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Remembering Dr. George L. Wied

Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, November 13, 2004

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There could be no more appropriate time or place to remember Dr. George L. Wied than at the annual scientific meeting of the American Society of Cytopathology in Chicago. We have come here this week to learn, to share our knowledge and to exchange ideas with each other to advance the profession Dr. Wied loved and to which he devoted his life. And we have come to this city where he lived for more than 50

years and which served as his home base for an extraordinary professional career that truly spanned the globe. I want to thank Dr. Wied's devoted and adored wife Kay and son George for giving all of us this opportunity to express our respect and affection for Dr. Wied at the same time that we gather for the ASC meeting—I know Dr. Wied would approve of our multitasking.

Many of you here know more than I about the early years of Dr. Wied's distinguished career, and you have read the many tributes highlighting his accomplishments in the field: his study with Dr.



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Papanicolaou at Cornell Hospital; his appointment as Chief of Cytology at the University of Chicago School of Medicine and later as Blum-Riese Professor; his role as cofounder of the International Acade-

my of Cytology and as the father of *Acta Cytologica*; and his work as director of countless tutorials around the world and as author of numerous articles and compendia. His awards are so numerous that I cannot begin to list them here.

But perhaps Dr. Wied's most lasting and far-ranging influence on the profession is the impact he had on all of us here and on the thousands of colleagues who

could not join us today.

My first encounter with Dr. Wied centered on organizing the first Bethesda Workshop in 1988. Busy as he was — organizing the IAC tutorials, editing *Acta Cytologica* and at least two other journals, teaching, writing and doing research — he plunged into the Bethesda enterprise as if it were the only item on his agenda.

He gave freely of his time and expertise. Before the Internet, before e-mail list-servers, Dr. Wied harnessed the power of the fax machine. With his computerized list of names and numbers and his fax machine running 24/7, he was a one-person CNN cytology headline news.

No matter where I travel around the world, I meet individuals who worked with Dr. Wied, or who studied with him, or who were guided by him in their careers. So many of these individuals express the same feelings I had - both admiration and amazement - that Dr. Wied was able to devote so much time and energy to their projects, their careers and their needs at the same time that he was so productive in his own.

Eventually I came to understand that George Wied was like the mythical

Greek wrestler Antaeus. Antaeus was the offspring of Mother Earth, and so he took strength from touching terra firma. In wrestling matches, each time he was pinned to the ground, he only grew stronger. So, too, Dr. Wied drew strength from challenge, from each new project he began, from each journal he edited, from every tutorial he organized

and from every colleague he helped.

During his career, Dr. Wied saw our profession grow from infancy to maturity. He recognized early on that cytology represented a new opportunity for medical and scientific professionals to improve health care around the world. But to make this possibility a reality, he knew it would be essential to

establish collaborative working relationships among practitioners with different levels and types of training and from different countries. He saw what needed to be done, and with his dedication to our field and concern for its practitioners, with his boundless energy, insight and devotion, he helped make it happen. More than any single individual of his era, George Wied helped shape our profession. We will miss him very much.



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Memorial Service for George L. Wied

Holy Name Cathedral, Chicago, November 13, 2004

Matías Jiménez-Ayala, M.D., Ph.D., F.I.A.C.

President of the International Academy of Cytology

In his 82 years, George L. Wied had two children. The firstborn was the International Academy of Cytology, which first saw the light of day in Brussels in 1957. As current “tutor” of this family, I would like to say “Don’t worry George, your family of more than 2000 members have taken on the responsibility to promote your message and we promise to further develop your fantastic work.”

Let me say some words of gratitude to the founder of the I.A.C.

George L. Wied is considered, with George Papanicolaou, as the co-founder of modern cytopathology. History will

say that their great work made cytology the most important practical advance in cancer control.

As happened to other researchers, George’s work needed some time to be accepted, and George’s continuing contribution was decisive in achieving the current high status of cytopathology. Let me remember his 43 years of work for the I.A.C., his editorship of *Acta Cytologica*, of course, his teaching in the Tutorial of Cytology and in the University of Chicago. On behalf of those who continue with your work and of the many patients and women who have benefited from your research, many thanks George.

GEORGE L. WIED MEMORIAL SYMPOSIUM

A memorial symposium honoring Dr. George L. Wied will be held in Vienna, Austria, September 10–11, 2005.

A festive dinner is being planned for the evening of Saturday, September 10.

At the symposium on Sunday, September 11, several presentations by invited speakers will be followed by shorter presentations and posters of original material on gynecologic cytology, special techniques in gynecologic cytology and automation of cervical cytology.

