

SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY

NEWSLETTER

Summer 1999

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Wina J. Popek, D.O.

... summer time and the living is easy—except for those of us on service while our colleagues languish by the sea. Oh well, my term is coming up this month. I'm off to England to see the Queen. I'll give her your best.

... clever thing that I've seen several places concerning the evolution of medicine:

1000BC - here, eat this root

1000AD - that root is heathen, here say this prayer

1850AD - that prayer is superstition, here drink this potion

1940AD - that potion is snake oil, here swallow this pill

1985AD - that pill is ineffective, here take this antibiotic

2000AD - that antibiotic doesn't work any more, here eat this root

... how true this is. I called my cousin, the Dairy Farmer, the other day who told me to take echinacea for the cold that I had—she's probably right.

Included with this Newsletter:

- ♦ **2000 Annual Meeting Abstract Submission Form and Instructions**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Joe C. Rutledge, M.D.

From activity on the Ped Path list it appears that few have gone on vacation and are busy at work encountering strange and rare cases. The relatively early fall meeting in Providence (have you made your reservations yet?) means that those working on Society business must be actively engaged at the time you are reading this newsletter in order to make the business meeting as profitable as possible.

In addition to the preparation by committee Chairs, the councilors at large have taken on a new role this year. Each will follow up one of the Houston derived strategic planning initiatives. Cutting across committees and non-committee work, they will assess our progress in six of these areas and report not only to council, but also at an attenuated long-range planning meeting.

Alba Greco will be examining our progress in ways of growing the SPP, a key initiative to continued growth, and to achieving membership for new programs. As Glen Taylor prepares for his westward migration he will be developing the scorecard of how the SPP has performed in developing assertive and passionate leaders. Dr. Carole Vogler will be inquiring how we can convince others of pediatric pathology's unique role in child health. Cheryl Coffin has selected to tackle one of the most difficult goals, which is how we can strengthen our influence on the practice of pathology. Dr. Raj Kapur is already e-mailing a variety of people in his quest to assess how the SPP can enhance research opportunities. Bob Bendon will be assessing our progress on applying new communication technologies to enhance not only education but also other aspects of the Society business.

Given the difficulties of even defining these strategic goals, much less saying something intelligent about how an organization has dealt with them, each councilor I am sure will be happy to receive your input both concerning status and also ideas for directions. I especially look forward to their reports and discussion as it will give me material for the next newsletter column!

Many of our strategic goals in fact can be applied to the newly merged pediatric cancer groups: the Children's Oncology Group. About 25 pathologists met jointly in May to hear reports from CCG's Tim Trish and Ted Pysher and POG's Bob Hutchison on how the two pathology groups can function together. They were also treated to a symposium organized by John Fisher. How can the SPP goals outlined above interface with COG?

The SPP has opportunities to attract members who are active in these groups but who do not make childhood pathology their full-time endeavor. The leadership skills developed by pathologists active in cancer committees can be transferred to the SPP where perhaps the political fallout is a little less severe. The easy merger of the pathology groups in part may have been accomplished by the leadership previously demonstrated by those controlling joint pathology committees such as Beckwith, Perlman, Parham, Newton, Qualman, Shimada, and others. Their leadership, gentlemanly approach, and

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welcoming of diverse participation have fostered the growth of pathology discipline in pediatric oncology. They have pointed the way and now other members must follow this leadership. Continued participation by pediatric pathologists in all aspects of the Children's Oncology Group would allow it to maintain its unique flavor in clinical studies and in those studies involving only pathology.

Pediatric pathology to me is unique in the area of oncology as with rare cases the pathologist is called on to make a treatment recommendation. We must continue this close affiliation with our clinical colleagues learning the clinical medicine and their thought processes. Participation in the combined oncology group will allow us to have influence not only in the practice of pathology within our own institutions but also in other institutions seeing pediatric neoplasia.

