



PAEDIATRIC PATHOLOGY SOCIETY

NEWSLETTER

June 2010

Dear Members,

We are quickly moving through the first half of 2010 and preparations for the Annual Meeting in Padova are well under way, as you can read further down this newsletter. Economic turmoil seems to become a fixed part of the everyday headline, but our Greek colleagues, although struck by the eurocrisis, assure me that the Society might even benefit from it, as she will try to get us a profit for the congress venue. Obviously, speaking on behalf of the Society, we do hope that our Greek colleagues will not experience too much negative effects. One simple solution that your secretary thought of, was that every European citizen was entitled to a free one-week holiday in Greece, after which the Greek debts would be waived. Although this appears a very sympathetic solution, I fear it will be oversimplistic and naïve.

On a happier note, it is my strong feeling that our Society is in good shape with many active people giving input when asked and even spontaneously. Although the quantity of paper filled is not necessarily indicative (but size does matter!), this well-filled newsletter proves the above point.

Finally, it is my pleasure to let you know that I have recently been appointed as Professor of Pediatric Pathology at the Erasmus MC – University Medical Center Rotterdam. After Jonne Huber, many of you will still

remember, this is the second time that a professorship in this area has been realized in the Netherlands. Now it is up to me to live up to the expectations and challenges that will come my way.

In any case, I will continue my work for the Society as before, so please let me know if you have anything to discuss, a problem, a question or something interesting to share. I hope to see many of you in Padova and have a very nice summer break, if you have the time for it!

Ronald de Krijger
PPS Honorary Secretary

From the President

Winter is slowly ebbing out in my part of the world, on Sunday 16th of May it was still possible to go skiing in the woods nearby Trondheim. The ash-clouds from Iceland kept Europeans in a daze for weeks, and still the threat has not left us. By September though, we hope that everybody who plans to go to the Annual PPS Meeting in Padova will arrive safely. The preliminary program and all other information you need in order to register is now on the PPS website. The Symposium on Thursday includes many interesting talks, on Friday Cheryl Coffin will talk about sarcomas, and Miguel Reyes Mugica will give the John Emery memorial lecture. Rita Alaggio and the

other members of the planning committee have done a wonderful job!

According to a legend Padova was founded in 1183 BC by the Trojan prince Antenor. The university of Padova is the third oldest in Italy, founded in 1222 by a group of students coming from Bologna. The famous [Anatomy Theatre](#) from 1594 is the oldest in the world. The university achieved its greatest distinction in the 15th and 16th centuries, becoming one of the leading universities of Europe. Among its professors were famous Renaissance philosophers, humanists, and scientists, including Galilei who taught in Padova from 1592 to 1610.

Before the meeting in Padova some of us will probably participate at the ESP Intercongress Meeting in Krakow and after Padova there is the XXVIIIth International Congress of the IAP in São Paulo, Brazil. This will be a unique chance to visit our South-American friends and colleagues. I suspect that September and October will be busy months with many memorable academic and social events. Many interesting scientific sessions are awaiting us and I also urge those of you who have interesting studies going on to send abstracts as soon as possible.

Paediatric pathology is still struggling all over Europe and in many places in the rest of the world. For some reasons it seems to be difficult to attract young pathologists wanting to go into paediatric pathology. The IPPA courses are an excellent way of stimulating young (and also older) pathologists, the attendance at these courses including the IPPA Update Course illustrates the popularity. Participation with Paediatric Pathology Short Courses and Seminars at ESP and IAP meetings may also be stimulating for generalists. Being a young resident in general pathology, my interest in paediatric pathology was awakened at the IAP meeting in Paris in 1980, attending the paediatric pathology sessions and particularly fascinated by the presentations on SIDS. Among the chairmen of those sessions were John Emery and R.O.C. Kaschula, and

Francis Jaubert was the secretary in the Local Organizing Committee.

Interest in history seems so be something that accompanies age. A few days ago I was searching my files for old PPS Newsletters and the first one I could find in the present format was in October 2000, almost 10 years ago. The oldest one I found was from December 1996, when Jean W. Keeling was president. Even though the format was different and the letter shorter, it was written in the same spirit and with quite equivalent information.

With these memories I encourage you all to send in abstracts for the Padova Annual PPS Meeting so that the scientific program will live up to its good reputation and that the participants will go home with good memories of a great meeting!