The symposium is an opportunity to acknowledge the contributions of Dr. Wied as a teacher, colleague and friend.

Registration forms and more information are available on the IAC website: www.cytology-iac.org.

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Informal IAC Executive Council Meeting

Chicago, November 13, 2004

The meeting was attended by Drs. Jiménez-Ayala, Verhest, Solomon, McGoogan, Bibbo, Colgan, McLachlin and Banerjee. Items discussed are below:

1. Vancouver Congress, 2007. The president started by speaking of the different responsibilities of the various bodies in charge of organizing the congress. Next, Diponkar Banerjee, president of the organizing committee, presented the initial plans for the congress, including a draft of the first announcement. The president of the congress, Dr. Verhest, reviewed and brought the group up to date on the draft of the scientific program. With the five successful satellite symposia at the Chile congress in mind, all the members agreed on the importance of including such symposia with other important societies, such as the ASC, EFCS, SEP and SLAC, in the program. Finally the group discussed coming events at which the Vancouver congress will be promoted and meetings at which it has already been promoted, including Athens, Badajoz (Spain), Evora (Portugal) and Natal (Brazil).
2. George L. Wied Symposium, Vienna, September 10 and 11, 2005. Dr. Marluce Bibbo presented a draft of the advertisement for the symposium, to be published on the IAC Web site and in *Acta Cytologica* and *Cyto Paths*. It was unanimously accepted, and Dr. Bibbo was asked to go ahead with preparation of the symposium.
3. Edinburgh Congress, 2010. Dr. Euphemia McGoogan presented the first steps in the organization of the XVIIth International Congress, to be held in Edinburgh in 2010. Dr. McGoogan's presentation was enthusiastically approved.
4. IAC Liaison Committees. Dr. Jiménez-Ayala read the report sent by Drs. Fernando Schmitt (IAC/SEP), Carmen Alvarez (IAC/SLAC) and Diane Solomon (IAC/ASC). Dr. Verhest (IAC/EFCS) described his plans for these committees. The current status and plans for the committees were accepted warmly.



IAC Meeting with Officers of the ASC

Chicago, November 15, 2004

On behalf of the IAC Council, Drs. Jiménez-Ayala, Solomon and Verhest attended the meeting with the officers of the ASC. Dr. Solomon, chair of the IAC/ASL liaison committee, and Dr. Jiménez-Ayala presented the goals of the committee, which included educational aspects and cooperation between the two institutions on the organization of satel-

lite symposia and other sessions at the congresses of both the IAC and ASC. The ASC officers were receptive to our proposal and were determined to drive forward with development of the items discussed.

The IAC council members also attended the highly successful 52nd Annual Scientific Meeting of the ASC, held in Chicago.

Meeting of the Portuguese Society of Cytology with Dr. Marluce Bibbo

Lisbon and Porto, September 23–25, 2004

Fernando Schmitt, M.D., Ph.D., M.I.A.C.

On September 23–25, 2004, the Portuguese Society of Cytology held a meeting with guest speaker Dr. Marluce Bibbo. The meeting took place at the medical faculties in Lisbon and Porto and was extremely well attended, with almost 100 participants at the two locations. Dr. Bibbo presented a slide seminar on liquid-based cytology and a conference on the use of p16 as a diagnostic adjunct in gynecologic cytology. The participants enjoyed the challenging cases presented by Dr. Bibbo, who discussed the diagnoses sent previously to the society's Web site, <http://www.spcitologia.org>. Participants who



Drs. Margarida Almeida and Helena Oliveira, officers of the Portuguese Society of Cytology together with Dr. Bibbo and the local organizers from Lisbon.



Dr. Bibbo and the participants of the meeting at Medical Faculty of Porto University.



Dr. Bibbo and the participants of the meeting at Medical Faculty of Lisbon.

made the correct diagnoses at the two meeting sites received the latest edition of the Bethesda System book.

The Porto meeting took place in parallel with a cytotechnology meeting, with presentation of cases by cytotechnologists and cytopathologists and a conference on glandular lesions of the cervix by Dr. Garcia Ureta, of Spain.

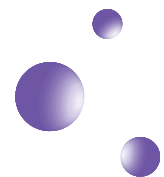
The new officers of the Portuguese Society of Cytology are: Fernando Schmitt,

M.D., M.I.A.C., President; Helena Oliveira, M.D., M.I.A.C., Vice-President; Helena Barroca, M.D., General Secretary; and Paula Monteiro, M.D., Treasurer. Members of the Executive Council are: Margarida Almeida, M.D.; Madalena Diniz, M.D.; and Paula Agapito, C.T.

The officers wish to thank all who attended the meeting and especially Dr. Bibbo, who contributed greatly to its success.



