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XVth International Congress of Cytology

Santiago, Chile, April 11–15, 2004

For the second time, the International Congress of Cytology, sponsored by the International Academy of Cytology, will take place in South America. Close to a thousand professionals will convene in Santiago, Chile, population 5 million, center of the world's longest and narrowest country. Chile stretches from the Atacama desert to the north through the vineyards of the central area to the Antarctic territories in the south, protected by the Andean mountain range to the east.



will be covered. There will be 9 award lectures and 12 invited lectures.

Several preconference and postconference



Santiago, Chile

The 4-day meeting will be packed with state-of-the-art information presented by experts from all 5 continents. On the schedule are 6 satellite symposia, 13 panels, 9 seminars and several preconference workshops. All organs

tours have been arranged, offering an opportunity to visit some magnificent sites not usually on tourists' itinerary.

For more information on this event or to register for the congress please visit www.xvcongress.cl.

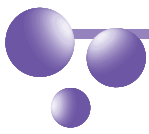


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Russian Association of Clinical Cytologists

Pskov, near St. Petersburg, June 14–17, 2003

Naum Shapiro, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C.

The Annual Meeting of the Russian Association of Clinical Cytologists took place in Pskov, near St. Petersburg, on June 14–17, 2003. The program included the problems of using new methods in cytologic diagnostics. Issues 1 and 2, vol. 7, 2003, of *News of Russian Clinical Cytology* was introduced at the meeting.

New officers of the association were elected at the meeting:

President: Vladimir Bogatyrev, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C. (Moscow)

Past President and Vice-President:
Naum Shapiro, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C.
(Moscow)



Meeting participants at the Pskov kremlin.

Secretary General: V. Sokolova, M.D., Ph.D. (Moscow)

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Members of the Central Executive Council are: Prof. A. Petrova, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C.; Drs. O. Chistiachova, M.D., Ph.D.; T. Kamneva, M.D., Ph.D.; T. Kondratieva, M.D., Sc.D.; N. Kotliar, M.D., Ph.D.; G. Lijoshkina, M.D.; O. Pechortseva, M.D.; N. Polonskaya, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C.; N. Smolianinova,



The president, Vladimir Bogatyrev, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C., and past president, Naum Shapiro, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C., of the Russian Association of Clinical Cytologists in the 1,100-year-old kremlin, Pskov, Russia.

M.D., Ph.D.; Z. Vakhturova, M.D., I. Yurasova, M.D., Ph.D. (all from Moscow); A. Kotov, M.D., Ph.D., and V. Novik, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C. (St. Petersburg); Prof. N. Stepanian, M.D., Sc.D., M.I.A.C. (Voronezh); Drs. V. Birbraer, M.D.; Ph.D. (Rostov-na-Donu); O. Zolotovitskaya, M.D. (Samara); L. Zhandarova, M.D., Ph.D. (Saratov); Y. Botoroev, M.D., Ph.D.; L. Kislitsina, M.D. (Irkutsk); O. Beliaieva, M.D. (Chelibinsk); and O. Rodionova, M.D. (Vladivostok).

Currently the association has about 1,000 members and puts its principles into practice actively.



The Pskov kremlin.

Torsten Löwhagen Memorial Symposium

Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden, August 15–16, 2003

Almost 4 years after the death of Torsten Löwhagen from myocardial infarction on December 12, 1999,¹ more than 100 of his former colleagues, students and friends from 19 countries assembled with his family at Karolinska Hospital in Stockholm to celebrate and remember this remarkable teacher from the Swedish school of fine needle aspiration.

The meeting, organized by Jerry Waisman of New York University and by Edneia Tani and Lambert Skoog of Karolinska Hospital, Stockholm, reunited many of the over 250 visiting physicians from all 5 continents who had spent a month or more improving their skills in the technical and diagnostic aspects of fine needle aspiration between 1975 and 1995 at Karolinska Hospital under the tutelage of Dr. Löwhagen.

