



Society for Pediatric Pathology Newsletter



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SPP President

In this issue



Message from David Parham, SPP President

Reports from the Spring Meeting in Denver, CO, March 1-2, 2008

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President's Message

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First, I want to thank you for the honor that you have bestowed upon me by electing me as the new SPP President. The Society for Pediatric Pathology has an auspicious history due in large part to the leadership it has enjoyed in the past, and I am humbled to be placed in the company of these esteemed pathologists. I promise to look upon my upcoming brief sojourn as an opportunity to serve you and the Society to the best of my ability, although I know that I will make occasional missteps. However, an ample body of officers, councilors, committee chairs, and committee members will be assisting me, and for this I offer my deepest gratitude.

One of the first challenges I faced as President-Elect was replacing a large contingent of officers and committee members, and I sincerely thank those of you who accepted the call to serve our Society. In particular, I want to thank the new committee chairs for Distinction and Awards (Maria Tsokos), Bylaws (Cyril D'Cruz), Education (Ona Faye-Petersen), Finance (Linda Ernst), and Membership (Portia Kreiger). Please join me in expressing your appreciation to the respective previous chairs Edwina Popek, Van Savell, Chris Reyes, Glenn Taylor, and Bruce Pawel, for the fine job that they performed in these roles. Besides me, our new Executive Committee consists of Jeff Goldstein (President-Elect), Ted Pysher (Past President), and Sara Vargas (Secretary-Treasurer). Ted and Sara replace Deb Perry and Linda Margraf, who both deserve a special round of recognition for their leadership and service. Finally, our new councilors include Sue Hammond (2011), Glenn Taylor (2011), Luc Oligny (2010), Galen Schauer (2010), and Van Savell (2009). Sue and Glenn replace outgoing councilors Cheryl Coffin and Raj Kapur, and Luc, Galen, and Van replace councilors who were selected to serve in other capacities as listed above. Sara Vargas and Linda Margraf deserve special kudos as our present and past Secretary-Treasurers. This critical role requires five years of active service, ensures continuity as the Presidents change, affects CME compliance, and effects intercommunications among different committees. I must also pay deference to the huge and thankless job that Lisa Teot performs in CME accreditation, and she has agreed to do another tour in this position.

Jeff Goldstein, whom you selected as your next President, will be replacing outgoing positions for 2009 in the next few months, so if you feel the call to serve the SPP, he will be pleased to hear from you. Jeff will also work as Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, and I would like to share my thoughts as the outgoing Strategic Planning Chair in the remainder of my remarks.

All pathologists face difficulties in maintaining specialized knowledge in subspecialties, and pediatric pathology offers particular challenges. My major concern for our subspecialty is that as we face shrinking manpower, practitioners of adult-based pathology will have to assume more responsibility for childhood diseases.

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President's Message (continued from page 1)

Currently we are at an all-time high in unfilled positions, with 10 directorships, 27 pediatric pathology jobs, and 5 fellowships open at my last glance at our Society website (www.sponline.org). This is in contrast with 3 directorship, 15 pediatric pathology, and 12 fellowship positions open in July 2003. As this shortage grows, we will see more adult-based practitioners being asked to handle pediatric surgicals and autopsies.

To this end, the Society for Pediatric Pathology has been conducting educational programs, in a variety of topics. It offers a slide survey program to document and maintain competency, and periodically, a free-standing Course in Perinatal Pathology. However, non-pediatric practitioner participation has been limited. It is my hope that the SPP can find ways to work with other pathology societies to assure that all children and pediatric specialists obtain appropriate pathology support. In particular, pathologists who have not completed a pathology fellowship should be aware of the SPP as a source for continuing education and competency training and documentation.

In order to meet the challenges of continuing education and its accreditation, Lisa Teot with the aid of Chris Reyes convened an ad hoc committee for assuring that the SPP successfully meets new requirements promulgated by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME®). The new ACCME rules include requirements for establishing what topics are needed, how well meeting participant acquire and incorporate new knowledge, and how these process are accomplished and documented. Thus, the Education Committee (led by Ona Faye-Petersen) must interact with the Practice Committee (led by Ana Gomez), the Publications Committee (led by Kathy Patterson), the Research Committee (led by John Hicks), and the Fellowship Committee (led by John Buchino).

Another new and related effort is Maintenance of Certification (MOC), which presents challenges for all who obtain Board Certification on 2006 and after (for more information see <http://www.abpath.org/MOCindex.htm>). Self-assessment modules (SAMS) comprise an essential element of MOC and can be obtained by continuing education such as will be provided by our Society. Our Past-President Ted Pysher foresaw this challenge and created an MOC subcommittee, led by Heather Prashner within the Education Committee. As you can see, continuing education is becoming a complex endeavor overseen by a variety of outside agencies and requiring our careful purview.

An acute shortage of pediatric pathology directors has become an additional growing challenge at a number of institutions. We are witnessing the graying of our current and previous directors, present company included, and positions have become available because of health issues and retirement opportunities. As a veteran, I know that serving as Pediatric Pathology Director presents daily challenges that frequently surpass one's comfort level, and I suspect that many potential candidates for directorship positions feel that the additional stress is not worth the effort. However, I know that many of you are more than adequate for the challenge, and I assure you that the service to your profession and your patients is worth the effort. It is indeed a noble calling that I encourage all of you to seriously consider, and it offers opportunities to make one's mark in future generations.

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Above, left to right: Sarah Keating, Jim Wright; Jerzy Stanek; Pat Shannon; Aasia Saleemuddin.

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Finally, I would like to close on an optimistic note. The present Genetic Revolution has unleashed a torrent of data particularly pertinent to our subspecialty, and I know of no other time that has offered so much for scientific advancement and the potential cure for previously hopeless diseases. Thus, I eagerly anticipate every opportunity for our group to meet, as I know that I will gain exciting new knowledge being presented by our new generation of pediatric pathologists. It is this new generation that we should particularly cherish and guide, as old morphologic landmarks become decorated with new landscaping. To this end, I salute you new members, who have enlarged our Society membership by almost 100 members since the beginning of this new century. May you find our specialty a perpetual source of wonderment and may our members become your long-cherished friends.

Distinction & Awards Committee



**Edwina Popek
Chair**

There were a total of 51 abstracts presented. Twenty-six were eligible for the **Gordon F. Vawter Pathologist-in-Training Award**. The winner was **Tricia R. Bhatti** (below, left) for her paper, **Bhatti TR, Jatla M, Verma R, Bierly P, Russo PA, Ruchelli ED. "Lymphocytic gastritis in pediatric celiac disease"**. Dr. Bhatti and colleagues are from Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, PA.

There were five abstracts that had EM or "new techniques". The **Harry B. Neustein Memorial Award** was given to **Scott D. Boyd** (below, center) for his paper, **Boyd SD, Park CY, Fire AZ, "Characterization of pre-B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukemia micro RNA libraries using high-throughput pyrosequencing and specimen barcoding"**, from Stanford University, Stanford, CA.

The **Lotte Strauss Prize** was awarded to **Kudakwashe R. Chikwava** (below, right) for his paper, **Chikwava KR, Hunt JL, Mantha GS, Murphy JE, Jaffe R. Analysis of loss of heterozygosity in single-system and multisystem Langerhans' cell histiocytosis. Ped Dev Path 10:18-24, 2007.**



Tricia R. Bhatti



Scott D. Boyd



Kudakwashe R. Chikwava

Research Committee



**John Hicks
Chair**

James McAdams Short-Term Study Stipend for 2008

The SPP Research Committee would like to present the following results regarding the James McAdams Short-Term Study Stipend Award. There were 2 Awards of \$2,500 each.

James McAdams Short-Term Study Stipend Awardees for 2008

1. **David Barrett**, 2nd Year Resident at Mayo Clinic Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology. Travel Support for: Pediatric Pathology Rotation at Phoenix Children's Hospital.
2. **Dustin Gandy**, 3rd Year Resident at University of Mississippi Medical Center. Travel Support for: Molecular Microbiology Rotation at Texas Children's Hospital.

SPP Young Investigator Research Grant for 2008

The SPP Research Committee would like to present the following results regarding the SPP Young Investigator Research Grant Award. There were 6 grant applications for this award, and all were very competitive.

SPP Young Investigator Research Grant Awardee for 2008



Christopher Pierson (Nationwide Children's Hospital):

Title of Project: **The Identification of Myotubularin Interacting Proteins Provides Insight Into the Pathogenesis of X-linked Myotubular Myopathy**

SPP Sponsor: Sue Hammond

Christopher Pierson



Above, left to right: Carole Vogler, Megan Dishop; Peter Baker; Katja Gwin; Scott Boyd.

Finance Committee



**Linda Ernst
Chair**

The finance committee reviewed the findings of the audit by Fuller, Frost, and Associates, certified public accountants. The audit was performed for the fiscal year through June 2007. The Operating Fund and the Award Funds have been merged but are accounted for separately. In general, the SPP is in good financial health and follows generally accepted accounting principals. Expenses for the fiscal year represented 42% of the operating budget.

