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Editor's Note

My work on this edition of our newsletter was capped by the sad news that our dear friend and colleague Kevin Bove has passed away following a courageous battle with cancer. Kevin was a stalwart at our meetings for many years and was well known to all. His work on liver disease, particularly biliary atresia, was superb and always enlightening. Many of you have either worked with him or been trained by him. He will be missed!

As I read through the newsletter for the final time, I was struck by the power of our SPP meetings, how they function as the keystone events of our society and profession, and that they allow a close-knit networking of good friends, former colleagues, and excellent teachers. The Spring meeting is transitioning into a part of the USCAP meeting, but the Fall meeting will continue to work as that main event that it always has been. Even the news of 25 years ago reflects the strength of one of our more successful fall get-togethers.

On that note, many thanks to Maureen O'Sullivan for hosting a great joint meeting with the PPS in Dublin. After a strong beginning on the first day, I had the misfortune of requiring a brief hospitalization that prevented my completing the meeting. However, it did not stop me afterwards from taking a great

road trip through Ireland. I am happy to report that I am doing well now and back at my part time job at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Thanks for the many expressions of concern that I received from my friends. As I said, it's wonderful to be an SPP member!

David Parham, MD
SPP Newsletter Editor

President's Letter

Dear SPP Members,

I can't believe that fall is in full swing. With new fellows and trainees joining our group at the microscope, it feels like there is renewed energy and excitement about topics some of us have gone over countless times. I look forward to it every year.

It was great seeing so many SPP members in Dublin at the joint PPS/SPP Meeting, but we missed those of you who could not attend. Both the Perinatal Symposium and Pediatric Gastrointestinal and Liver Pathology Symposium provided attendees with succinct and easy to follow up-to-date information. Quite an accomplishment given the complexity of the topics! The Slide Seminar on Pediatric Interstitial Lung Disease was a wonderful tribute to Dr. Meghan Dishop's life and work. Dr. Gail Deutsch gave an introduction which provided personal context to Dr. Dishop's work in pathology. The entire group of attendees went to Johnnie Fox's where we were treated to a memorable evening of Irish music and dancing. Special thanks to Dr. Maureen O'Sullivan for hosting the joint meeting and to the entire planning committee.

We currently have 3 active task forces working on placenta reporting, mentoring, and designing our first ever USCAP expo booth, issues that have been identified as important to the SPP. I urge you to take a look at the important work they are doing. We anticipate that there will be more task forces forming in the future with additional volunteer opportunities.

This fall will mark our one year anniversary with our management company, AMI, and Executive Director, Rachael Lowery. Together we have worked to make a number of changes to ensure the ongoing success of SPP. As we move forward, we look to you for support and feedback on what is going well and how we can improve.

Finally, the January Workshops will take place virtually this winter and [registration](#) is already in process. Without the SPP spring meeting to bring us together, we are hoping that a many of you will join us in Boston during USCAP for the pediatric pathology offerings. We are excited to have been approved for USCAP Companion Society status and the potential to introduce more trainees to our specialty.

I am honored to serve you as President of SPP!

Cristina Pacheco

**Thank You to Those Who Participated
in Our PPS/SPP 2024 Joint Meeting**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2024 Joint Meeting with the PPS. Many thanks to our meeting host, Dr. Maureen J. O'Sullivan, and her team for hosting an excellent meeting!

Check out some highlights from our time together:

- 50+ Speakers Presented
- Lotte Strauss Lecture by Dr. Nicholas Willard, Integration of single-nuclei RNA sequencing, spatial transcriptomics and histochemistry defines the complex microenvironment of NF1 associated plexiform neurofibromas
- Paediatric Symposium GI and Liver Disease, co-chaired by Cristina Pacheco & Maureen O'Sullivan
- Perinatal Symposium: Diagnostic Challenges and Innovation in Placental Pathology Co-Chaired by Linda Ernst, Annette Muller, and Jelena Martinovic
- Slide Seminar: Paediatric Interstitial Lung disease in honour of Megan Dishop

Awards presented include:

- Neustein Award: Terry Morgan, MD, PhD
 - NanoFACS isolated placental cell- and size-specific EVs in T-cell polarization bioassay
- Vawter Award: Sheren Younes, MD
 - Congenital peribronchial myofibroblastic tumors harbor recurrent EGFR kinase domain duplications
- Benirschke Perinatal Award: Paul Zamiara, MD
 - Impaired Fetal Brain Volume and Placental Pathologic Anomalies in Congenital Heart Disease: A Case-Control Study



Fall Meeting in Philadelphia

Save the Date!