It was particularly appropriate and touching that 2 of his teachers, Sixten Franzén, Stockholm, and Leopold Koss, New York, were present to open the meeting with reports on the history of aspiration biopsy and the Stockholm

school of fine needle aspiration. They recalled the early days and the contributions of Nils Söderström, Josef Zajicek, Pier Luigi Esposti and others. Svante Orell, eminent author and expatriate Swede, who brought fine needle aspiration to Australia, recalled the spread of the Stockholm school of aspiration biopsy based on his experiences and recollections.

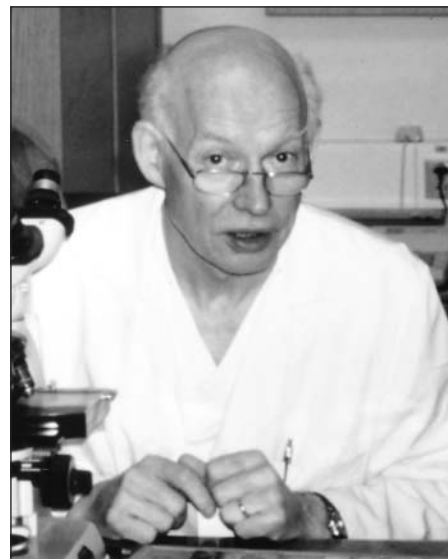
The subsequent scientific session illustrated Dr. Löwhagen's impact on the spread of this technique, with reports from Europe; Asia; North, Central and South America; Africa; and the subcontinents of the southern Pacific

Ocean. Universally, the contributors focused on Dr. Löwhagen's enthusiasm and generosity, empathy for his patients and joy in all aspects of life.

A dinner at Haga Forum provided the opportunity to recall fond memories, exchange common experiences and enjoy Swedish hospitality. A boat trip to Drottningholm castle on a perfect Scandinavian summer Sunday concluded this remarkable event. Suggestions for making this gathering a permanent event are under consideration.

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Torsten Löwhagen, M.D., F.I.A.C.



Torsten Löwhagen, his wife, Anna-Stina, Dr. Gupta, his wife, Jean, and Dr. Erozan on the occasion of the bestowing of the Papanicolaou Award of the American Society of Cytology at the Waldorf Hotel, New York, 1995.

Light Source

Volker Schneider, M.D., the second of three children, was born in a small town near Heidelberg, in southern Germany. He comes from a family of teachers and small business owners. His father founded a successful factory manufacturing plastic parts for the TV and computer industry. Dr. Schneider's brother runs the company today.

Growing up in a small town explains the theme of Dr. Schneider's life: get out and discover the world! Dr. Schneider's first opportunity to do so came after he finished high school. Having been drafted into military service, he volunteered for the navy and took part in a trip to the Mediterranean Sea and North Africa, with calls to 12 ports in 7 countries during 18 months of service.

The first in his family to enter medicine, Dr. Schneider chose that profession because of its practical and altruistic aspects, his interest in science and the possibility of practicing in different countries.

In 1972, during his first year of residency in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Tübingen, Dr. Schneider attended the Second International Tutorial of Clinical Cytology in Vienna. With the support of Dr. Josef Zajicek, of Stockholm, Dr. Schneider obtained a

1-year fellowship in the laboratory of Dr. Alexander Meisels in Quebec, Canada, for the following year. At that time Dr. Meisels was uncovering the early stages of the HPV story.

Dr. Schneider then moved to Montefiore Hospital, Bronx, New York, to complete a 4-year residency in anatomic and clinical pathology in the laboratory of Dr. Leopold Koss, another

leader in the field of cytology. A multicultural and multiethnic group of residents enjoyed learning in the "Big Apple," where regular meetings of the New York Society of Pathology attracted close to 400 pathologists, many of them leaders in their fields.

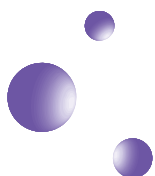
Dr. Schneider's next move was

south, to the capital of the old southern states. There, in Richmond, Virginia, Dr. Schneider took a position as assistant and then associate professor of pathology at the Medical College of Virginia. His colleagues were Drs. Saul Kay, Jack Frable and Mac DeMay, and he served on the faculty from 1978 to 1986.

After 13 years abroad it became time to return to Europe with his Norwegian wife, whom Dr. Schneider had met in New York, and their 2 small children. Dr. Schneider accepted a position as head of the laboratory of



Volker Schneider, M.D.