One of the greatest potentials, if our service schedules allow, is for continuation of collaborative and self-directed research in the area of pediatric neoplasia that has been successfully accomplished by so many of our members. A portion of this work becomes routine such as case reviews, but critical retrospective analysis certainly has paid off with important prognostic, histologic parameters being realized. More basic research could be initiated by many of us using material not just from our own institutions but from the collaborative bank that Steve Qualman has so successfully implemented. The SPP web page (edited by Paul Dickman) as well as certain forums at our meetings may be appropriate modalities to more clearly define protocol pathologic definitions so that we can reach a more general consistency.

By examining our strategic goals and applying them to the area of pediatric oncology, I think we can see that it is a ripe area where SPP members not only have been fruitful in the past, but where we can potentially be even more productive. I urge those of you with the inclination, to increase your involvement and help promote the strategic goals of the SPP in a fashion that I think will be personally rewarding. The difficult task of merging the two pathology groups has been accomplished and I believe the groups stand ready for your participation.

REPORT FROM THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Beverly Rogers, M.D., Chairperson

A quiet summer portends a busy fall as we gear up for the interim meeting in Providence. Members of the Committee are contacting selected libraries to publicize our journal, pediatric and Developmental pathology. A beautiful brochure arrived recently from Springer with our journal featured in a full-page advertisement, and Springer-Verlag sent a letter from me to many libraries and selected potential subscribers who are not SPP members to advertise the journal. Do you know if your institutional library takes

Pediatric and Developmental Pathology? Ask. If they don't know they need to take the journal. The bound volume *Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology* should be out soon; all members of the SPP who receive the journal will also get the bound volume of *Perspectives*. The latest addition to the Web Site is online submission of abstracts to our meetings; no more overnight mail necessary! We are still accepting applications for Newsletter editor. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Claire Langston, M.D., Chairperson

The Nominating Committee is in the process of developing a slate for the upcoming elections for President-Elect and Council (two large councilors) and would welcome input from the members. Additionally, there will be a number of vacancies on committees the year 2000. Communications to the Nominating Committee with regard to committee service should be directed to:

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WHERE ARE THEY NOW? GRADUATES OF PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY FELLOWSHIPS 1996 - 1999

*Milton J. Finegold,
Chairman of the Fellowship Committee*

Brown:

1997, Jesbir Hoha, (Pediatric Path), Fairfax, VA
1999, Gail Deutsch, The Children's Hospital, Denver, CO

Children's Memorial - Chicago:

1997, Martin Flores-Stadler, (Private Practice),
Harvey, IL

Cincinnati:

1997, Hector Melin-Aldana, (Research), Cincinnati, OH
1998, Thomas Haas, (Private Practice, General Path),
Manhattan, KS

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umbus:

- 1996, Daniel Boue, Staff
- 1996, Sandra Cottingham, (Private Practice Neuropath), unknown
- 1998, Judy Pascasio, ? CHOP
- 1999, Kathleen Nicol, (Blood Banking), Staff

roit - Wayne State:

- 1998, Janet Poulik, Staff
- 1999, Dafyd Thomas, unknown

iana:

- 1995, Marcia Correa, University of Puerto Rico
- 1995, Mary Davis, Staff
- 1999, Barbara Fulton, University of VA

ans Hopkins:

- 1997, Marcia Wills, University of New Mexico

lwaukee Children's:

- 1995, Beth Trost, Staff

w York University:

- 1996, Joan Durbin, (Research Faculty), Columbus, OH
- 1998, Raffaella Morotti, Columbus Children's, Columbus, OH
- 1999, Hong Zhou, Primary Children's, Salt Lake City, UT

ttsburgh:

- 1996, Laura Finn, CHOP then to Seattle
- 1997, Antonio Alvarez-Mendoza, Mexico City
- 1998, Maria Parizhskaya, Staff
- 1999, Sonya Arnold, unknown

an Antonio:

- 1996, Denis Drehner, Salt Lake
- 1997, Teresa Hays, (Private Practice), San Antonio, TX
- 1998, Christine Lancaster, US Army, San Antonio, TX
- 1998, Josephine Heimhall, UT MSC, San Antonio, TX

ampa:

- 1998, Jeannie Ackerman, (Private Practice), Vero Beach, FL
- 1998, Sonya Arnold, (2nd year fellow), Pittsburgh, PA
- 1999, Marta Praza, unknown

exas Children's:

- 1996, Sun-Chen Huang, Taiwan
- 1996, Meena Bhattacharjee, (Neuropath), Tulane, New Orleans, LA
- 1996, Patricia Gil del Real, Panama City
- 1996, Glenda Henderson, (Neuropath) Vancouver Children's, BC, Canada
- 1997, Joseph Pestaner, (Med Examiner), Washington, D.C., ? Baltimore, MD

- 1998, Kerby Oberg, Loma Linda
- 1998, Catherine Pye (Private Practice), Anchorage, Alaska
- 1999, Kimiko Deguchi, (Neuropath), Japan
- 1999, Christine Reyes, (Private Practice), Omaha NE

U.T. Dallas - Southwestern:

- 1996, Amy Lowichik, Primary Children's, Salt Lake City, UT
- 1997, Van Savell, Children's, Little Rock, Arkansas
- 1998, Heather Prashner, University of Texas, Houston, TX
- 1999, Grace Kim (2nd year fellow)

Washington University:

- 1996, Michael McDermott, Ireland
- 1997, Edith Marley, Sunrise Hospital, Las Vegas, NV
- 1998, Ramga, India
- 1999, Ashley Hill, St Jude's, Memphis, TN

No responses or no graduates:

- Akron
- The Children's Hospital, Denver, CO
- Emory
- Louisiana State
- St Christopher's
- St. Louis University
- SUNY - Brooklyn

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 and 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 13, 1999 to:

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The elected candidate will be announced at the fall meeting (1999).

PEDIATRIC FORENSIC ISSUES: PATHOLOGY, DIAGNOSIS, IMAGING AND INVESTIGATION

The Institute for Pediatric Medical Education and the Society for Pediatric Pathology (SPP) will jointly sponsor the third annual course on the pathology, diagnosis imaging and investigation of pediatric forensic issues. The four day seminar will be held at the Hotel Royal Plaza in Orlando, FL from December 1-4, 1999 under the direction of Drs. Kim Collins and J. Thomas Stocker.

This course is designed primarily for general and pediatric pathologists but will be of interest to forensic pathologists/medical examiners, pediatricians, emergency room personnel, pediatric nurses, attorneys and law enforcement officials. Presentations will include discussion of managing the media, scene investigations, courtroom testimony, child abuse, accidental, unnatural and natural causes of sudden death in infancy and childhood, burns, domestic violence, incest and sexual abuse, death reviews, use of computer imaging, and a "mock court", among others. The radiological aspects of non-accidental injury will also be discussed along with a discussion on how to properly document and record incidences of child abuse. Daily case presentations will be used to involve the participants in "real life" situations. Faculty members include K. Collins, D. Bross, S. Chewning, M. Fierro, S. Grear, K. Hymel, P. Lantz, G. Lonergan, J. McDowell, W. Oliver, P. Peltier, G. Wagner, and C. Wetli. Course participants will also receive a 250-300 page syllabus including conference presentations and case discussions.

This course, through the SPP, is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME). The SPP certifies that this CME activity meets the criteria for 29 credit hours in category 1 for the Physician's Recognition Award of the American Medical Association.

For further information, contact the Institute for Pediatric Medical Education, 6604 Landon Lane, Bethesda, MD 20817.
Phone: 301/263-9360, FAX: 301/229-8338.

PERINATAL GROUP PRE-MEETING SYMPOSIUM

Perinatal Group Pre-Meeting Symposium is scheduled for September 23, 1999, the Thursday prior to the Interim SPP Meeting, in Providence. This meeting will also be held at The Westin. The morning of this conference will be dedicated to small group meetings for ongoing and proposed projects, including the revitalization of the Study Group for Complications of Perinatal Care. An afternoon symposium on preterm labor and chorioamnionitis is scheduled, and will include complementary abstract presentations and posters. We anticipate 3.5 hours of category 1 credit. Early registration is encouraged. You may register directly by submit-

ting your enrollment fee of \$50, by check (made out to the Society for Pediatric Pathology) to Ms. Merril Ferber Society for Pediatric Pathology, 6728 Old McLean Village Road, McLean, VA 22101-3906.

