing a mix of adult and pediatric pathology, and have become the liaison for our pediatric clinical colleagues.

– **Elizabeth M. Williams, MD, MS; Pathologist, St. Luke’s Health System**



I first became a member of SPP as a Fellow and my relationship with SPP has continued to evolve over the last 7 years. As a fellow, joining SPP felt like taking the first steps into the wider world of pediatric pathology. After fellowship, SPP has helped me maintain my connections to pediatric pathology and further strengthen them. I currently practice at an academic institution where the vast majority of my clinical cases are from adults. Yet as only one of two board-certified pediatric pathologists at my institution of greater than 50 faculty, I have become more and more involved in the education and triage/handling of critical and challenging pediatric cases. As my responsibilities for pediatric pathology have increased, so has my

appreciation for SPP and the opportunities it offers for continuing education as well as networking. The first couple of years after fellowship were challenging for many reasons, but also felt rather isolating as I tried to find my footing and strike the balance between adult and pediatric pathology. Becoming more involved with SPP has provided me with a critical means of maintaining my ties to the greater pediatric pathology community and feeling supported in my career choice. It has also facilitated valuable collaborations with other pediatric pathologists. I feel like SPP has made a concerted effort in recent years to reach out to those practicing in widely varied settings, including my own, and I hope that others will also be active participants in this dynamic relationship and take advantage of all that SPP has to offer.

– **Soo-Jin Cho, MD, PhD; Assistant Professor, Pathology, UCSF**

Why are you a member of the SPP? Please email your thoughts to spp@kellencompany.com.