I will repeat my wish in the February Newsletter: I look forward to see as many members as possible in Padova in September!

Christina Vogt
PPS President

From the Treasurer

Subscriptions

There are 19 people who have not paid their subscriptions this year. I have sent out a reminder previously, but if you are not getting the journal, then you have not paid your subscription!

Accounts

The accounts for 2009 have been checked through by the accountants and I am about to send them to the committee for comment before presenting them at the AGM in September. I am glad to say we made a slight "loss" last year which was mainly due to a donation to Birmingham Childrens' Hospital for Roger to set up his slide scanner and storage system which should improve our slide seminars and potentially education on our website.

Because we had a joint meeting with the SPP last year, we did not have a profit or loss from the meeting, but did pay for invited speakers as usual.

Banking Crisis and the Pound

There have been some marked currency fluctuations recently, and the pound does seem to be retreating against the dollar but as we pay \$65 for the journal at present, it has a long way to go before we have to worry about the dollar subscription rate. I do not see much recovery against the Euro which will make for an expensive meeting for us from the UK in Padova.

We are getting little interest income on our money, but as you will know chasing interest rates is difficult and in the UK the better rates are if you lock your money in an account for 2-3 years. I do not want to do this, and have left the money where it is currently. The change in Treasurer might present an opportunity to consider moving the money to a better rate of interest as we have to complete myriad forms for the change in signatory.

Sponsorship

I would be very keen that we sponsor a delegate to the meeting in Padova. If anyone has an individual in mind, please contact the Secretary. I would also like it to be different people through the years.

Website

Can I remind members that it is their responsibility to keep their address on the website up to date, that is the address we use for the journal mailing list, and the email address for communication. Remember if you change your email address to let us know!

New Members

There are still three new members who joined last year who have not contacted me about paying their subscriptions. Perhaps people who nominate new members could indicate that the Society does have membership fees!

Electronic Journal

I think most members now know that if you are having problems accessing the electronic version of the journal, they should contact Allen Press. If you are paying a subscription fee then you will have access to the journal. As this is done from the first mailing list, it is

much easier for the Treasurer if you pay when the fees are due on the 1st December.

Bob Nairn
PPS Hon Treasurer
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PPS website:

<http://www.paedpath.org>

The announcement for this year's Annual Meeting in Padova is now on the website in the News section. Details of Registration, the Programme and hotels can be found there.

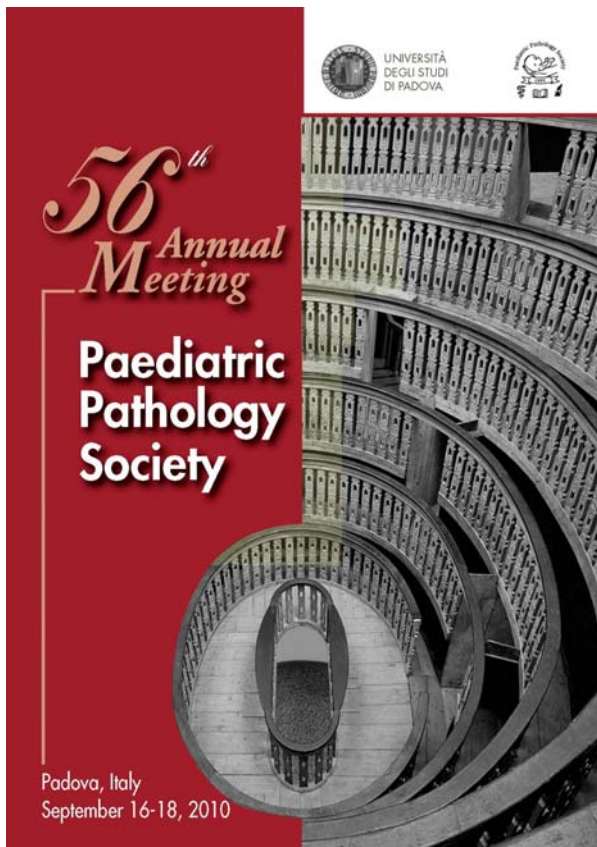
The purchase order for the new Digital Slide Server has finally been sent after some prolonged and frustrating administrative delays in gathering all the money together. The server should be up and running within the next month or so. We will then be able to host our own slide seminars from this summer and maintain a digital archive of the cases indefinitely. Keep an eye on the website for further developments!

