

REPORT FROM DR ROBERT ECKSTEIN, IAP VICE PRESIDENT FROM AUSTRALASIA, TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE IAP, MEETING TO BE HELD IN ATHENS ON OCTOBER 11TH 2008.

Membership of the Division:

Total 568: Australia 493, New Zealand 52, others 23.

Annual Scientific Meeting:

The annual scientific meeting, held in June 2008 over 3 days, was very successful with a total number of attendees of 430 over the 3 day meeting. The two major overseas guest speakers were Dr Zacchary Goodman and Dr Andrew Churg, and the major themes were liver and lung pathology. There were 13 companion meetings mainly contributed to by local pathologists, and some events ("grey-green" classes), especially designed for trainees.

In 2009 the meeting will be held, as usual in Sydney, from June 12th to 14th. The themes are testicular pathology and soft tissue pathology, and the guest speakers are Drs John Srigley and Chris Fletcher.

An award was instituted this year to honour the contribution of Robin Cooke to the Division (the Robin Cooke medal). The first recipient was Dr Warick Delprado, who was an outstanding secretary of the Division for many years.

Regional sponsorships:

Unfortunately last minute hiccups prevented both sponsored pathologists (both from the South Pacific region) from attending the meeting. Previous sponsorships have gone smoothly, and two such sponsorships will again be offered for the annual scientific meeting in 2009.

Website:

This continues to be a useful source of information, especially for the scientific meetings of the Division, and provides links to other websites.

Executive committee of the Australasian Division:

This remains unchanged from the previous report.

6th Asia Pacific IAP meeting in August 2009, to be hosted by the Indian Division:

The Australasian Division has pledged financial support, and we expect our membership to play an active part in this meeting.

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