The Research and Awards Committee Call for Nominations

The Research and Awards Committee is calling for nominations for the Lotte Strauss Prize and the Enid Gilbert Barness Prize.

Nominations are due on Tuesday, December 31st, 2024. 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 meritorious work by an individual 40 years of age or younger in a subject germane to pediatric pathology and published or accepted for publication during the year immediately preceding the award (i.e., published or accepted for publication in 2024). The winner receives a certificate and a \$1000 cash award, and presents their research at the 2025 fall SPP meeting.

The application requires submission of:

1. A copy of the paper as a .pdf file
2. 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
3. A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae

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 the 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 encourages excellence and relevance in pediatric pathology practice. The paper should be accepted or published in a peer reviewed journal during the past three calendar years (i.e., 2022-2024) by a member of the Society for Pediatric Pathology who is 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 own 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 for these awards by Tuesday, December 31, 2024, at 23:59 (PST) to:

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SPP Symposium at the 2025 USCAP Meeting Program



[Register Here](#)

Date/Time: Sunday, March 23rd, 2025, 8:00AM-10:00AM

Location: Boston, MA

Congenital Tumors Encountered in Surgical and Autopsy Pathology

Session Chair: Lauren Parsons, MD

Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Introduction to Congenital Tumors and Their Potential in Utero Effects

Linda Ernst, MD, MHS

NorthShore University HealthSystem, Evanston, IL

Congenital Neuroblastic Tumors

Jason Jarzembowski, MD, PhD

Medical College of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, WI

Congenital Germ Cell Tumors

Miguel Reyes-Mugica, MD

University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Congenital Myeloproliferative Disorders/Leukemias

Karen Chisholm, MD, PhD

Seattle Children's Hospital, Seattle, WA

The Obituary of Kevin E. Bove

I am saddened to announce that long time member and practicing pathologist Kevin Bove died at home on October 25th, 2024, following a courageous battle with cancer.

Kevin obtained his M.D. degree from State University of New York in Buffalo, then completed his internship and pathology residency at Cincinnati General Hospital in 1966. Afterwards, he was inspired to pursue a career in pediatric pathology, inspired by Edward A. Gall, MD, Chairman of Pathology at the University of Cincinnati, and by A.J. McAdams, Chief of Pathology at Cincinnati Children's Hospital. Kevin's career at Cincinnati Children's lasted more than 50 years, and he continued to work on pathology projects up until the week of his demise.

Like many pediatric pathologists, Kevin's interests included a broad net of pathology, including the pathogenesis of diseases of metabolism, the hepatobiliary system, skeletal muscle, and childhood neoplasia. He mainly collaborated with gastroenterologists and rheumatologists, and his research culminated in publication of more than 220 peer-reviewed articles, many published in prestigious pathology and clinical journals.

Kevin served as the secretary-treasurer of the SPP and was the SPP president in 1990. Many of his articles were published in our journals, and he was a stalwart at most of our meetings. He also served as chair of the Autopsy Committee for the College of American Pathologists.

In his free time, Kevin surrounded himself with his family, involving himself in their activities which included gardening, sailing, and having conversations around the dinner table.

Kevin's career as a pediatric pathologist can be summed up in his own words, "I relate the patient's medical history to the laboratory findings, then I analyze, discuss, and diagnose. I never forget a challenging case, and I am always looking for opportunities to improve basic understanding of disease". What a fitting epitaph for a truly remarkable man!

Kevin will be missed by many, including his family, friends, former trainees, colleagues, and all regular attendees of SPP meetings.

<https://www.cincinnatichildrens.org/bio/kevin-bove>
<https://www.cincinnati.com/obituaries/pwoo0988396>

25 Years Ago | Fall 1999

The SPP was abuzz with the goings on at a very successful fall meeting, held in Providence, RI. A packed house heard multiple platform presentations, a spirited poster discussion, and a world-class symposium. The extraordinarily organized meeting included a variety of social events, highlighted by a classic New England clambake entertained by a comedy troupe. The attendees also celebrated Don Singer's tenure as Chief at Women's and Infant's Hospital. The meeting included a perinatal symposium organized by Ona Faye-Petersen and Bob Bendon. The success of the symposium led to its being a regular part of all succeeding fall meetings.

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