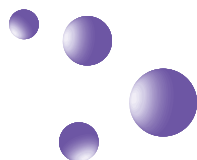
pathology in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Ulm, in southern Germany, and became director of the School of Cytotechnology. At that point he completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology, begun 15 years earlier. Five years later, in 1992, Dr. Schneider made his last move, taking over a private laboratory of gynecologic morphology in Freiburg, in the southwestern corner of Germany. In that capital of the Black Forest, close to Switzerland and the Alsatian region of France, Dr. Schneider works with a great team to provide laboratory services to hospitals and gynecologists in the region.

Dr. Schneider has lectured widely in Europe, North and South America, and Japan. In his lectures, Dr. Schneider's direct and no-nonsense style, modest

personality and multilingual expertise appeal to audiences.

Dr. Schneider has published over 70 scientific papers, mostly in the area of cytology and gynecologic pathology, and 1 textbook, translated into Portuguese. In 1998 Dr. Schneider was elected secretary of the International Academy of Cytology and is currently administering the day-to-day business of the academy together with Allison Austin, the executive secretary, from the central office in Freiburg.

In his free time Dr. Schneider enjoys music of all sorts, ranging from opera to rock. He plays the piano occasionally for his own enjoyment. In winter he skis in the Swiss mountains, and in summer he explores the mountain roads of the Black Forest by either bicycle or motorbike, living his philosophy: "Life is a never-ending road!"



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30th European Congress of Cytology

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Jacques Jenny, M.D., F.I.A.C.

June 14, 1927–December 23, 2003

On December 23, 2003, Jacques Jenny died in Zürich, Switzerland, at the age of 76 after a cerebral aneurysmal hemorrhage. With Dr. Jenny's passing, European cytology lost one of its major figures. He led a busy and vigorous life, actively participating in cytology meetings until a few weeks before his death.

Dr. Jenny was born in 1927 in Glarus, a small mountain town in the heart of Switzerland, where he grew up and maintained close relationships throughout his life. After studying medicine in Lausanne and Zürich, he decided to become a gynecologist. Dr. Jenny became interested in cytology in the 1950s during a visit to departments of gynecology in Vienna (Drs. Ulm and Antoine) and Cologne (Dr. Zinser). In 1957 Dr. Jenny became director of the

cytology laboratory of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, University of Zürich. In 1962 he opened a highly successful private office and laboratory. Dr. Jenny's professional interests and passion belonged to the field of gynecologic cytology.

Dr. Jenny was a founding member of the Swiss Society of Cytology, established in 1961, and was deeply involved

in launching the European Federation of Cytology Societies in Prague, serving as its first secretary general from 1970 to 1976. He was instrumental in establishing ties between Western and Eastern Europe during the Cold War and was adamant about maintaining alternating East and West congress venues. Thus, the European cytology community had already developed deep ties between the East and West by the time the Cold War ended.

Dr. Jenny's devotion to the field was notable in a regular meeting in Switzerland that he had established in 1969 as a working session in clinical cytology. The early April date and a well-organized meeting provided a unique combination of work and play at Flims, one of the finest Swiss ski resorts. In honor of its founder, the working sessions will continue to occur on alternate years under the directorship of Drs. Baltisser and Isenegger.

Jacques Jenny published widely and was well known for his hand drawings highlighting the essential points of the various diagnostic entities. He was a fellow of the International Academy of Cytology for over 30 years and an honorary member of the Swiss, Austrian, German and French societies of cytology.

Dr. Jenny's deep love for his native land, his dry sense of humor, his selfless dedication to the cause of cytology, and his natural and contagious joy of living will be missed by all who ever had the wonderful opportunity to meet him.



Jacques Jenny, M.D., F.I.A.C.

American Society of Cytopathology 51st Annual Scientific Meeting

Orlando, Florida, November 7–12, 2003

David C. Wilbur, M.D.

The 51st Annual Scientific Meeting of the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) was held in Orlando, Florida, on November 7–12, 2003. The meeting was extremely well attended, with some 950 registrants. In terms of member participation, this meeting was second only to the 1995 New York City meeting, missing that record by only a handful of attendees. The meeting venue was the Wyndham Palace Hotel, directly outside the main gates of Disney World.

