Welcome to Paris

Springtime in Paris is the city’s most romantic season: trees are in bloom, the heat is mild and the atmosphere is zesty…. What better season for the Ville Lumière to host the 18th International Congress of Cytology and warmly welcome its worldwide community?

Glittering like the Eiffel Tower at night, Sparkling like champagne, vibrant as Edith Piaf’s voice, enchanting as the Seine at sunset, powerful as Notre Dame’s stonework, extravagant as an haute couture dress… and much more… just some of the myriad ways to get to love this city!

And what better place than a downtown state-of-the-art and efficient convention centre to hold such a milestone meeting?

The Congress will take place at the Palais des Congrès de Paris which is ideally located in the western part of the Capital, only 10 minutes away from the Champs-Elysées, the Arc de Triomphe or the Eiffel Tower. It is easily accessible by public transport and car. Several hotels of different categories are situated nearby and the area offers also many options for eating out and shopping.

What a perfect combination of elements: Paris… springtime… central location, seriously, do you want to miss it?!
Of course a congress is not only a season and a place; what makes the attendee experience a powerful and meaningful one is undoubtedly the scientific programme: topics, experts, diversity of sessions, opportunities for interaction, learning, teaching, exchanging.

The Local and Scientific Committees are currently tailor-making, with wonderful dedication and synergies, an exciting and multi-dimensional scientific programme comprising over 80 traditional and innovative sessions allowing attendees to achieve a highly educational and networking experience and display their commitment and a willingness to share and openly discuss.

The programme structure will comprise symposia, slide seminars, workshops, IAC awards lectures, proffered papers, posters and, for the early birds, eight “meet the expert breakfasts”.

A special session will be dedicated to cytotechnologists and time will be made available also to national societies to hold their meetings.

The congress will be an exchange platform for cytopathologists, cytotechnologists and other professionals sharing the same objectives but coming from different countries, having a variety of backgrounds and using varied means. Interaction between attendees will also be encouraged with the aim to bring to physicians and technologists solutions and guidance to help them solve problems and situations they encounter in their everyday practice.

Young attendees will benefit from dedicated educational sessions and have many chances for stimulating learning and quality training thanks to the participation of worldwide leaders in the field and to the many occasions of discussion with national and international peers.

Experts will also come to share their knowledge and findings on latest advances and challenges to be faced in the upcoming years will also be analysed and developed.

After the busy sessions at the congress, networking and cultural activities will be offered to delegates to enjoy convivial and friendly moments with their peers.

Paris will offer participants the scientific and social enrichment they are looking for and they will feel at ease and at home. The city of Enlightenment will light up the 18th Congress in an unforgettable way.

See you in Paris!

All you need to know about ICC 2013 will be regularly posted on:

www.cytologyparis2013.com

Key dates:
25th January 2013: deadline for abstracts submission
26th March 2013: deadline for early bird registration
25th May 2013: deadline for late registration
26th May 2013: congress opening

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Dr. Austin's medical and basic science training were completed at Duke University Medical Center, Durham, North Carolina and his postgraduate training at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington D.C. Dr. Austin is currently Professor of Pathology and Director of Cytopathology at Magee-Womens Hospital (MWH) of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. MWH is the gynecologic pathology center of excellence for UPMC, one of the largest integrated health systems in the United States. MWH runs certified postgraduate training programs in gynecologic pathology and cytopathology and is home to the second oldest certified training program in Cytotechnology. MWH houses one of the largest active US academic laboratories performing cervical screening tests, now including large numbers of both cytology and HPV tests.

Dr. Austin's research focus for the past two decades has been on cervical cancer screening, risk stratification, new technology, and risk management. In 1996, Dr. Austin chaired the College of American Pathologists Conference XXX: Quality and Liability Issues with the Papanicolaou Smear in Seattle, Washington, culminating in a dedicated 1997 issue of Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (Arch Pathol Lab Med. 121:227-342, 1997). Author of over 100 peer-reviewed publications, Dr. