

## **SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY**

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### **NEWSLETTER**

Spring 1999

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#### **FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK**

*Theresa J. Popek, D.O.*

It was great to see everyone in San Francisco; especially nice to see some members who have not been able to attend in recent years. San Francisco is like "home" to me because I did my residency there. I know it was a tough job—but some one had to do it. While most of the hospital had a great view of the Golden Gate Bridge or Golden Gate Park, the pathology department, had a view of nothing (as in no windows). Oh well, it's nice to know that there are some consistencies in life, I still can't have a window.

We are all products of our ancestors, whether they be our parents or our mentors. I am very proud to be a product of Bruce Beckwith's teaching. The Sidney Farber Lecture "Life in the Gray Zone: Dealing with Uncertainty in Diagnostic Pathology", was inspirational. I could almost close my eyes and be taken back to my fellowship when I was hearing his wise words for the first time. What I think Bruce would find scary is hearing me say similar things to the fellows that I mentor today. I hope that he would be proud. We would all be better pathologists if we practiced our craft with as Bruce said, "experience, knowledge, confidence, compassion, wisdom, sensitivity and courage". We must never forget, that a patient is on the other end of our diagnosis.

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#### **Included with this Newsletter:**

**1999 Interim Meeting Brochure  
and Registration Form**

**Interim Meeting Abstract  
Submission Form**

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#### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

*Joe C. Rutledge, M.D.*

The meeting in San Francisco was a resounding success not only from the participants' viewpoints but also for the SPP. We all must thank Henry Krous for the work he and the education committee did to organize our program including the Jay Bernstein recruited symposium. Henry retires as head of the education committee, but has been willing to bring his organizational skills to other committees. Deb Perry working with Jim Crimmons of the IAP and Merrill Ferber and George Degnon of Degnon and Associates handled innumerable details freeing all of us to enjoy the meeting. The membership committee, led by outgoing chair Virginia Baldwin, brought us over 15 new members. Linda Margraf, retiring from the chair of the by-laws committee, brought evolutionary changes to our organization. Art Weinberg, who finishes as chair of the finance committee, is ever persuasive as he seeks to limit us to a balanced budget (vide infra). Retiring council members, Vijay Joshi and Susan Simonton, both take on key roles in committees along with about 40 new committee appointees. Tom Stocker, who launched the oral history project, with the cooperation of many of you, will see through a variety of projects as past president.

The meeting allowed many of us to focus on up-coming challenges for the SPP. Some of the issues are persistent if not continuous, whereas others are new. One of the persistent is finances. As our organization grows more complex and its members lose time for SPP volunteer work, we need more purchased, professional assistance from our national office staff. While we have made the transition to SPP owned publications, we still must increase institutional circulation in order to realize discretionary revenue. This is accomplished by members and professional associates of members to solicit library subscriptions. For this to be successful, the journal needs the highest quality of papers and needs to be cited frequently in other publications. Our publications form but one source of revenue, and more must be developed. While generous members have contributed to our important endowments, we must identify additional income sources, especially in the areas of advertising, sponsorships, and courses. This will involve the personal contacts that many of you have made with industry and other professional societies. If we are to activate even a few of the many good ideas that come to council, we must have additional operating funds.

As many of you know, organized pathology is re-examining residency and board requirements. The reactivated fellowship committee, chaired by Milt Finegold, will address, among other issues, how the changes will affect the pathway to certification in pediatric pathology.

Several members of the SPP have presented council with a variety of potentially strengthening proposals in the area of perinatal and placental pathology. While many of the projects can be accomplished in our current structure, some might be better accomplished if we had a specialized section. A structure with sections has potential for other special interest groups in the SPP. Drs. Bove, Beckwith, and Buchino have offered to examine the idea of sections and to explore other models to harness the energy of special interest groups in organizations like ours. They will be contacting you for your

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views on differentiation and whether the SPP will benefit from moving beyond the 8 cell stage.

Please feel free to share your ideas and views with me via direct e-mail. In general, I prefer to keep the business aspects of the SPP off the list-server since some subscribers are not yet members of the SPP.

## MINUTES FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING, March 20, 1999

*Deborah A. Perry, M.D., Secretary/Treasurer*

President J. Thomas Stocker called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm on March 20, 1999 in the Imperial B room of the San Francisco Hilton.

President Stocker acknowledged the loss of Dr. Frank Sherman in the preceding year and asked for a moment of silence in his honor.

The minutes of the 1998 business meeting were reviewed and approved.

President Stocker reviewed the accomplishments of the Society during his year as President. The publication and indexing of the first volume of the *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology* (PDP) journal was accomplished, with thanks to Denis Benjamin, Don Singer, Jim Dimmick and all of the members of the editorial boards of the journal. The first issue of the compiled articles of *Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology* will be published in 1999. The oral history project was begun with interviews at this annual meeting. Interviews will be held with Drs. Landing, Dapena, Gilbert, Kissane, Perrin, Bernstein, Rosenberg, Haust and Newton. Plans are in place to continue with interviews of other SPP members at the interim meeting in Providence, RI and at the spring meeting in New Orleans. The Long Term planning committee is active, with the 6 Councilors at-large each being responsible for one of six major focus issues which were originated at the Houston strategic planning meeting in the fall of 1996. A planning meeting will be held on Thursday morning prior to the interim meeting in Providence, RI and all SPP members are encouraged to participate.

The Secretary-Treasurer reported on the membership status and the financial position of the Society. At year-end 1998, there were a total of 576 SPP members, with 398 regular, 39 junior, 54 affiliate, 3 honorary, 31 emeritus and 51 life members. The largest constituency of members is from the US, with 435. There are 51 Canadian members. As of January 1, 1998 all Society restricted and unrestricted funds were transferred into mutual fund holdings, managed by Salomon Smith Barney. As of December 31, 1998 the SPP had total assets of \$509,717, with \$353,831 in restricted funds (Young Investigator, Lotte Strauss and Vawter funds), \$112,340 in unrestricted general funds, \$500 in checking and \$43,044 in savings account. The Fund for Endowment for Research in Pediatric Pathology (FERPP), also known as the Young Investigator fund, value increased from \$127,866 in 1997 to the current value of

\$160,238. The Lotte Strauss fund value increased from \$138,929 in 1997 to the current value of \$165,992. The Vawter award was given at each the spring and fall 1998 meetings. Additional donations were received from the Vawter family. The Vawter fund had a value of \$23,920 in 1997, with the current value of \$27,601. At year-end 1998 the Society had a small surplus of \$21,391. With the addition of expenses of the on-site CME inspection in 1999, the uncertainty of the financial status of the new journal and the increased management fees, the SPP 1999 proposed budget has a deficit of \$21,640.

### Reports were heard from the Committee Chairmen:

Archives Committee - Dr. Penchansky reported for the Archives committee that organization of archival material, which is in the Degnon central office, will be done.

Distinction and Awards Committee - Dr. Witte reported for the Awards Committee. The Vawter award will be given at this meeting with many excellent abstracts being presented. Revisions in the criteria for the Neustein award were approved by the Neustein family. The Neustein award will be given at this meeting. The Lotte Strauss award did not have any applicants, and thus will not be awarded at this meeting. Dr. Witte encouraged applications for awards and noted that the Awards committee will be more aggressive in reviewing possible award winning abstracts.

By-Laws Committee - Dr. Margraf reported for the By-Laws Committee on the proposed by-laws changes that were distributed to the membership in the last Newsletter. Discussion was held in regard to proposed bylaws change in Article III, Section 2, in which the Council shall consist of the President, Past President, President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer of the Society; the Chairpersons of all of the Standing Committees and six (6) of the members who shall be elected as at-large Councilors by a majority vote of the Regular Members in attendance at the annual meeting of the Society. It was moved and seconded that all proposed by-laws changes be approved. A hand vote was taken and all of the proposed by-law changes were passed.

Education Committee - Dr. Krous reported for the Education Committee that the policies and procedures of the Education Committee were approved by Council. In the summer of 1999, the ACCME on-site inspection of the SPP will take place in Denver, CO. The Education committee will continue to blind abstracts to author and location. Abstracts which have not been submitted elsewhere in the previous 6 months will be considered for review. E-mail submission for abstracts will be in place for the interim meeting and is encouraged. Following the 3 year presentation of workshops, the workshop material may be printed on the web page, published or presented at another organizational meeting (i.e. CAP, ASCP). New workshops will run for two year cycles. Future interim meetings include: Providence, RI 1999; Vancouver, BC 2000; Memphis, TN 2001 and Dallas, TX 2002.

Fellowship Committee - Dr. Krous reported for the Fellowship Committee that the issue of increasing the Pediatric Pathology fellowship program to 2 years from one year is not being further pursued.

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on review of the NRMP for the previous year, with 7 of 22 programs and 5 applicants, the SPP is not recommending use of the NRMP for the upcoming year. Dr. Finegold will be contacting the program directors in the United States and Canada to agree on a date for fellowship agreements.

Finance Committee - No report.

Long-Term Planning Committee - Dr. Stocker reported for the Long-Term Planning Committee. At the Long-Term Planning Committee meeting held in Toronto in September 1998, it was decided that each Councilor at-large would be responsible for development and leadership in each of one of six major areas of focus of the SPP. A follow-up meeting is planned in Providence, RI in September 1999, and all SPP members are encouraged to attend.

Practice Committee - Dr. Jevon reported for the Practice committee on the Slide Survey program, which is going well. Other projects for the coming year include a look at pediatric pathologist workload and CPT coding.

Publications Committee - Dr. Larry Becker reported for the Publications Committee. A plan to increase the *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology* (PDP) journal subscription rate is being addressed by Springer-Verlag. The year-end separately bound volume of *Perspectives* will be published and distributed to the PDP journal subscribers for the next three years. Expansion of the SPP web-site is planned during 1999. The SPP Newsletter will continue to be published 4 times/year. The search is now underway for a new newsletter editor.

Research Committee - Dr. Parham reported for the Research Committee of a gratifying response for the Young Investigator award, with 10 applications received. Dr. Hector Melin-Aldana receives the Young Investigator award for his work "Molecular control of the regenerative response of the developing liver." Dr. Grace Kim (Fellow, Dallas, TX) receives the James McAdams Stipend to spend time studying in Dr. Strauss' lab in St. Louis, Missouri.

Membership Committee - Dr. Krous reported for the Membership Committee on the following new members: Regular - J. Ackerman, P. Argani, S. Melnick, A. Ostry, R. Tan, L. Waters, M. Wills; Affiliate - W. Ng, D. Payton and Junior - J. Bourgeois, W. Al-Dhahir, C. Galambos, C. Kinzer-Bezanson, N. Klipfel, M. Matthews, M. Steele, B. Strauss, J. Wang, K. Wikenheiser-Brokamp.

Nominating Committee - Dr. Rutledge reported for the Nominating Committee. He announced the nominees: Dr. Claire Langston for President-Elect, Dr. Deborah Perry for Secretary-Treasurer, Drs. Robert Bendon and Glenn Taylor for Councilors at large. There was a call for nominations from the floor. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The nominations were closed and the slate was unanimously accepted.

Dr. Don Singer announced the upcoming fall interim meeting September 23-26, 1999 in Providence, RI.

Dr. Maria Davila announced the upcoming IXth Latin American

Conference of Pediatric Pathology in 2000 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Dr. Tom Stocker announced the next annual meeting in March 2000 in New Orleans, LA.

Dr. Lillian Boccon-Gibod announced the IPPA meeting in Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, July 16-23, 2000.

Dr. Paul Dickman gave a computer demonstration of the SPP web site. The site is <http://path.upmc.edu/spp/>. All SPP members are encouraged to visit the web site.

Outgoing Councilors, Drs. Simonton and Joshi, escorted incoming President Rutledge to the podium. President Rutledge presented President Stocker with a carved plaque. President Stocker presented President Rutledge with the talking stick.

Dr. Rutledge announced the PPS meeting in Poland in Warsaw, Poland in 2001. Approximately 20 members indicated an interest in attending. This meeting will not replace the scheduled SPP interim meeting in the fall of 2001 in Memphis, TN.

Dr. deSa announced the fall 2000 interim SPP meeting in Vancouver, B.C.

The meeting was adjourned.

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## AWARDS AT THE 1999 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 Gail Deutsch, MD, for her platform presentation titled "Pancreatic versus hepatic cell specification in murine endoderm cultures".



*Gail Deutsch, M.D., receiving the Gordon F. Vawter award from David Witte, M.D.*

## Harry B. Neustein Memorial Award

The Harry B. Neustein Memorial Award was presented to Elizabeth Perlman MD, for her platform presentation titled "Genetic analysis of clear cell sarcoma of kidney (CCSK) by comparative genomic hybridization (CGH)".



*Elizabeth J. Perlman, M.D., was presented the Harry B. Neustein Memorial Award by David Witte, M.D.*

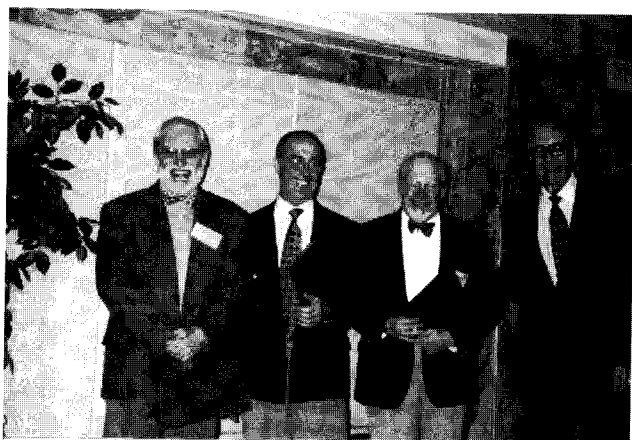
## Members of the SPP Recognized

**Henry F. Krous MD**, in recognition for his service on the SPP Education Committee as member and Chair.

**Denis R. Benjamin MB BCh BSc**, for his service in giving "rebirth" to the Society's publications.

**James E. Dimmick MD**, for his service in giving "rebirth" to the Society's publications.

**Don B. Singer MD**, for his service in giving "rebirth" to the Society's publications.



*Outgoing president Stocker thanks the Editors of the official SPP publications; Drs. Jim Dimmick, Denis Benjamin, and Don Singer.*

**J. Thomas Stocker MD**, for his able and effective leadership and wise counsel as President for the year 1998.

**Fred B Askin MD**, for his long service in the field of pediatric pathology education.

**Louis P. Dehner MD**, for his long service in the field of pediatric pathology education.

**J. Bruce Beckwith MD**, for being selected and delivering the distinguished paper titled: "Life in the Gray Zone: Dealing with Uncertainty in Diagnostic Pathology".



*The Sidney Farber lecturer, Bruce Beckwith, M.D., with his wife Nancy and Henry Krous, M.D.*

## The Lotte Strauss Prize

The Lotte Strauss prize was not awarded this year.

## RESEARCH AWARDS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

**Winner of the McAdams Study Stipend** is Grace Kim, M.D., to spend time in Dr. Strauss' lab in St. Louis, MO.

**Young Investigator Award** was given to Hector Melin-Aldana, M.D., for his work on the Molecular Control of Regenerative Response of the Developing Liver.

## REPORT FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

*Milton J. Finegold, M.D., Chairperson*

The Fellowship Committee was re-activated to consider 3 items and met in San Francisco. The question of getting the American Board of Pathology (ABP) and ACGME to extend the period of Fellowship training to 2 years was forcefully nixed by Jerry Garvin, who pointed out the ABP's latest initiative to make the 5 year program a full 3 years of either AP or CP and 2 years for the other, and not to change any of the subspecialty qualifications.

A second issue was the problem for programs in Canada because the Royal College is not providing sub-specialty accreditation and the ACGME will not qualify Canadian programs. Therefore trainees in Canada are not eligible to sit for the ABP examination. Drs. Glenn Taylor and Jim Dimmick will be working with the Royal College leaders to rectify this situation. A personal communication from Dr. Hartmann of the ABP indicated his willingness to help in resolving the issue, so that trainees from Canada will gain access to the qualifying exam.

Finally the results of the 1999 national resident matching plan (NRMP) were reviewed and proposals for the future discussed. Seven programs and 5 applicants participated, out of 22 ACGME-approved programs and an unknown number of non-participating fellowship candidates. It was anticipated that full participation for the first year would not occur because of prior commitments but this low level of involvement is a threat to the concept, which was intended to help applicants to find the most suitable opportunity for their educational needs. Because many commitments for 2000 have already been made, we will not be using the NRMP. For the future, Dr. Finegold will be polling all 22 program directors for their input.

## REPORT FROM THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

*Beverly Rogers, M.D., Chairperson*

The Publications Committee met, with Dr. Larry Becker chairing the meeting. Submission and articles deemed acceptable by the *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology* were similar for the years 1998 and 1997. The journal is progressing well following indexing by the National Library of Medicine; however, there are only 47 institutional subscriptions thus far in 1999. If you have not asked your institutional library to subscribe to the journal, you should do this today. Look on the back of the carrier sheet in the next issue of the journal for a check-off sheet to send to your institutional library.