Although the proposed budget for the 2007-2008 fiscal year showed a \$11,940 deficit, the finance committee learned of an unexpected royalty (~\$9000) to be received from the journal which will help offset the deficit.

Statements of proposed income and expenses for the fiscal year July 2008-June 2009 were reviewed by the committee. Without an increase in membership dues, the proposed budget will again show a small deficit. The finance committee discussed the issue of increasing membership dues, and the committee is in agreement that an increase in dues is needed to help offset operating expenses, and keep the budget in the black. An increase in regular member dues from \$200 to \$300 has been proposed and would increase income by an estimated \$35,000. Excess funds could be used for enhancement and maintenance of our ever-improving website, including obtaining CME through the website, to offset steadily increasing costs of the annual meeting, and to offset any losses associated with the journal or other investments.

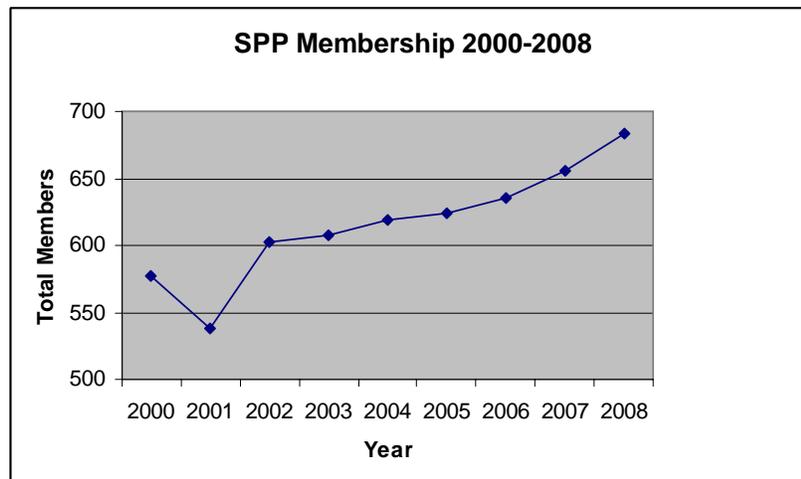
The committee also reviewed the Merrill Lynch investments over the last calendar year. Overall, cash assets have grown 2.9%, mutual funds are up 2.98%, but there has been a steady decline in portfolio value since October due to the downturn in the market.

Membership Committee



**Portia Kreiger
Chair**

The society is composed of 683 members, of which 426 are regular members. Overall, the Society membership continues to be fairly stable with slow growth over the last several years.



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The current roster of members includes:

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| Regular | 426 |
| Junior | 40 |
| Affiliate | 93 |
| Emeritus | 78 |
| Life | 46 |
| TOTAL | 683 |

New members approved in Denver:

Affiliate Members

Dr. Fatemeh Mahjoub, Tehran University of Medical Sciences

Dr. Mana Tawevisit, Chulalongorn University, Bangkok, Thailand

Regular Members

Dr. Gabriel Chamyan, Miami Children's Hospital

Dr. Benjamin Heck, University of Sao Paulo, Brazil

Dr. Pawini Khanna, Bayfront Medical Center, St. Petersburg, FL

Dr. Cristina Pacheco, Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota

Dr. Mana Parast, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston

Dr. Latha Urs, Nationwide Children's Hospital, Columbus

Dr. Eric Albright, AmeriPath, Indianapolis

Dr. Larry Wang, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles

Junior Member

Dr. Kelley Capocelli, University of Colorado Health Sciences Center

Request for Emeritus Status

Dr. Anne Dvorak

Publications Committee

**Kathy Patterson
Chair**

Writing a newsletter with good news is always fun. And the good news at the spring 2008 Publications Committee meeting came from Mary Reilly, our Associate Publisher at Allen Press. Mary reported that the Pediatric and Developmental Pathology (PDP) journal had in 2007, for the first time ever, a positive bottom line. With that positive note as the starting point, a variety of changes in the journal are in process.

The first change, which occurred with the 2008 volume of the journal, may well have escaped your notice. A slight reduction in the journal font size yielded the equivalent of an approximately 20 page increase in the content of each issue. This increased issue content allows accepted articles, which currently appear *In Press* in a preprint format, to be published sooner.

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Meanwhile, the Perspectives in Pediatric Pathology (PiPP) initiated plans to become a supplement of the PDP rather than a stand alone publication. The supplements will appear once or twice a year as part of a regular journal subscription. This will allow the PiPP articles to be referenced in PubMed without being published in PDP first. The PiPP will remain independent of the PDP with its own editorial board. This planned change will hopefully be initiated with volume 28. Volume 27, The Respiratory System with Claire Langston as editor, is currently under preparation.

The move of the PiPP articles to a journal supplement makes room in PDP for a new series of "Current Practice" articles. The series will focus on "how to" and "what to look for" pieces. Topic ideas, potential authors, and submitted articles will be fielded by Sara Vargas, the Associate Editor for this series. The possibility of CME or MOC credit for these pieces is also being explored.

Since you're reading this newsletter, you obviously have seen the SPP's new improved webpage. Rob Ruiz deserves a huge THANK YOU for all the work he's put into making this happen. I would encourage frequent visits to the web page to help you stay current on the activities of the SPP and also up to date on the happenings in the world of pediatric pathology.

Finally I would like to thank Pepper Dehner and Rafaella Morotti for their three years service on the Publications Committee and welcome Alba Greco and Hal Pinar as our new committee members.

SPP Business Meeting



**Linda Margraf
SPP Secretary-Treasurer**

President Dr. Theodore Pysher called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm.

There was a moment of silence in honor of the memory of Drs. John E. Fisher, Tucker Collins, and Ralph Franciosi.

Dr. Pysher asked the membership for any corrections to the previously circulated Annual Business Meeting minutes from 2007 and none were brought forth. Motion, seconded and carried (MSC): The minutes from the Annual Business Meeting minutes for 2007 were approved with no revisions.

President's Report

Dr. Pysher reviewed the Council Actions since the last meeting:

Council approved the slate of nominations from the Nominating committee for President-elect, Secretary-Treasurer and Councilors-at-large which will be voted on by the membership at this meeting. Council also approved the proposed amendments to the Society's Bylaws.

Dr. Pysher then asked the Society to approve a \$100 increase in the annual dues, for regular members. He noted that dues have not been raised since 1996 and that expenses for the various Society activities have increased. Additionally, money will be needed for new initiatives including further website enhancement and possibly increasing the number and amount of the Young Investigator awards. MSC: That the annual dues be increased to \$300 for regular members beginning in 2009.

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Secretary-Treasurer's Report

Dr. Margraf gave a brief report noting Dr. Ernst would provide the details of the Society's finances in her report of the Finance committee. An audit by Fuller, Frost and Associates determined that the Society's financial statements are in accord with generally accepted accounting practices. Dr. Ernst will also provide details of the audit in her report.

Report of the Standing Committees:

Research – Please see Dr. Hicks' report on page 4 of this Newsletter. Dr. Hicks noted that there were Pediatric Pathology fellows included in the committee's activities this year and it was quite useful to have them participate in the grant reviews.

A Society member asked if most of the Young investigator grants were awarded to Ph.D.s and if so, does something need to be done to be sure M.D.s would also be competitive for the grant. Dr. Hicks replied that his committee has reviewed this and that M.D.s often successfully compete for the grant and Ph.D.s do not appear to be awarded more frequently.

Archives – Dr. Shehata reported that the process of digitalizing the archived SPP photographs has been completed. The committee will now begin scanning important older documents and will also begin working with Rob Ruiz to edit the interviews Dr. Tom Stocker filmed with "Legends of the Society" so that clips of these can be placed on the website.

Awards – Please see Dr. Popek's report on page 3 of this Newsletter.

Education – Dr. Reyes reported for the Education committee. She reviewed the upcoming workshop offerings and described plans for future educational programs. She encouraged members to submit cases to the slide survey program. She described the committee's efforts in developing maintenance of certification (MOC) and the availability of acquiring self assessment module (SAM)s credits at this and future workshops. She noted Dr. Heather Prashner will be overseeing MOC for the next five years.

Finance - Dr. Ernst presented the report for the committee for Dr. Taylor. Please see Dr. Ernst's report on page 5 of this Newsletter. She noted that the Society, as of June 30, 2007 has \$396,000 in unrestricted monies and \$413,000 in restricted (awards) funds. The audit identified one receipt missing from the files and changes to bookkeeping practices have since been made so this error will not occur in the future. The audit also noted the Society does not have an employee who is able to prepare disclosures but that the auditors have been and will be able to continue to provide them. She also noted there was discussion at the Finance committee meeting regarding the need for a dues increase and that her committee entirely endorses the need for the increase.