Meeting Agenda

- 8:00 am Introduction: Ona Faye-Petersen, MD and Halit Pinar,
8:15 First set of small group meetings
SGCPC Organizational- Robert White, M.D.
Oligohydramnios database - Robert Bendon, M.D.
Publication- Beverly Rogers, M.D. Education-Ona Faye-Petersen
9:15 Break and Poster Viewing (refreshments provided)
9:45 Second set of small group meetings
SGCPC NEC- Hema Da Silva, M.D.
Nosology - Ray Redline, M.D.
Practice- Yee Khong, M.D.
Research- To be announced
10:45 Summation of group discussions and Business Meeting
Robert Bendon, MD
11:30 am-1:00 pm Break for Lunch (not provided)
1:00-5:00 pm Symposium: Clinicopathologic Aspects of Preterm Birth
1:00 "An Overview of Placental Pathology in Preterm Birth."
Raymond W. Redline, MD.
1:30 Abstract Presentations
2:30 Break (refreshments provided)
2:45 "Hormonal Aspects of Normal Pregnancy and Preterm Birth"
John R. G. Challis, PhD, DSc, FIBiol, FRCOG, 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 W. Andrews, PhD, MD.
5:00 Adjournment

MAPS NEWS

Publication of the Mid America Placental Study Group, Vol. 5, Issue 3, June 1999
Robert W. Bendon, M.D.

One of the goals of creating a perinatal pathology group larger than MAPS group was to open up our activities to anyone interested. Until the name of the new group and its status is determined by SPP Council, I will continue to use MAPS on the letterhead.

There have been other changes in the newsletter. Most importantly is the creation of an editorial board, composed of me, Dr. Yee Khong, and Dr. John Seguin. Dr. Khong will be taking over responsibility for the QA program. Dr. Seguin will be responsible for reviewing the SGCPC newsletter under the SPP umbrella.

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SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY – 2000 ANNUAL MEETING

New Orleans, LA • March 10 - 11, 2000

Abstract Submission Instructions

Abstracts must be submitted using the Abstract Submission Form or submitted on-line on the SPP website. On-line submission is expected to be ready by September 1, 1999. For details and instructions for submitting on-line, visit the SPP website at: <http://path.upmc.edu/spp>

Deadline: Abstracts must be received or submitted on the SPP website (fax transmission will not be accepted) no later than September 17, 1999.

Format & Content: Abstracts submitted in paper format must be typed on the original form (on the reverse) 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.

Directions for Typist: The abstract must fit within blue borders on the 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 11 point for computer (scaleable) fonts, and **12 point** for typewriter (non-scaleable) fonts. **DO NOT USE A DOT MATRIX PRINTER.**

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.

Presentation Choice: Papers will be presented to the SPP at podium sessions on Saturday and Sunday. Poster sessions will be held concurrently. Because of time constraints, the number of podium presentations will be limited and must be no more than 8 minutes long to allow 7 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 3'10" by 5'10" wide. **NOTE:** Abstracts will only be considered for SPP presentation. Authors wishing to present abstracts at the USCAP Monday session must send abstracts directly to USCAP. An abstract should be submitted to either SPP or USCAP, but not to both. SPP abstracts will continue to be published in *Laboratory Investigation* and *Modern Pathology*.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Photocopies Required: Submit the original paper abstract form with authors and affiliation and four (4) high quality photocopies with title only, without authors names or affiliation. Copies without authors/affiliation must have poster/podium and award selection boxes checked off. Submit to:

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ABSTRACT DEADLINE:

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September 17, 1999**

**PRESENTATION
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- Poster
 Either poster or podium

- Vawter Pathologist-In-Training
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CHECKLIST

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SAMPLE FORMAT 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): _____

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.

Khong has contributed three new cases for this month. Dr. Carolyn Kinzer-Bezanson has also contributed a case. We still welcome contributions of interesting cases. All blocks should still be sent to me, and they will be cut and distributed from here. I wish to thank everyone who paid the \$15 for the slides. You may continue to purchase slides for \$ 15 a set, or for \$45 for the rest of 1999 (June, August, and November). How to integrate this program into the SPP will be part of the overall work of the newly formed ad hoc committee on sections. My continued thanks to those of you who promptly share your interpretations of the slides.

