



# SOCIETY FOR PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY

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## NEWSLETTER

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### FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Anna J. Popek, D.O.

As the holidays are over, we can all regroup for the final year of the millennium. With the birth of the octuplets, the holiday season brought quite a bit of publicity to Texas Children's Hospital and St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital; most of it has been good. I can't imagine how difficult it is to get the Texas Medical Center when there are media trucks from 6 or so major networks transmitting live via satellite right out the back door. My part—I got to do the press. But don't look for me on any news-stand without the findings, the only one interesting enough to call me was the Chief of Neonatology. We will probably have several more years of excitement until all babies are

As ever said that Pathologists were boring, I have been to an international meeting with my wife to check out the travels of Society members. I am looking forward to the next meeting in San Francisco, it's a trip down the Golden Gate to my old residency days, and such a great city. You don't even feel the earth quakes after a while—only the ones that get your attention.

A letter appeared on Page 1 of the weekly newsletter in Clermont, FL: "If you find mistakes in this publication, please consider that they are for a purpose. We try to publish something for everyone, and some people are always looking for mistakes."

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

J. Thomas Stocker, M.D.

As I have heard a number of former SPP presidents comment, the year of their presidency seems to fly by. And I certainly am no exception. The Boston meeting last March at which I was deeply honored to be installed as president seems like only a few short months ago, but many important events have occurred in that time. Thanks to the efforts of our journal's editors and coeditors, Drs. Benjamin, Berry, Garvin, Hicks, Qualman, Singer and Dimmick, *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology* has completed its first year of publication and has received the "blessings" of the National Library of Medicine and thus will be fully indexed from its first issue on a continuing basis. The quality of papers received and published has been exceptional and the publishers, Springer-Verlag, have indicated a willingness to actively promote the journal through extensive marketing and a commitment to additional pages for the journal. And within the coming year we look forward to the publication of the collected "perspectives" articles from the first year of the journal in a "new" *Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology*.

This past year has also seen a remarkable growth in SPP member's interest in perinatal and placental pathology. Under the leadership of Bob Bendon, society and other physicians involved with perinatal issues organized an "informal" session prior to last September's Toronto meeting to present scientific studies and to discuss how they might be more actively integrated into the Society's functions. We are looking forward to their participation in the educational, organizational and publication activities of the Society.

The audio-visual history project I mentioned in my previous letter will be starting at the March meeting in San Francisco with the interviewing of a number of our former presidents and senior members. Over the period of the next two to three years, we hope to record on audio and video tape, the recollections of many of our members of the history of our society and of pediatric pathology. These interviews will be available in the future as tapes and as transcriptions of those tapes for use by our members.

On a personal note, I would like to thank our new secretary-treasurer, Deb Perry for all of her help this year. She has handled extraordinarily well the myriad of details necessary to run this organization. My thanks also to our recent past-president, Jim Dimmick and to our incoming president, Joe Rutledge for their counsel and support and, to all of our committee chairs and members, our editors and our office staff. This is truly an organization dependent on many dedicated people. And finally, my thanks to my family for being in Boston at the start of this year and for making this year a true joy with Rick's wedding in August and the coming completion of his Internal Medicine residency in July, with David's anticipated graduation from medical school in Colorado in May, and with Meg's all-to-soon graduation from high school in June.

I plan to continue my activities with the Society with efforts to promote a continuing growth in membership in the Society and to expand the educational programs cosponsored by the Society and the Institute for Pediatric Medical Education. Thanks to all of you for a wonderful year. E-mail: Jstocker@USUHS.mil

## PROPOSED BYLAWS CHANGES

Linda Margraf, M.D.

Proposed additions to the Bylaws are typed in bold; Proposed deletions contain a strike-through.

### Article III Council

#### Section 2. Number and Election

~~The number of Councilors of the Society shall be determined from time to time by resolution of the Society's members. In the absence of a contrary resolution, the number of Councilors shall be fifteen (15) — fourteen (14) if the offices of Secretary and President are held by the same person and~~ **The Council** shall consist of the President, Past President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer of the Society; the Chairpersons of ~~the Education, Practice, Publications and Research committees;~~ **all of the Standing Committees** and six (6) other 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. All nominees shall be members in good standing.

### Article VI

#### Section 5. Nominating Committee

(a). Composition. This committee shall consist of the President-elect, who will be the Chairperson, the two (2) most recent Past Presidents, and three (3) members with staggered terms of three (3) years each, one of whom shall be appointed annually by the President. ~~In the Society's first two years of existence, the President may appoint persons from among the regular membership to this committee to fill the otherwise vacant Past President's slots.~~

### Article VI

#### Section 7. Education Committee

(a). Composition.

(line 9)...evaluation cycle. The Chairperson shall be a member of ~~the Council and of the Liaison Committee and an ex-officio member of the Distinctions and Awards Committee.~~

### Article VI

#### Section 11. Practice Committee.

(a). Composition. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson, whose term shall be three years and of ~~six (6)~~ **nine (9)** members with staggered terms of three (3) years each. ~~Two~~ **Three** members shall be appointed annually by the President. The Chairperson shall be a member of ~~the Council and of the Liaison Committee.~~

### Article VI

#### Section 12. Publications Committee.

(a). Composition. This committee shall consist of a Chairperson, whose term shall be three years and of four members with staggered terms of ~~two (2)~~ **three (3)** years each. ~~Two~~ Members shall be appointed **annually** by the President **as necessary. Additionally, the President shall appoint ex-officio members to the committee consisting of the editors of the Society newsletter, Worldwide Web Home page and journal(s) under editorial control of the Society. All ex-officio members shall be granted the full**

**rights and voting privileges accorded to regular member**  
Chairperson shall be a member of Council.

Any or all members of the committee may be editors or members of the editorial boards of Society-related publications with approval of Council.

### Article VI

#### Section 13. Research Committee.

(a). Composition. This committee shall consist of.....

The Chairperson shall be a member of ~~the Council and Liaison Committee.~~

### Article VI

#### Section 14. Liaison Committee.

(a) Composition. The Secretary shall be the Chairperson. ~~Members shall be the chairs of the Education, Research and Practice committees and three (3) additional members with staggered terms of three (3) years each. Members shall be appointed by the President as necessary.~~

## 1999 MATCHING PLAN FOR FELLOWSHIP

Milton J. Finegold, M.D., Chairman

Seven programs and 5 candidates participated in the first match for fellowships in Pediatric Pathology and the results were announced on January 6, 1999. There are 22 ACGME-approved programs and several of them had made commitments to dates for July 1, 1999 before Dr. Henry Krous' efforts were implemented. Some programs have already committed places for the match. The NRMP staff have asked the SPP to review this year's match and to consider its position on future use of the match. They indicated that an earlier date for the match would be possible that would encourage participation. The Fellowship Committee that Dr. Bill Bradford chaired and Dr. Bill Donnelly contributed mightily to in gaining ACGME approval for the Fellowship match has been reactivated by President-elect Rutledge and will begin suggested review at the SPP Annual Meeting in March. Its members include Drs. Jim Dimmick, Jerry Garvin, Henry Krous, Perez-Atayade, Van Savell, and Glenn Taylor. All SPP members are asked to share your views about the match with us in time for the March meeting.

## REPORT FROM THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

*Beverly Rogers, M.D., Chairperson*

Year 1998 ended with the stupendous news that *Pediatric and Developmental Pathology* has been indexed by the National Library of Medicine. The journal will be listed in Index Medicus Medline, and the indexing will be retroactive to the first issue. We need to acknowledge the hard work and fortitude of Dr. Denis Benjamin, editor-in-chief of PDP, Dr. Jim Dimmick and Dr. Don Storkel, editors of *Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology*, Mr. Degnon at the central office, Ms. Annie Cimino and other representatives from our publisher Springer-Verlag, and all those who submitted and reviewed articles for these first issues. We are now into year 2, with new additions to the editorial board. We want to thank all of those who are rotating off the editorial board, and welcome the new members.