Please send any contributions (articles, photos, ideas) for addition to the website to me. Similarly, please send me your comments about the site or "Shout" in the Shout Box when you're logged in.

Roger Malcomson
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Future meetings of the PPS

56th PPS Annual Meeting
2010, Padova, Italy
16- 18 September 2010
Local organiser: Rita Alaggio



The Scientific sessions will be held in Palazzo del Bo, University of Padova.

Scientific Program

Thursday, September 16th

Symposium “Children are not small adults and newborns are not small children”

Part I: The borderland between embryology and oncology.

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| 15.45–16.10 | CCAM: Histologic diagnosis and molecular insight. Where we are, where we are going
R.R. de Krijger |
| 16.10-16.20 | CCAM: Role of multidisciplinary approach to the diagnosis and treatment. The Italian Experience
P.G. Gamba |
| 16.20-16.35 | Pleuro-Pulmonary Blastoma: histologic diagnosis and molecular insight. Where we are, where we are going
L. Boccon Gibod |
| 16.35-16.45 | Pleuro-Pulmonary Blastoma: role of multidisciplinary approach to |

the diagnosis and treatment. The TREP Experience
G. Cecchetto

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| 16.45-16.55 | Discussion |
| 16.55-17.10 | Cystic pulmonary diseases and kidney cystic diseases: which are their relationships?
C. Cullinane |
| 17.10-17.40 | Cystic renal diseases in infants
G.P. Bulfamante |

Part II: “Adult” pathologies in children and other “rarities”.

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| 17.55-18.05 | Adult Tumours in children. The TREP Experience
G. Bisogno |
| 18.05-18.25 | The “Kidney carcinoma paradigm”
P. Collini |
| 18.25-18.45 | Lymphoproliferative lesions mimicking lymphomas
E.S.G. d’Amore |

Friday, September 17th

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| 08.30-08.35 | Welcome |
| 08.35-09.00 | Adolescent and Young Adult Sarcoma: too young for this, too old for that!
C. Coffin |
| 09.00-11.00 | Proffered Papers (Paediatric pathology) |
| 11.00-11.30 | Coffee Break |
| 11.30-13.00 | offered papers (developmental pathology) |
| 13.00-14.00 | Lunch Break |
| 14.00-15.15 | Poster Presentation |
| 15.15-16.15 | John Emery memorial lecture
M. Reyes-Mugica |
| 16.30-18.30 | PPS Annual General Meeting |
| 20.30 | Congress Dinner |

Saturday, September 18th

08.30-10.00	Slide Seminar
10.00-10.25	Coffee Break
10.25-11.00	Poster Presentation
11.00-13.00	Oral Presentation
13.00	Closing Remarks

The abstract deadline is 30 Juny 2010.

More information and registration forms will also be available on the website www.lccongressi.it/PPS2010.

IPPA GRADUATES

It is intended that this year's PPS meeting in Padua will include an IPPA GRADUATE SESSION.

The format of this session will be a slide seminar where graduates can bring either an interesting or unusual case, results from a research, a case to share and seek advice, etc. The aim is to repeat the free style presentations which became so popular at the IPPA course. The meeting is planned for the afternoon of **Thursday 16th September 2010** and will last 2.30-3 hours, with a coffee break. No extra expenses will be incurred for the attendees.

In order to help with the organization of the session, it is desirable that those who plan to attend drop an e mail to Marta Cohen at: Marta.Cohen@sch.nhs.uk indicating their intention.

Please bring a case if you can and be prepared to have some fun!

Marta Cohen

Committee - Officers

Following the AGM in Philadelphia, the officers and committee of the PPS are now as follows:

Christina Vogt, President (Norway)	2012
Ronald de Krijger, Hon Secretary (The Netherlands)	2011

Robert Nairn, Treasurer (UK)	2010
Marie-Anne Bründler, Membership Sec. (UK)	2010
Marta Cohen (UK)	2010
Aurore Coulomb (France)	2010
Isabel Colmenero (Spain)	2011
Catherine Cullinane (UK)	2011
Evelina Silvestri (Italy)	2011
Liina Kiho (UK)	2012
Anastasia Konstantinidou (Greece)	2012
Maureen O'Sullivan (Ireland)	2012

Marian Malone (UK), *ex-officio*
Irene Scheimberg (UK), *ex-officio*

The Treasurer was re-elected unopposed at the AGM, having expressed his willingness to serve for one further term of three years (only).