Ona Faye Peterson has done a great job of organizing the perinatal meeting before the interim SPP meeting in Providence, RI. The registration for that portion of the meeting is on this SPP web site in Acrobat Reader Format. You will also have the additional opportunity to choose two workshops for the morning part of the meeting. There will be two SGPC workshops, a Nosology project workshop, an oligohydramnios web database workshop, and several workshops corresponding to SPP committees.

Dr. Ray Redline continues to head up the nosology project, and will be taking over my column in the newsletter on Nosology. The perinatal group has a steering committee composed of me, Dr. Mason Barr (database) Dr. Ona Faye Petersen (education), Dr. John Gillan (database), Dr. Yee Khong (QA), Dr. Bill Moore (database), Dr. Ray Redline (nosology), Dr. Bob White (SGCPC).

Cases:

55-SE-98- This case was submitted by Dr. Kurt Benirschke as a case of varicella infection presenting as villitis of unknown etiology. There was some additional history: Two other children in the family developed chicken pox. It is not clear if the mother had chicken pox. In the same month that the siblings developed chicken pox, the fetus developed hydrops and monographic evidence of small calcifications in the heart and liver. The hydrops resolved spontaneously. At birth there were no cardiac calcifications, but some liver calcifications remained. On second study there were minute calcars presumably from varicella on the infant's skin. There was no therapy. Immunoperoxidase staining with antivariella antibodies was confined to major vessels of degenerated (inflamed) villi. EM is being done.

My comments: If there is truly antigen in the vessels then I would expect some of the inflammation to be B cell, similar to CMV. If true, that might be an easy way to separate some infectious lymphohistocytic villitis from non-infectious. I will have to accept that appropriate controls were done to exclude any non specific staining. I confess that without the history, I would not have considered this an infectious villitis.

PR 98 793: Dr. Maureen Sander submitted this case as an example of severe V-UE, chronic mononuclear intervillitis and HEV at the capillary level (hemorrhagic villitis). There are several characteristic rose petal-like lesions of HEV on the slide. These areas may show intravillous hemorrhage as well as capillary lesions. We see this combination of alterations (VUE, intervillitis and HEV) at

least several times a year and the similarity of appearance of these cases makes me wonder if this pattern of inflammatory and vascular lesions might represent something more specific (whatever that might be). We have studied a number of these cases with EM using a control set of histologically normal placentas and have found mycoplasma-type particles in the inflamed placentas but also in the controls. My thesis in regards to this is that mycoplasmas are probably ubiquitous in human placentas and given the appropriate environment, cofactors or the right patient may be pathogenic. Cases of this sort emphasize the close association between VLJE and HEV.

CS98-3397:Autopsy diagnoses are as follows: small for gestation (400g at 24 weeks) male fetus with evidence of greater than 48 hrs of post mortem retention, mild hydrops, thrombosis of hepatic veins, no malformations and hemorrhagic endovasculosis of the placenta. My comment: I submitted this case because the hepatic venous thrombi however may have served to produce increased umbilical venous resistance and back pressure. I was willing to blame both the hydrops and HEV on the these thrombi, but that may be too simplistic. Why the thrombi formed in situ is an unresolved issue. There was no family history of hypercoagulopathy.

CS98-3706, 3717: This infant was born by emergency Cesarean section for fetal distress to a 27 year old, primigravida, mother. Her blood type was B+ and she had negative serology for hepatitis and VDRL. At delivery a large hematoma was noted in the umbilical cord at the umbilicus. The amniotic fluid was meconium stained. The Apgars were 1, 3, and 3. He had only agonal respirations and was noted to be macrosomic. The subsequent course demonstrated seizures and hematuria. He was initially hyper then hypotonic. He had elevated liver enzymes (SGPT >500) and coagulopathy. He did not withdraw to painful stimuli, nor did he demonstrate brain stem reflexes. An echocardiogram demonstrated a small muscular VSD and right ventricular enlargement with tricuspid regurgitation. He died at 20 hours of age.