The Scientific Program Committee, under the direction of Dr. Edmund Cibas, did a spectacular job of crafting a meeting packed with cutting edge science, cytology practice information and entertaining social events. Jody Kelly and her local arrangements committee were on the spot with beautifully conceived and organized receptions and meeting accompaniments. As always, the ASC national office staff, under the direction of Elizabeth

Jenkins, ran the jam-packed events smoothly.

The meeting opened with the annual



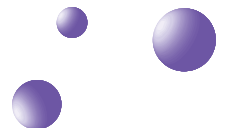
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program faculty seminar, chaired by Jill Caudill. The program was composed of a series of talks and panels for cytotechnology educators and included discussions of the evolving role of the cytotechnology field and new educational requirements and an excellent panel on the realities of the cytotechnology workplace. The ensuing days were filled with 21 scientific plat-

form presentations,

196 poster presentations, 8 panel luncheons and a wide variety of special lectures and presentations.

Drs. David C. Wilbur and Celeste Powers collaborated on the president's address to discuss the accomplishments and plans of the ASC, respectively. The "Current Issues in Cytology Panel" discussed the making of the new Bethesda 2001 atlas and featured talks by the 2 cochairs of this project,





Drs. Diane Solomon and Ritu Nayar.

This year, a keynote speaker gave a presentation on a noncytologic topic. Allen Daviau, a cinematographer known for his work on Hollywood movies, gave us a look into cinematography and the parallels with microscopic imagery. Jennifer Clark contributed an excellent cytotechnology advisory committee chair-elect address, discussing the role of the newly revitalized cytotechnology advisory committee in the life of the society. Dr. Diane Solomon, the 2003 Papanicolaou awardee, gave an insightful look into the future of cytology practice in her talk, "The Papanicolaou Test and Cervical Cancer Screening: Fact, Fancy, and Future."

This year's state-of-the-art symposium, chaired by Dr. Tim O'Leary, contained a presentation and discussion of the new "location-guided screening" instruments, likely to have a profound influence soon on cervical cytology practice. The "Future Directions in Cytology" panel, moderated by Dr. Jeffrey Ross, presented the emerging field of "targeted therapy" in medicine. The basic science lecture, given by the FDA's Dr. Emanuel Petricoin, discussed the hot, emerging field of proteomics in disease diagnosis and management. The "New Frontiers" lecture was given by Dr. Tomas Kirchhausen and was entitled, "Frontiers in Cell Imaging." The popular diagnostic seminar, moderated by Dr. Stephen Raab, addressed cases that were originally diagnosed erroneously in the laboratory. The panelists all enjoyed the challenging cases but were certainly put at ease by the fact that any "error" that they made would not be the first. The

educational portion of the meeting ended with 28 workshops and a special course on the cytology of the lung and pleura, directed by Dr. William Frable.

Several key announcements were made during the course of the meeting, including the first ASC Foundation-funded Cytopathology Research Seed Awards (which went to Drs. Cesar Angeletti of Yale, Piotr Kulesza of Johns Hopkins and Andre Luis Moreira of New York University) and the first Center of Excellence Program awards (which went to the University of Vermont, Medical University of South Carolina, Johns Hopkins University and Harvard University Consortium Group). This year's ASC awards went to the following: Papanicolaou Award: Dr. Diane Solomon; Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement: Roger Wall; Excellence in Education Award: H. Daniel Schantz; and President's Awards: Nancy Smith and Dr. Ritu Nayar. Awards for scientific papers were given as follows: the Warren R. Lang, M.D., Resident Physician Award: Prakash Makarla, M.D.; the Cytotechnologist Scientific Presentation Award: Shobhana J. Patel, C.T.(ASCP); the Impact on Workload on Diagnostic Accuracy Research Award: Ronald Kennedy, M.D.; and the Geno Saccomanno New Frontiers in Cytology Award: Tao Yang, M.D., Ph.D.

The meeting concluded with a masquerade ball, a fitting end to a week of learning, networking, fun and celebration of the profession of cytopathology. All are invited to attend the 52nd Annual Scientific Meeting, which will be held from November 13 to 17, 2004, in Chicago.