Practice - Dr. Gomez reported that there had been an excellent response to the recent survey of the membership about the practice and handling of gastrointestinal biopsies. The committee will analyze the data and place a summary on the Society's website.

The committee will now be working on updating the workforce survey done several years ago and is considering doing a survey about autopsy reporting and turn-around times. They are also creating a list of core subjects that are considered essential knowledge for pediatric pathologists which will be used for planning future educational programs and possibly maintenance of certification standards.

Publications – Please see Dr. Patterson's report on page 6 of this Newsletter. Dr. Patterson thanked Dr. Rob Ruiz for all of his work as website editor. Dr. Ruiz gave a brief presentation demonstrating the features of the new website design and describing the new virtual slides available on-line for the slide survey. He described plans for future website enhancements.

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Fellowship – Dr. Buchino reported the Fellowship committee has created templates of goals and objectives that fellowship programs can use as models when preparing the accreditation documents for their programs. They will be working on updating the list of fellowship programs on the website so that all accredited Pediatric Pathology fellowship programs are listed.

Announcements and Received Communications

Dr. Cheryl Coffin reported her pending change of address and noted she will not be able to do consult cases during the transition period. Dr. Karen Thompson announced the upcoming Current Concepts in Pediatric Pathology meeting to be held in Maui, Hawaii in June.

New Business:

Membership Committee - Dr. Margraf gave the membership report for Dr. Pawel. Please see report from Dr. Portia Kreiger, incoming committee chair, on page 5 of this Newsletter.

Nominating Committee - Dr. Parham read the list of proposed slate of officers as recommended by the nominating committee and approved by Council. These individuals are President-elect: Jeff Goldstein; Secretary-Treasurer: Sara Vargas; Councilors at large: Sue Hammond and Glenn Taylor. Dr. Pysher called for nominations from the floor and there being none, asked the membership to vote on the proposed slate. **MSC:** The proposed candidates for office were elected by a majority of the membership.

Vote on the proposed changes to the Bylaws - Dr. Savell summarized the proposed changes to the Bylaws that included changes in the process for approving members to the Society and allowing Society communications to be conducted by email. Dr. Pysher called for a vote on the proposed changes. **MSC:** the proposed changes to the Bylaws are approved.

Dr. Pysher thanked the outgoing committee chairs, Drs. Reyes, Savell, Popek, Pawel and Taylor for their hard work. He also thanked outgoing Secretary-Treasurer, Dr Margraf.

Announcement of upcoming meetings

Dr. Faye-Peterson described the 2008 Perinatal Pathology Course in Salt Lake City, UT May 2-4, 2008. The 2008 Fall interim meeting in Louisville, KY, October 2-5, 2008 was described by host Dr. Buchino. The 2009 Annual Spring meeting will be held in Boston, MA, March 6-8, 2008. A brief description of the 2009 Fall interim meeting, which will be a Joint PPS-SPP meeting held in Philadelphia, PA on Oct 14-17, 2009 was given by Dr. Russo.

There being no further business, outgoing councilor Dr. Coffin escorted incoming President Dr. Parham to the podium where he received the talking stick from Dr. Pysher. Dr. Parham adjourned the meeting at 6:05 pm.



Above, left to right: Cheryl Coffin escorts David Parham to podium; David Parham receives talking stick from Ted Pysher; Ted Pysher receives plaque from David Parham; Ted Pysher, Linda Margraf, David Parham.

Strategic Planning Committee



David Parham
Chair

| Measure | Years |
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| Implement and periodically revise the SPP Strategic Plan | 2007-8 |
| | Done - see minutes |
| Groups collaborating with the SPP Meetings | USCAP, IPPA, PPS, SLAPPE, COG |
| Annual meeting attendee evaluation for each meeting. | The new MemberMax system will be implemented this spring for data capture |
| Attendance at annual and interim meetings. | The new MemberMax system will be implemented this spring for data capture |
| Number of programs offered. | 6 workshops at annual meeting Perinatal Pathology 2008 |
| Future reaccreditations | ACCME, to November 2009 |
| Slide survey program subscription and feedback. | 137 in spring 2006, 169 in fall 2007 Changed to web-based survey in 2007 |
| Website statistics | |
| Evaluation of non-electronic activities. | No data available; intent not clear |
| Utilization levels of educational materials by physicians. | No data available |
| Usage | 319,308 page views; 257,522 visits; 3,399,840 hits |
| Finance | |
| Budget in "the black". | Surplus of \$34,060 budgeted for 2008-9 |
| Preservation of endowments. | \$413,000 |
| Funds available for special projects. | Surplus of \$34,060 budgeted for 2008-9 |
| Number of international members: | |
| that join and maintain SPP membership annually (affiliate members) | 93 (up from 52 in 2000) |
| appointed to committees | 1 in 2007-8 |
| contributing abstracts | 4 at annual meeting |
| serving as invited speakers as part of the SPP meetings | 0 at annual meeting |
| contributing to pediatric and developmental pathology as an author or reviewer | |
| Number of SPP members serving as faculty for CME programs or volunteers outside of North America. | PPS - 1; IAP - 3; ESP - 4 (PPS Newsletter links, Feb 2008) |
| Involvement of members at all levels of experience in committee and leadership | 15 fellows on committees, 2007-8 |