The cord hematoma was at the fetal pole, so that was the second specimen sent from the NICU. The placenta that we received was unremarkable including the umbilical cord. However, microscopically the cord demonstrated the apparent splitting open of the vein without hemorrhage that I might have overlooked as an artifact. However, the hematoma had surrounded and compressed the vein. There was chorioamnionitis, and it is difficult to be sure that the inflammation was not due to infection. The rupture clinically was sudden. One can speculate on the why the lower cord did not demonstrate hemorrhage despite the changes, but there must still have been some intrinsic weakness. Fibroblast studies for Ehlers Danlos IV was negative. The autopsy findings reflected the asphyxia.

**DEADLINE
FOR THE NEXT
NEWSLETTER
October 15, 1999**

IPPA NEWS

Ivo Leuschner

At the last business meeting of the International Pediatric Pathology Association held in Nice, France, during the International IAP Conference the use of the IPPA, money was discussed extensively. It was decided to use some of the money for travel grants for younger fellows of so called undeveloped countries to come to the International IAP Conferences. In addition some money will be used to support meetings in the third world to provide knowledge to a larger group of local pathologists. The idea is to spend the money in these countries for organization of the meeting and hand-outs, slides and so on. As tutors experienced people from the PPS or SPP will be welcome to give lectures or slide seminars. The first planned meeting will be organized by R.O.C. Kaschula, Cape Town, in Zimbabwe at Victoria Falls. The meeting will be held from 18th to 23rd of July, 2000. For further information please contact Dr. R.O.C. Kaschula, Paediatric Pathology Laboratories, Red Cross Children's Hospital, Klipfontein Road, Rondebosch, Cape Town, 7700 South Africa, Tel (27-21) 685 6044, Fax: (27-21) 689-1287, e-mail: kaschula@ich.uct.ac.za

One other point of the last business meeting was the raise of the subscription rate of the constituent societies. It was proposed to raise the fee up to \$3 per member of the constituent societies. The council of IPPA decided that it would be appropriate to discuss this matter in the constituent societies during the next year. At the next business meeting of the IPPA in 2000 the matter will be discussed again and hopefully decided.

Dr. Jean Keeling, Edinburgh, was elected to be an additional council member of the IPPA to organize a post-IPPA-Course for graduates of the IPPA Course. The first course will be held in Edinburgh in September 2000. For further information please contact Dr. J. Keeling, Dept. of Paediatric Pathology, Royal Hospital for Sick Children, 2 Rillbank Crescent, Edinburgh EH9 1LF, Scotland, United Kingdom, Tel. +44-131-536 0440, Fax: +44-131-536 04 55

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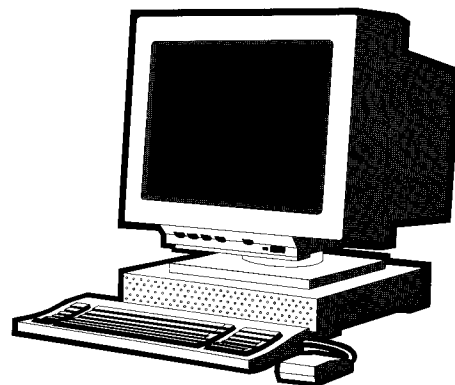
There is an opening at Scottish Rite Children's Medical Center which has recently merged with Egleston Children's Hospital at Emory University, for a staff pathologist. The position will be in private practice, with some interaction with rotating Emory pathology residents. While duties will include some administrative and clinical laboratory responsibilities, the majority will be in anatomic and surgical pathology. The service accessions over 6,500 surgical pathology specimens, over 200 bone marrows and approximately 800 non-gyn cytology specimens per year. The laboratory is full service and includes a recently developed metabolic laboratory section. Facilities are excellent; the hospital is situated in Atlanta's booming northern section, with close access to major highways, the metro line, quiet residential neighborhoods and outstanding retail facilities.

