

**THE ARAB DIVISION  
OF  
THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY**

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Dear Dr. Hardwick

Please find attached my report on the activities of the Arab Division of IAP for 2008/2009 for presentation and discussion at the executive Committee Meeting of IAP to be held Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the Hilton Hotel in Athens.

I am looking forward to meet you and the IAP Council members.

Sincerely,

**SAMIR S. AMR, MD  
Vice President for Asia, IAP**

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**REPORT OF ACTIVITIES FOR 2008/2009**

**INTRODUCTION**

The year 2008 marks the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of the Arab Division of IAP.

We had a humble start when 25 pathologists from 6 Arab countries met in Amman, Jordan, in April 1988. Since then, we carried, steadily and consistently even when wars erupted in the region, an annual meeting in various Arab countries.

Our membership increased greatly, and our meetings and workshops are considered as the best opportunity for continuing medical education in pathology in the Arab region, particularly for junior pathologists and those who are in training. Our Division does its best to make its activities affordable to all pathologists and charges very minimal registration fees for meetings and workshops.

We paid special attention for our junior members and created awards (Ibn Al Nafis Award) to encourage them to participate with oral and poster presentations at the meetings. We had established short term fellowship for those in training.

The support of IAP and sister Divisions had been quite instrumental in the progress of the Arab Division. The solid support of the British and French Divisions for many years in particular had been very helpful. USCAP supplied our Division with educational material (DVDs) which were duplicated and distributed to our members and members of other Divisions as well.

The Arab Division had been supportive of other Divisions or groups as well including the Russian and the Ukrainian Divisions and the West Indian Ocean Countries pathologists. We supported local pathological societies as well.

We look forward more peaceful times in our region so that our group can reach out to colleagues in areas that had been devastated by wars and turmoil.

## **The 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the Arab Division of IAP Alger, Algeria**

This meeting is scheduled to be held in November 24-26, 2008

The President of the meeting is Prof. Kheira Bendisari Bouzid

The proposed topics for this meeting are:

- Extra-nodal lymphomas.
- Osteo-articular pathology.
- Cytopathology
- Breast pathology
- GI and Liver pathology.
- Pediatric pathology.
- Nephropathology.
- Thyroid pathology.
- Mesothelioma.
- Bone marrow pathology.
- Cancer and viruses.
- New technology in pathology.

The list of speakers includes:

Dr Nicole Brousse, France  
Dr François Cochand Priollet, France  
Dr J Michel Coindre, France  
Dr Antoine DeMascrel, France  
Dr Gonzague Depinieux, France  
Dr Francis Jaubert, France  
Dr Frederique Penault Llorcat, France  
Dr Vassili Valayannopoulos, France  
Dr Jaime Calonje, UK  
Dr William Geraint, UK  
Dr Kristin Henry, UK  
Dr Karel Geboes, Belgium  
Dr Manuel Sobrinho Simoes, Portugal  
Dr Louis Guillou, Switzerland  
Dr H Konrad Muller Hermelink, Germany  
Dr Jan Van den Tweel, Netherlands  
Dr Zaitouna El Hamany, USA  
Dr Hala Makhoulf, USA  
Dr Wael Sakr, USA

Dr Hadi Yaziji, USA  
Dr Ghazi S Zaatari, Lebanon  
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For contact with Prof. Bendisari-Bouزيد, her E-mail is: [bouزيدkheira@hotmail.com](mailto:bouزيدkheira@hotmail.com)

There is a web site for this meeting with all details is available there:  
[www.sante.dz/adiap](http://www.sante.dz/adiap)

There shall be a two day tutorial of the Arab School of Pathology on cytopathology. It will be held before the meeting on November 22-23, 2008. The speakers are Arab pathologists from USA headed by Dr. Mousa Al Abbadi, Professor of Pathology, East Tennessee State University. It is aimed mainly at junior pathologists and pathologists in training.

## **The 21<sup>st</sup> Congress of the Arab Division of IAP Manama, Bahrain**

This meeting is scheduled to be held in the Kingdom of Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf region on December 6-8, 2009.

It shall be conducted in collaboration with Bahrain Association of Pathologists

The venue of the meeting will be at Bahrain Exhibition Centre.

The President of the meeting is Dr Raja Al-Yousif. She is the Chairperson of the Department of Pathology at Salmaniya Medical Complex, a 1000 bed Hospital. Organizing and scientific committees are established and contacts with potential speakers are made.

We expect to attract large number of participants from Middle Eastern countries, particularly Gulf countries (Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, and Oman) as well as Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Lebanon. If security situation in Iraq continued to improve, then we expect some Iraqi pathologists to attend.

The topics that shall be presented at the meeting include:

- Neuropathology
- GI Pathology
- Endocrine pathology
- Pediatric pathology
- Soft tissue pathology
- Breast Pathology

- Lymphoreticular pathology
- Gynecological pathology
- Urologic pathology
- Cytopathology
- Research in pathology
- Molecular pathology

## **FUTURE MEETINGS OF ARAB DIVISION OF IAP**

- 2010 in Sharm Al Sheikh by the Red Sea, Egypt.