For those of you who follow the world financial reports, you may have heard that Springer-Verlag has assumed a partnership with Bertelsmann AG, a publishing firm with a focus on electronic publishing and strong distribution channels. Springer-Verlag expects a little change from the standpoint of their management structure, staff, or operations.

We are making changes to the by-laws this year; these are printed in this newsletter. These changes are meant simply to clarify which members of the Publications Committee are voting members, and to suggest the terms of regular members in the same manner as the SPP committees. The Publications Committee has always considered the editors of the SPP publications as ex-officio member and voting status has never been defined. We would like to formalize that they are voting members of the Committee.

The Web Site is constantly being updated, with information about meetings, registration forms, and other timely information. The address is: <http://path.upmc.edu/spp/>. Let us know if there are any additions you would like to see.

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## PEDIATRIC PATHOLOGISTS AROUND THE WORLD, SPREAD THE WORD

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**International Academy of Pathology Congress,  
Nice, France, October 1998**  
*Liliane Boccon-Gibod, M.D.*

It is hard to believe that it's been nearly three months since the pediatric (and other) pathologists met in Nice last October. The International Pediatric Pathology Association met in concert with

the International Academy of Pathology. The meeting proved to be informative and fun, and culturally rewarding for those who were able to include in their schedule the visit of the Matisse and Chagall museums. Most of the happy ones who were able to travel through the Provence after the meeting also mentioned the very special light from the Provence.

Highlights of the **Scientific Program** included a Short Course on Soft Tissue Tumors (L.P. Dehner, P. Thorner) and another one on Renal Tumors in Children and Adults (J.B. Beckwith and S. Storkel). They were both highly subscribed. Dr Dehner had to deal with some gremlins nested in the slide-projector, and he proved to be able to tame them with maestria. Later on in the week, there was a moment of emotion in the audience when Dr Beckwith announced that it was one of his last performances. A Symposium on Pediatric Lung was chaired by E. Cutz and T. Stocker. It was extremely well attended. The chairmen and speakers at the IPPA Companion meeting led by R. Kaschula and K. Misugi on Cholestasis in Children came from 4 different continents. The IPPA meeting was of high Scientific interest; it welcomed the participation of French pediatric pathologists (Dr M. Hadchouel, Dr M. Fabre) working with the team of Dr Alagille who described the syndrome which bears his name. A Slide seminar was organized, on Surgical pediatric pathology (J. Briner, L. Boccon-Gibod). We missed the presence of Jorge Las Heras as a speaker at this Slide Seminar, but it was for a good cause: on the very day of the Seminar in Nice he was established in his new office of Dean of the University of Santiago de Chile by the president of Chile, Eduardo Frei. We are proud for him and for Pediatric Pathology. Fetopathology was not forgotten: J. Keeling and D. Gaillard chaired a slide Seminar on Placental and Fetal Pathology and a brilliant symposium on genetics and molecular biology in Fetopathology was led by D. Kalousek and D. Gaillard.

The **Editorial Board** of Pediatric and Developmental pathology met at lunch time on the Tuesday in a french provencal bistrot. Although the great news of the indexation of PDP in the Index Medicus had not yet been available to Denis Benjamin at that time, the atmosphere was excellent.

On the Wednesday the IAP Congress organized a **wine and cheese party**, which, thanks to Francis Jaubert, the President of the Congress, really involved wine tasting (dozens of different wines from all the french provinces) and cheese (also very many cheeses); As you can guess, pediatric pathologists were not the least interested in the cheese (and the wine...)

On Thursday evening, the IAP Congress held its gala dinner at the Hotel Negresco; at the same time, the Pediatric pathologists had their own **special dinner**, in a very nice but less formal setting. It was attended by over 80 pathologists and spouses who seemed pleased with the local food and the french wine. I have even been told that some of them came back on the following evening to enjoy some other local specialities.

So on the whole, the IAP and IPPA meetings were a big success. The next rendez-vous is in Japan, October 2000. Don't miss it!