Dr. Bibbo with Drs. Fernando Schmitt (President of the Portuguese Society of Cytology) and Dr. Paulo Figueiredo in the Porto Meeting.



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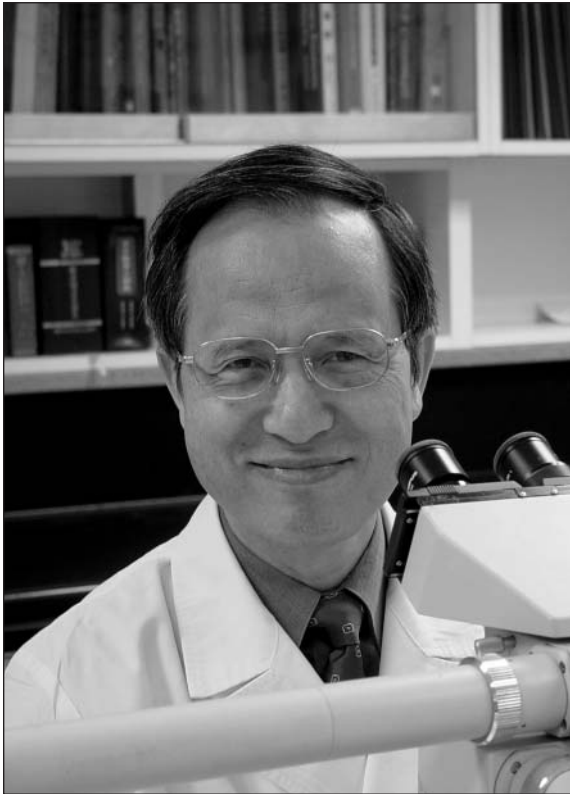
Sow-Hsong Kuo, M.D., F.I.A.C., the second of nine children, was born in a harbor city in northern Taiwan. He comes from a family of employees of the government telecommunications company for the past three generations. Dr. Kuo attended high school and medical school in Taipei and worked there after completing his professional education.

Dr. Kuo graduated from the National Taiwan University College of Medicine in 1967. After one year as an officer in the army, he completed his residency training and fellowship in pulmonology in the Department of Internal Medicine at the same university hospital.

In 1970 Dr. Kuo first became involved with clinical cytology because of the low diagnostic yield of cytology in sputum, pleural fluid and bronchial brushings at that time. He then studied nongynecologic cytology in the laboratory of Dr. Chi-Chung Lin, also a pulmonologist and pioneer of nongynecologic cytology in Taiwan. (That bit of history explains why some nongynecologic cytology laboratories in Taiwan are still managed by pulmonologists). In the 1970s Dr. Kuo began performing fine needle aspiration

of lung and mediastinal lesions under fluoroscopy.

Dr. Kuo was one of the founders of the Taiwan Society of Clinical Cytology and



Sow-Hsong Kuo, M.D., F.I.A.C.

has been president of the society for six years. He cosponsored the C.T.(IAC) examination in Taipei three times since 1997. At present, 6 F.I.A.C.s, 3 C.F.I.A.C.s and 200 C.T.(IAC)s work in Taiwan.

Dr. Kuo was the Chief of the Division of Respiratory Medicine, Division of Respiratory Therapy, National Taiwan University Hos-

pital, for 6 years, until July 2004. Currently he is Professor of Medicine, Laboratory Medicine and Pathology and Chief of the Cytology Laboratory. His nongynecologic cytology laboratory receives more than 22,000 specimens annually, including 5,500 fine needle aspiration cases at the National Taiwan University Hospital alone. Dr. Kuo has published more than 160 scientific papers in the fields of cytology and pulmonology.

Dr. Kuo is married and has two sons. One is a pulmonologist, and the other is a neurosurgeon. Both work at the same university hospital.

16TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CYTOLOGY
MAY 31–17, 2007
VANCOUVER, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

The congress theme is “Cytology in the Global Village.” The conference program will feature symposia, award lectures, satellite meetings, concurrent sessions, poster presentations and state-of-the-art workshops. Program highlights will include:

- HPV testing in screening programs
- HPV vaccines
- Cervical cancer management in developing countries
- *In vivo* imaging and cytology
- Impact of genomics and proteomics on diagnostic cytology and screening programs
- Automation in cytology - current status
- Molecular profiles of precancer and early cancer
- Hot topics in diagnostic cytology
- Predictive oncology and personalized, targeted therapies - is cytology combined with genomics an enabling platform?

Please join us to explore recent advances in cytology as well as to discover or reacquaint yourself with beautiful Vancouver and British Columbia.



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