Obituary

Obituary Jan Alumets.

Dr Jan Alumets (1947 – 2009), Consultant Pathologist and Associate Professor in Pathology, Lund University Hospital, Lund, Sweden.

After completing his medical studies Dr Alumets was enrolled as graduate student in Histology at the University of Lund, Sweden which resulted in a doctoral thesis in 1981 about hormone producing cells and tumours in the gastrointestinal tract entitled "Neurohormonal peptides in gut endocrine cells and related tumours : an immunocytochemical study". In 1994 he became Associate Professor in pathology. Even after pursuing a clinical career as pathologist he continued his scientific work and published around 100 scientific articles.

Dr Alumets started his clinical career at the University Hospital in Malmö, Sweden and later he continued his work at Lund University Hospital. His main professional interests were endocrine pathology and paediatric pathology, and for many years he was responsible for surgical paediatric pathology at Lund University Hospital.

During his spare time Dr Alumets enjoyed sailing, playing golf and spending time in the family's country side summer house.

Dr Alumets is survived by his wife and his son.

Karin Sixtensdotter Graffmo
Umeå, Sweden
and
Lola Anagnostaki
Glostrup, Denmark

Members' details

Please note: it is essential that all members check their details as they appear on the PPS website as soon as possible. Please enter any changes that have occurred in 2010. You are responsible for keeping your details up to date. If we have incorrect information, we will not be able to contact you and you will think we have forgotten you!

Do it now!

If you want to apply for PPS membership or submit an application for a colleague and become member in the coming year, please note that applications **MUST** arrive before the end of August. Please send these applications to Marie-Anne Brundler, the membership secretary, at the address mentioned below. Election of new members will take place during the AGM in Philadelphia.

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Courses in Paediatric Pathology



XXXIInd IPPA Advanced Course in Paediatric Pathology

2010, Cambridge, United Kingdom
4-10 September 2010
Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge
Local organiser: Liz Hook and Flora Jessop

Invitations will be circulated around end of January/ beginning of February. Applications to attend should be addressed with a short CV to Elisabeth Bruder; elisabeth.bruder@unibas.ch. There is currently a waiting list, so applicants exceeding the 55 expected participants may be required to wait another year before being admitted.

3rd IPPA Update Course

2010, Venice, Italy
11-16 September 2010

XXXIIIrd IPPA Advanced Course in Paediatric Pathology

2011, Izmir, Turkey
March, 2011

Other Paediatric Pathology Societies Meetings

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2010, Padova, Italy
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Joint meeting Pathology Societies Switzerland and Austria

2010, Feldkirch, Austria
4-6 November 2010

Local congress president: Prof. Felix Offner, Gabriele Ammann and Elisabeth Bruder.

Both societies will hold a joint meeting in Feldkirch. As Main Topic, Paediatric Pathology has been chosen. There will be a range of invited talks and slide seminar cases on Paediatric Pathology, and we are honoured, that Dr de Krijger has accepted our invitation to present at this meeting. The full range of topics and speakers will hopefully be known within the next week or so. Besides Paediatric Pathology, there will also be presentations and slides on adult gynecopathology and adult dermatopathology.

The Swiss Pathology Society has about 180 active members, and so should the Austrian Society of Pathology, so it should be a fairly big meeting. Details should be advertised on the SGPATH homepage as the planning evolves.

Other Meetings of Interest

Intercongress meeting of ESP 2010,
Krakow, Poland
31 August - 4 September 2010
www.esp-congress.org

XXVIIIth International Congress of the IAP
2010, Sao Paulo, Brazil
10-15 October 2010
www.iap2010.com

Situations Vacant

No vacancies have been notified to me for this newsletter.

The next Newsletter will be produced in October 2010. Please send any item for inclusion to the Honorary Secretary (r.dekrijger@erasmusmc.nl or i.bouma@erasmusmc.nl) by late September 2010 for inclusion.

I should be happy to include publicity for meetings, reviews of meetings, job vacancies or anything else that may be of interest to the membership.

Yours sincerely,

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