*Photos from International Academy of Pathology Congress, Nice, France*



*Milton J. Finegold, Jan Goddard-Finegold, Cheryl Coffin and Ralph Topham (USA).*



*Gerald van Noort (The Netherlands), Roc Kaschula (South Africa), Jem Berry the European Editor of Pediatric and Developmental Pathology (UK), Catherine Neissman (France).*



*Deidre Devaney (Ireland), Denis Benjamin (USA), and Peter Nikkels (The Netherlands).*



*Dagmar Kalousek (Canada), Tom Stocker President of the Society for Pediatric Pathology and Pat Stocker (USA), Bruce and Nancy Beckwith (USA), and Liliane Boccon-Gibod (France).*



*Ilana Ariel and her husband (Israel), Paul Dickman and wife (USA) and Annette Siegal (Israel).*



*Nancy Beckwith, Lilian Boccon-Gibod (France) and Jun-Ichi Hata, who will host the IAP meeting in Japan in the year 2000 (Japan).*

**Pediatric Pathology in Panama City, Panama**  
**November 15-20, 1998**  
*Edwina J. Popek, D.O.*

The VIII Conferencia Latinoamericana de Pathologia Pediatrica was held in conjunction with the XX Congreso CentroAmericano del Caribe de Pediatria in Panama City at the convention center. The Sociedad Latinoamericana de Pathologic Pediatrica was organized by Dr. Moises Espino Duran, President of the VIII Lantiamerican Conference on Pediatric Pathology. Dr. Patricia Gil del Real de Cano, former pediatric pathology fellow at Texas Children's Hospital and secretary of the conference.

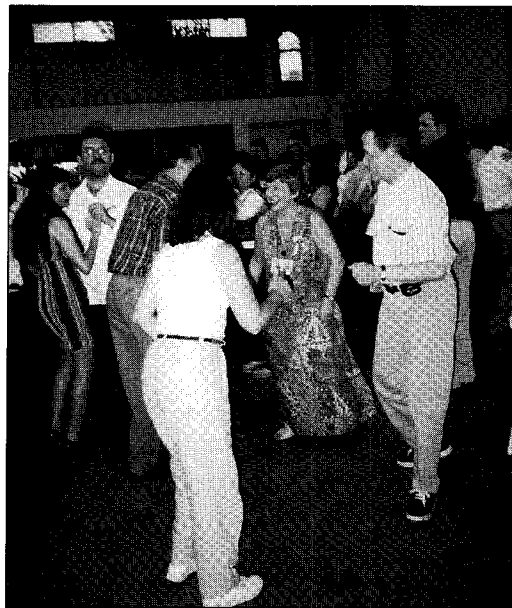
The program included presentations from members of the Society of Pediatric Pathology Drs.: Carlos Abramowsky, Maria T. de Davila, Derek de Sa, Ricardo Drut, Enid Gilbert-Stein, Julio Goldberg, Alba Greco, Carmen Gutierrez, Edith P. Hawkins, Gareth Jevon, Jorge Las Heras, Eduardo Lopez-Lara, Lila Penchansky, Edwina J. Popek, Poul Sorensen, and Thomas Stocker. The topics presented included aspects of gastrointestinal pathology, hepatic pathology, neuropathology, cardiac pathology and tumor pathology.

The conference was not all hard work. Thanks to the organizing committee we had the opportunity to see the historic and beautiful part of Panama City as well as the Panama Canal. A special opportunity to see "Native Panamanians" was provided to Patricia Gil del Real with a boat trip to one of the Native tribes that still lives the "old fashioned way".

*Photos from VIII Conferencia Latinoamericana de Pathologia Pediatrica Panama City, Panama*



Entertainment by folk dancers (yes that's all real gold, and the petticoat cost \$1,000) during the (tarde tipica), a traditional afternoon of food and drink. If that's typical, no wonder they need a siesta.



*Ricardo Drut (Argentina), Lila Penchansky (USA, but you can tell she has Latin blood because she could sure move).*



*Edwina Popek (USA), Claire Langston (USA), Edith Hawkins (USA), back row; Ricardo Drut (Argentina), Maria Rodriguez (USA).*



*Boat trip to the Indian village (we took the one on the left--not the dug-out canoe).*