

Report from Dr. H.K. Ng, Vice-President of Asia, IAP to the Executive Committee of the International Academy of Pathology to be held at Athens on October 11, 2008

The activities of the Hong Kong Division (<http://www.hkiap.org>) since the last report in March 2008 at Denver are as below (events reported before are not being repeated) :

The **main officers** of the Hong Kong Division for 2008-2009 are :

President : Gary Tse (garytse@cuhk.edu.hk)

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The **Annual Scientific Meeting for 2008** will be held in October 31-November 2, 2008. This year will be the **third time** when we hold **Conjoint Conference with MD Anderson Cancer Centre**, the sister institution of our Cancer Centre – "Update in Surgical Pathology". The Invited Speakers from MD Anderson will be **Cesar Moran** (mediastinum, chest), **S Hamilton** (GI) and **J Ro** (prostate). Two additional speakers for this meeting are **John Chan** (Head and Neck) from HK and **Ian Ellis** (Breast) from UK.

Histopathology Courses :

Only one course was held in 2008 :

June 21, 2008 – **Jennifer Hunt** (Head and Neck, and Molecular)

Cancer 2009, the fifth regional cancer research meeting will be held on March 5-6, 2009 in conjunction with the International Academy of Pathology (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/cancer07>), the State Key Laboratory for Oncology of China, and the Department of Anatomical & Cellular Pathology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong. The key speakers are **Joan A. Steitz** (Yale), **Joshua Mendell** (Johns Hopkins), and **Hongbing Shen** (Nanjing).

Brain 2009, the fifth multidisciplinary meeting the Division co-organized with the Hong Kong Society of Neurology, Hong Kong Neurosurgical Society and Hong Kong Chemotherapy Society was held on January 17-18, 2009 (<http://www.surgery.cuhk.edu.hk/brain2009>). The themes are brain tumour stem cells, cell therapy in strokes and movement disorders. The conference will be held in conjunction with the **Australian Society of Stereotactic Surgery**. The keynote speakers in pathology are **Peter C. Burger** (Johns Hopkins) and **Xiu-wu Bian** (Chongqing).

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Interaction with other Asia Pacific Divisions and pathology organizations

Regular business meetings of the Asia Pacific Divisions and associated pathology organizations have been held regularly in every IAP Congress and every Asia Pacific IAP meetings. A successful meeting with 20 representatives was held during Fifth Asia Pacific IAP Congress at Singapore and was attended by Dr Robin Cooke, the IAP Newsletter Bulletin. The business meeting was also alluded to in the IAP Bulletin. H.K. Ng routinely sent out a copy of the minutes to the Secretary of the IAP. A Business Meeting will be held during the IAP conference on October 18 at 6 pm.

The **Sixth Asia Pacific IAP Meeting, 2009** will be hosted by the Indian division and the venue will be Kochi, Kerala State. It will be held in the **third week of August, 2009**. The Conference Chair will be Dr K R Harilal and will be supported by the Secretary of the Indian Division, Dr Francisco Couto.

The **Seventh Asia Pacific IAP Meeting 2011** will be held in Taipei and hosted by the Taiwanese Division.

Asia Pacific Pathology website - An active web site exists for the Asia Pacific group (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/app>) continues to be used and updated.

The Asia Pacific group interacts closely with the **Asia Pacific Society of Molecular Immunohistochemistry** which holds some of their annual meetings just before our Asia Pacific IAP Meetings. They last held a companion meeting right before the Fifth IAP Meeting in Singapore in May 2007.

HKIAP will continue to co-sponsor the **Seventh Annual Meeting of the Association of Directors of Pathology of China** which will be held in Beijing on October 25-26, 2008 (<http://www.acp.cuhk.edu.hk/adpc>). Apart from HKIAP, the meeting was co-organized by the **Pathological Society of Great Britain, American Cancer Society, University of British Columbia, Chinese American Pathologists' Association, International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP)** and the Department of Anatomical & Cellular Pathology, the Chinese University of Hong Kong. There will be eleven international speakers : **Diponkar Banerjee** and **Shashidul Islam** from Canada, **Ian Ellis** and **Jorge Reis-filho** from UK, **Denfeng Cao**, **F. Lee Tucker**, **Bin Yang**, **Ximing Yang**, **Shu-yuan Xiao** from USA, **Kennichi Kakudo** from Japan, **Puay-hoon Tan** from Singapore and **Gary Tse** from Hong Kong. Speakers from China include **Le-zhen Chen**, **Huay-ye Ding**, **Gan-di Li** and **Yun Niu**. Expectations are high for this meeting and about 300 directors of pathology have already registered.

A **Sino-European Pathology Fellowship** was launched in 2007 by the Pathological Society of UK and after a peer review competition, three awards were made in 2007. Members of HKIAP helped vet the applications. The 2008 award is being considered.

Interactions with other international organizations of pathologists : We interacted actively with the **International Association of Chinese Pathologists (IACP)** and **Chinese American Pathologists' Association (CAPA)**, both of them pathology organizations made up mainly of pathologists of Chinese ethnic origin practicing in North America. We meet regularly during the USCAP Meeting including the recent Denver meeting. The President of the Hong Kong Division, **Gary Tse** and me lectured in regional meetings of pathology (Shanghai, Malaysia, Thailand, Philippines, Tokyo, Osaka).