The year-end bound volume of *Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology* is underway. This will be a bound compilation of the first 6 articles in the Perspectives series, plus 2 Founder's series articles. Submission and acceptances of articles for 1999 have proceeded well, and articles are in the queue for all issues of 1999.

The Committee agreed to add SPP members' names to the Web Site, with password access only. This will allow immediate update of member addresses from the Central Office. The Committee commended Dr. Dickman and his colleagues on their development of the Web Site over the past year. Future plans for 1999 also include on-line abstract submissions.

This will be Dr. Popek's last year as editor of the newsletter. She has done an outstanding job as editor of the newsletter. A search for a new editor has now begun (see announcement in this newsletter). The Committee also discussed the advertising policy for the newsletter, reinforcing that advertisements are welcome. There will be no charge for announcements of fellowships and job opportunities by members of the SPP and no charge for announcements of the fall and spring SPP meeting. However, commercial advertising will be viewed as a source of revenue for the newsletter and SPP, and will be charged at rates established by the Committee. The Central Office has a complete listing of rates.

## SEARCH FOR A NEWSLETTER EDITOR-EFFECTIVE SPRING 2000

The Publications Committee is taking applications for a newsletter editor, to begin with the Spring Newsletter after the annual meeting, 2000. The editor will be responsible for soliciting information from SPP committee chairs, compiling information sent by members of the SPP, and providing an editorial for the readership. The editor will work closely with the Central Office (Degnon Associates) to produce a quarterly publication in a timely manner. The term will be for 3 years. Please send applications and a curriculum vitae before August 1, 1999 to: Beverly B. Rogers, M.D., Chair Publications Committee, Department of Pathology, Children's Medical Center, 1935 Motor St., Dallas, TX 75235; phone 214-456-2085, fax 214-456-6199, email brogers@childmed.dallas.tx.us. The elected candidate will be announced at the fall meeting (1999).

## PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY LIST- SERVER

*Joe Rutledge, M.D.*

A world-wide group of about 280 with interest in pediatric pathology are in daily contact via an internet list-server. A list-server allows you to send a single message to one address and reach all subscribers. The messages cover all aspects of pediatric pathology and occasional unrelated subjects in 1-8 messages per day. For more information or to subscribe, contact Joe Rutledge at jrutledg@u.washington.edu

**Visit the SPP website at:  
<http://path.upmc.edu/spp/>**

## PERINATAL PATHOLOGY

*Robert Bendon, M.D., founder of the Mid America  
Placental Study Group*

News from the San Francisco meeting: Council voted to recommend the establishment of an ad-hoc committee to address the issue of divisions or sections within the SPP.

Member survey: There was a good response to the survey, not all of which is tabulated yet. However, I will be responding to those who are willing to assist in the near future. There was a consensus that \$50 was a reasonable cost for the meeting. We still need to follow the education guidelines, and we are looking into obtaining CME credit. Abstracts will be submitted through the regular SPP abstract committee.

Newsletter: The newsletter is still on hold. In order not to break the continuity of the MAPS cases, anyone interested in receiving the current cases should send a check made out to Norton Healthcare for \$15.00 and send it to Robert Bendon, M.D., Department of Pathology, Kosair Children's Hospital, P.O. Box 35070, Louisville, KY 40232-5070. This includes MAPS members.

Placental Slides: MAPS has functioned democratically with all readings of the slides published. We will identify some "expert" readings with this set of slides. However, there is no gold standard, and I believe much of the learning is from listening to the diversity of opinion. Please send your diagnoses on the slides to me (same address as on the check), until the web site has a place to respond directly.

### **Histories for Current Slide Set:**

1. 34 weeks gestation, delivery by cesarean section because of biophysical profile of 2. Two random placental sections.
2. 31 weeks gestation, delivery by cesarean section for hydrops and prenatal diagnosis of epignathus (immature teratoma). Section from unexpected lesion involving 1/3 of the placenta.
3. Neonatal death in the first hours of life, no autopsy. At delivery the infant had hydrocephalus and hydrops. The umbilical cord demonstrated calcified plaques.
4. Term infant with skin rash. Maternal history positive for gonorrhea, with negative HIV and syphilis serology.