Our plan is to alternate the sites of the meetings between Arab countries in North Africa and Arab countries in the Middle East, so as to reach out to the largest number of pathologists possible.

## **ARAB-BRITISH SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY AND THE ARAB SCHOOL OF PATHOLOGY**

**Sixth Tutorial of the Arab-British School of Pathology  
Breast Pathology  
Beirut, Lebanon  
July 9-11, 2008**

The Sixth Arab-British School of Pathology took place in Beirut at the American University of Beirut on July 9-11, 2008.

This 3 day workshop was coordinated by Dr. Sami Shousha from Charing Cross Hospital (British Division) and Dr. Ghazi Zaatari from AUB (Arab Division).

The lecturers were:

- Professor Sami Shousha, UK
- Professor Sarah Pinder, UK  
Dr. Nina Shabb, Lebanon
- Dr. Fouad Boulos, Lebanon.

The lectures covered all aspects of breast pathology including the following:

- Papillary lesions of the breast.
- Reporting core biopsies.
- Breast immunohistochemistry.

- Proliferative breast lesions.
- Specimen handling.
- Sentinel node biopsy.
- Breast cytology.
- Molecular typing of breast carcinoma.

As usual most sessions were followed by laboratory sessions and around 40 benign and malignant lesions were examined and discussed in a well equipped lab where each registrant had a microscope and slides were projected through a video system and power point presentations.

Thirty five registrants attended the tutorial and these were mostly from Lebanon, Syria and Jordan.

In registration, priority was given to pathologists in training and some were offered lodging at the university dorms at very affordable rates.

Each attendant received a comprehensive handout and CD of the lectures and lab material. The contents were also posted on the Arab Division website to benefit other members of the division.

## **Tutorial on Inflammatory Skin Diseases**

### **Irbid, Jordan**

### **April 21-22, 2008**

This tutorial was held at the Faculty of Medicine, Jordan University of Science and Technology in Irbid, Jordan on April 21-22, 2008.

The speakers were:

- Dr Essam Raweily, Consultant Pathologist, Epsom & St. Helier University Hospital, London, UK.
- Dr Friederike Kauer, Department of Pathology, Vivantes Klinikum, Berlin, Germany.
- Dr Almut Boer, Dermatologikum Clinic, Hamburg, Germany.

The topics covered include:

- Definition of terms in skin pathology.
- Basic concepts of clinical dermatology.
- Algorithmic approach to diagnosis of skin biopsies.
- Spongiotic and psoriasiform dermatitis.
- Interface dermatitis and its mimics.
- Perivascular dermatitis without epidermal changes.
- Fibrosing dermatitis.

- Vesicular and pustular dermatitis.
- Differential diagnosis of alopecias.
- Nodular and diffuse infiltrates.
- Clues to specific diagnosis of vasculitis and panniculitis.
- A model of practicing dermatology and dermatopathology.

A total of 76 slides were available for microscopic review before the meeting, with a script giving criteria for diagnosis and differential diagnosis was available.

There were lectures on terminology, basic concepts, essential criteria, and specific instruction for differential diagnosis of the look-alikes.

## **Tutorial on Urological Pathology**

### **Cairo, Egypt**

### **April 29-May 1, 2008**

This intensive educational course on Urinary Pathology was held in the Grand Congress Hall of the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt, for three days during the period of April 29- May 1, 2008. It was attended by 150 pathologists, mostly juniors and in training, including 9 from Sudan, Libya and Yemen and the remaining 141 from Egypt.

Lectures on the entire urinary tract along with slide seminars were given by three guest speakers from USA supplemented by local speakers from Egypt.

A questionnaire following the meeting showed that all attendants were greatly satisfied.

The speakers at the tutorial were;

- Dr. Wael Sakr, Wayne State School of Medicine, Detroit, Michigan, USA
- Dr. David Grignon, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA.
- Dr. John Srigley, McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.
- Dr Ali El-Hindawi, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt.
- Dr Magdi R Francis, Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt.
- Dr Saad Eissa, Egyptian National Cancer Institute, Cairo, Egypt.

**Tutorial on Nephropathology  
Aleppo, Syria  
December 5-6, 2007**

**WORKSHOP ON NEPHROPATHOLOGY**  
**"Native and Transplant Kidney Diseases"**  
5-6 December 2007  
Aleppo, Syria

**REGISTRATION FORM**


First Name	Middle Name	Last Name
Institution		
Department		Position
Telephone	Mobile	Fax
E-mail Address		
Complete Mailing Address:		

**Registration Fee (On site payment):**  
U.S. \$50.00 (residents and fellows including accommodation)  
U.S. \$100.00 (consultants, including hotel discount 50%)


**CD-Rom:** U.S. \$50.00 (optional)

**Please submit your registration form to:**  
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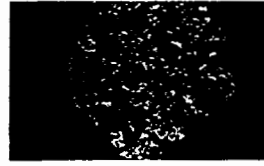
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**WORKSHOP ON  
NEPHROPATHOLOGY**  
**"Native and Transplant  
Kidney Diseases"**

**5-6 December 2007**  
**Venue: Sheraton Hotel**  
**Aleppo, Syria**

This tutorial was reported earlier at the last USCAP meeting in Denver.

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