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Strategic Planning Committee (continued from page 10)

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| Number of members. | 425 regular, 40 junior (329 regular, 47 junior in 2000) |
| Assessment of member needs, expectations, and satisfaction with benefits and services offered. | Not done - survey proposed |
| Track the success and cost effectiveness of all the membership recruitment and communications plans. | Not being done |
| Number of liaisons with the SPP and other pathology and professional organizations. | COG, USCAP, PPS, IPPA, SLAPPE |
| Journal | |
| Ease of use of review system for manuscript submissions. | No data - survey needed |
| Impact factor | 1.087 (up from 1.013 in 2005) |
| Number of submissions | 174 |
| Number of subscribers | 78 individual and institutional subscriptions; 466 SPP & 148 PPS member subscriptions 12 since 2001 |
| Published guidelines for practice in pediatric pathology. | More "Current Practice" articles recommended by editor |
| Publications related to quality [no defined rubric for quality, so original articles vs case reports is proposed] | 24 original articles/37 case reports in 2007 34 original articles/29 case reports in 2001 |
| Percentage of SPP members who are: | |
| Published in peer-reviewed journals. | No data - survey needed |
| Hold academic positions. | No data - survey needed |
| Receive other grants for their research. | No data - survey needed |
| Provide grants and awards for scholarly activity including: | |
| A. James Mc Adams short-term studies stipend. | 3 applicants |
| Gordon F. Vawter Pathologist in Training Award. | 21 qualifying presentations |
| Harry B. Neustein Memorial Award. | 10 qualifying presentations |
| Lotte Strauss Prize. | 1 applicant |
| Young Investigator Research Grant. | 6 applicants |
| Resident Case Presentation Award. | 3 applicants |
| Other distinguished service awards. | None given |
| Core curriculum document. | ? |
| Rates participation and usage. | ? |
| Surveys. | ? |
| Gathering information on past program participants. | ? |
| Effective resident and fellowship training in pediatric pathology. | ? |

Regional Pathology News

Tri-State Pediatric Pathology Meeting, April 30, 2008

- submitted by Alba Greco

The Tristate group of Pediatric Pathologists meets twice a year in New York City. The last meeting took place on April 30, 2008 at New York University-Bellevue Hospital Medical Center. The participants presented several interesting cases. Some of the topics discussed dealt with neoplastic processes such as Kaposiform hemangioendothelioma of the mandible and desmoplastic small round cell tumor of the neck region. A very interesting case of hypothyroidism involving the lungs was also discussed and forensic pathology was represented with a case of Hunter syndrome and MRSA positive infection.



Above, left: NYU residents and some SPP members in the audience. Mariana Cajaiba, Miguel Reyes-Mugica, Farzana Arif, Kristen Landi, Harsh Thaker.

Above, right: Mission accomplished. Some of the participants posing for the camera before going to dinner and home. The dinner was a farewell event for Drs Mariana Cajaiba and Miguel Reyes-Mugica (standing, first and second from left) who were leaving the east coast. Dr Reyes-Mugica took the position of Director of Pathology at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. *Photos courtesy of Alba Greco.*

More photos from the SPP Spring Meeting



Above, first row, left to right: David Parham, Bahig Shehata, Edwina Popek; Carlos Galliani, John Hicks, Robert Ruiz, Linda Ernst, John Buchino, Kathy Buchino, Ted Pysher, Jeff Goldstein, Deb Perry; Deb Perry, Luc Oligny; Ona Marie Faye-Petersen.

Above, second row, left to right: John Buchino; Pierre Russo; Ted Pysher, Linda Margraf; David Parham.

All Denver Spring Meeting photos in this Newsletter are courtesy of Luc Oligny.