**Perinatal Meeting to Precede the Interim Meeting of  
the Society for Pediatric Pathology  
September 23, 1999  
The Westin Hotel, Providence, RI**

The morning will be dedicated to small group meetings for ongoing and proposed projects of the proposed Perinatal Division. Ongoing projects include a model autopsy data base of non obstructive renal disease, a practical approach to diagnostic nosology of the placenta, resource data bases of people and material, and the revitalization of the Study Group for Complications of Perinatal Care.

Based on the response to a survey sent to members of the Society for Pediatric Pathology, two other groups will be announced.

The afternoon will be a minisymposium to update pathologists, obstetricians, and neonatologists about advances in the scientific understanding of preterm labor and chorioamnionitis. There will be three speakers as well as abstract presentations. Abstracts may be submitted on these topics by anyone with an interest in this field. Four will be selected for platform presentation. There will also be an opportunity for poster presentations.

Abstract and registration information may be received from Oona Faye-Petersen, M.D., Anatomic Pathology, University of Alabama at Birmingham, 1922 Seventh Avenue South, Birmingham, AL 35293-6823 (205) 975-8880, secretary, Ms. Bette Chamblin; mail: onamarie@path.uab.edu

- 8:00 Introduction, Drs. Ona Faye-Petersen and Halit Pinar
- 8:15 First set of small group meetings
- 9:15 Break and poster viewing (refreshments provided)
- 9:45 Second set of small group meetings
- 10:45 Summation of groups and business meeting, Dr. Robert Bendon
- 11:30-1:00 Break for lunch (not provided)
- 1:00-5:00 Symposium on Clinicopathologic Aspects of Preterm Birth
  - 1:00 An Overview of Placental Pathology in Preterm Birth, Ray Redline, M.D.
  - 1:30 Abstract Presentations
  - 2:30 Break (refreshments provided)
  - 2:45 Hormonal Aspects of Normal Pregnancy and Preterm Birth, John R. G. Challis, Ph.D., D.Sc., FIBiol, FROG, FRSC
  - 3:45 Update in Clinical Investigations of Ascending Intrauterine Infection and its Relationship to Preterm Birth, Perinatal Systemic Inflammatory Response Syndrome (SIRS) and Adverse Neonatal Outcome, William P. Andrews, Ph.D., M.D.
  - 5:00 Adjournment

**DEADLINE  
FOR THE NEXT  
NEWSLETTER  
July 6, 1999**

**SOCIETY FOR  
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**ABSTRACT DEADLINE:**

Abstracts must be postmarked as follows:  
Mailed within USA -  
June 30, 1999  
International Air Mail (includes Canada)  
June 25, 1999

**PRESENTATION  
CHOICE**

- ☐ Poster  
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- ☐ Vawter Pathologist-In-Training  
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This abstract has not been published or presented at another major meeting within the past six months.

SIGNATURE OF SPP MEMBER OR SPONSORING MEMBER: \_\_\_\_\_  
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☐ I wish to receive SPP meeting registration information.

**REGISTRATION** - Authors presenting the accepted scientific entries will be required to pay the general registration fee for the meeting. Meeting registration information is NOT automatically mailed to non-members. Please indicate if information is needed.





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### In Memoriam

The central office was regretfully notified by Mrs. Jean Rodin that her husband, Alvin E. Rodin, M.D., San Diego, CA, died on March 8, 1999, of complication from Alzheimer's Disease.

### Congratulations

Poul Sorensen, M.D., is the first recipient of the Johal Chair in Pediatric Oncologic research at the University of British Columbia. The appointment will give Poul the opportunity to expand his research activities and develop a larger research team in the field of pediatric oncology. The chair is in the department of pediatrics in which he will be jointly appointed with pathology.

### Future Meetings

#### Future SPP Meetings

- 1999- Providence, Rhode Island, September 23-26
- 2000- Vancouver, British Columbia, September 22-24
- 2001- Memphis, Tennessee
- 2002- Dallas, Texas

#### Future USCAP Meetings

- 2000- New Orleans, March 10-17
- 2001- Atlanta, March 3-9
- 2002- Chicago, February 23-March 1
- 2003- Washington, DC, March 22-28

#### Future IAP Meetings

- 2000- Nagoya, Japan, October
- 2001- Warsaw, Poland

### Miscellaneous

XXII Congress Intermillennium Latin American Society of Pathology, Lima Peru, October 25-30, 1999

Latin American Conference of Pediatric Pathology, Buenos Aires, Argentina, October 30-November 3, 2000.