All inquires: R. Steve Phillips, M.D., Director of Laboratoires, 10 Johnson Ferry Road, Atlanta, Georgia, 30342.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND, Starship Children's Hospital

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SPP INTERIM MEETING

*September 23 - 26, 1999
Westin Providence Hotel
Providence, Rhode Island*

Schedule of Events

Welcoming Reception

Thursday, September 23, 1999. 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Westin Hotel, Providence Ballroom, 3rd Floor

Platform and Poster Sessions

Westin Hotel, Providence Ballroom, 3rd Floor
Friday, September 24, 1999. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Luncheon at 12 noon included. Narragansett Ballroom A,
ground Floor
Meet with authors and visit the exhibits while enjoying the
catered refreshments with colleagues.
Continental breakfast, snacks and beverages will be served all day)

Seminar on Fetal Medicine

Westin Hotel, Providence Ballroom, 3rd Floor
Saturday, September 24, 1999. 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Free Time

Friday, September 24, 1999, 4:00 p.m. onward
Saturday, September 24, 1999, 12:30 p.m. till 4:30 p.m.

Clambake

Saturday, September 24, 1999. 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Waffenreffer Estate, Bristol, RI. Buses will leave from the Westin
Hotel at 5:30 p.m. and return at 9:00 p.m.

Silent Auction

Westin Hotel, Providence Ballroom Gallery, 3rd Floor, Registration/
Information Desk
Friday and Saturday, September 24-25, 1999. 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
each day.

Bid on fabulous works of art, books, and other items painted, drawn,
composed, and written by our very own members and their families
and friends. Winners will be announced Saturday at the Clambake.

Sunday Brunch

For those who plan to remain in Providence, a Sunday brunch will be
provided, 10:00 a.m. till noon, at the Singer home, 26 Old Tannery
Road, three miles from the Westin Hotel.

For a complete brochure, further information or to register, please
contact:

Corrine DeSilva
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FUTURE MEETING DATES

Society for Pediatric Pathology

1999 SPP Interim Meeting

September 24-25, Providence, RI

2000 USCAP/SPP Annual Meeting

March 10-11, New Orleans, LA

2000 SPP Interim Meeting

Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada

Other Meetings of Interest

Paediatric Pathology Society Annual Meeting,

September 9-11, 1999 Belfast, N. Ireland. FAX: +44 1232 233 643,
E-mail: d.ohara@qub.ac.uk

Australian and New Zealand Pediatric Pathology Group, October

13, 1999 Melbourne, Australia. FAX (+61 8) 8204 7022, E-mail:
bournet@wch.sa.gov.au

Sociedad Latinoamericana de Patologia Pediatrica Meeting, October

30, November 3, 2000, Buenos Aires, Argentina. FAX (05411)
4787 3511, E-mail: gdavila@intramed.net.ar

The first Post-IPPA-Course for graduates of the IPPA Course, Sep-

tember 2000, Edinburgh, Scotland. For further information please
contact Dr. Jean. Keeling, Department of Paediatric Pathology, Royal
Hospital for Sick Children, 2 Rillbank Crescent, Edinburgh EH9 1LF,
Scotland, United Kingdom, Tel. +44-131-536 0440, Fax: +44-131-536
0455.

8th Meeting of the European Placenta Group, September 26-29, 1999,

Schladming, Austria. EPG 99, c/o Institute of Histology, Karl-
Franzens-University, Harrachgasse 21, A-8010 Graz, Austria. For
more information contact the Congress secretariat at, telephone:
+43 316 380 4233, FAX: +43 316 380 9625, e-mail:
epg99.histo@kfunigraz.ac.at or Gernot Desoye, M.D. or Gottfried
Dohr, M.D., or the conference web-page (www.kfunigraz.ac.at/
hiswww/epg/home.html), or the IFPA web-page
www.envmed.rochester.edu/ifpa/ifpa.html).

Society of Toxicologic Pathologists, June 24-28, 2000, Phoenix, AZ,

Toxicologic Pathology of the Reproductive & Endocrine Systems.
Phone: 609/423-7222, ext. 350, FAX: 609/423-3420, Web-page:
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Name:

Address:

Fee: \$50

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Abstracts:

Please submit abstracts on the regular SPP form and send to Dr. Pinar as instructed on that form.

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Please consider my abstract only for the PD meeting.

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Please enclose a check for \$50 for meeting registration made out to the Society for Pediatric Pathology, and mail it along with this form to Society for Pediatric Pathology
6708 Old McLean, VA 22101.