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8th Meeting of the European Placenta Group  
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## POSITIONS AVAILABLE

### Cincinnati, Ohio Children's Hospital Medical Center University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Pediatric Pathology

The Division of Pathology at Children's Hospital Medical Center (CHMC), Cincinnati, Ohio is seeking an experienced academic anatomic pediatric pathologist at the assistant or associate professor level. Academic rank will be determined by the candidate's credentials and experience. Candidates must have an M.D. or M.D./Ph.D. degree and be either AP or AP/CP board certified. Preference will be given to candidates who have completed pediatric pathology fellowship and are either certified or board eligible for pediatric pathology subspecialty boards. A strong experience or interest in pediatric gastrointestinal pathology is highly desirable. Candidates must have or be eligible for an Ohio State Medical License. The successful candidate must have strong diagnostic skills and will be expected to develop a productive scholarly career. The Division of Pathology at CHMC accessions more than 7,600 surgical specimens and outside consultations per year. CHMC is a major pediatric medical center providing both primary and tertiary pediatric care with a broad based patient population. It is also a nationally recognized research center for both clinical pediatrics and basic science investigation areas related to pediatric diseases and developmental biology.

Interested candidates should send a curriculum vitae to:

David P. Witte, M.D.  
Department of Pathology  
The Children's Hospital Medical Center  
3333 Burnet Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45229-3039

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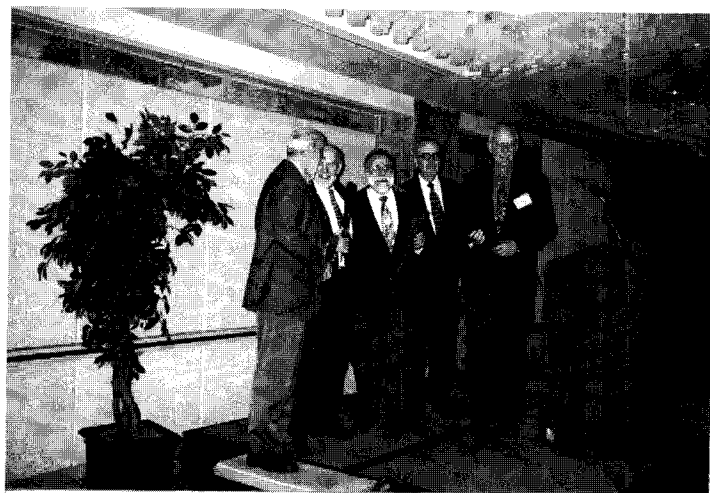
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The University of Utah Department of Pathology has a full time faculty position available for a AP or AP/CP eligible or board-certified pathologist with a subspecialty interest in pediatric surgical pathology. The individual must be eligible for licensure to practice medicine in the state of Utah. An interest in transfusion medicine would also be a plus, although it is not essential. The individual will be responsible for provision of service to anatomic and clinical pathology at Primary Children's Medical Center, teaching of medical students, pathology residents and pediatrics residents at the University of Utah School of Medicine, and collaborative clinico-pathologic research. The position is primarily for an individual at the Assistant or Associate Professor level on either the clinical or tenure track.

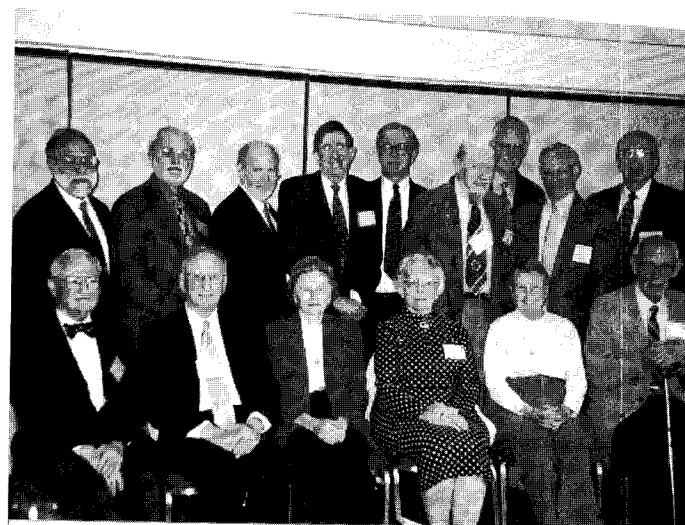
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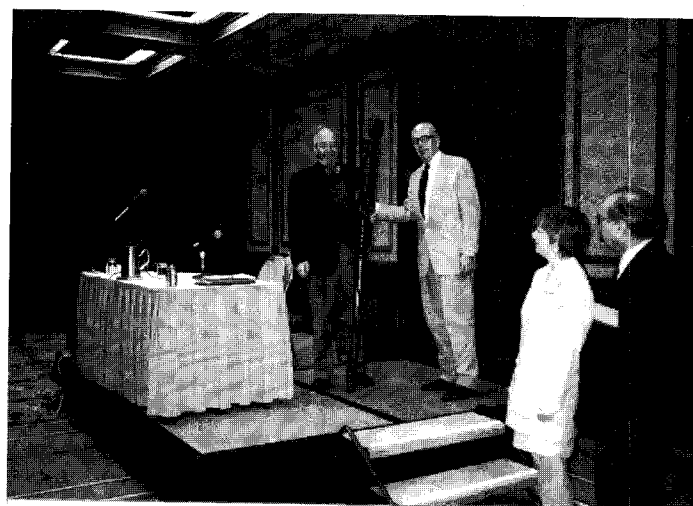
**ANNUAL MEETING PHOTOS**



*Outgoing president Stocker awards past-presidents Dimmick, Haas, Buchino and Beckwith with replicas of the "talking stick" to commemorate their time as President of the Society for Pediatric Pathology.*



*Past-Presidents' luncheon was well attended. Front row: Dr. Harvey Rosenberg, Jay Bernstein, Enid Gilbert-Barness, Dan Haust, Marie Valdez Dapena, and Ben Landing. Back Row: Dr. John Buchino, Jim Dimmick, Joel Haas, John Kissane, Kevin B. Gene Perrin, Bruce Beckwith, Milton Finegold, and Tom Stocker. Present at the luncheon/meeting but not pictured; Bill Newton, David Hardwick, Art Weinberg, and Don Singer.*



*President Stocker hands over the talking stick to incoming President Rutledge. Outgoing councilors Drs. Susan Simonton and Vijay Joshi standby after escorting President-elect Rutledge to the stage.*

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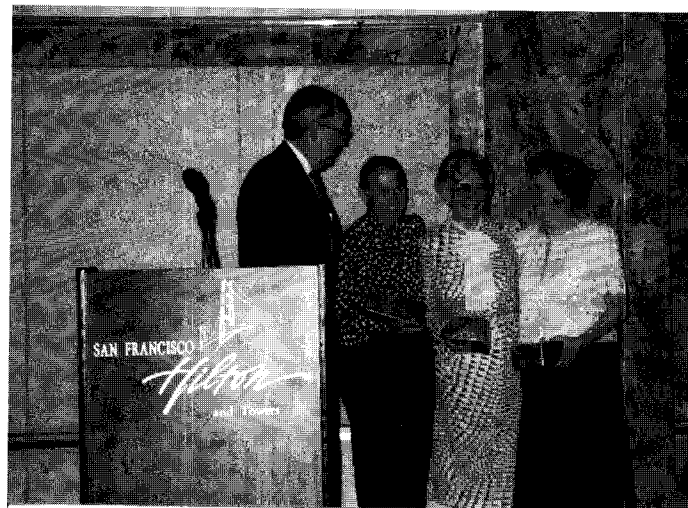
## MORE PHOTOS FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING



*The Symposium speakers on Hereditary Renal Disease were difficult to get together for a picture. Great interest in their presentations spurred many questions from the participants. Here the moderator Jay Bernstein, M.D., is surrounded by his panel of speakers, Corinne Antignac, M.D., Elizabeth Hensky, M.D., Lisa Guay-Woodford, M.D., and Clifford Kashtan, M.D.*



*President Rutledge, fully on duty having completed his life-history can now relax with his family; wife Ellen, and children Roberta and Jack.*



*Outgoing president Stocker thanks members of the society for their efforts on behalf of the society. The Divas Drs. Molly Dapena, Daria Haust, and Enid Gilbert*



*Drs. Carmen Gutierrez, Maria Davila and Lila Penchansky discuss the upcoming Latin American Pediatric Pathology meetings in Peru and Argentina.*

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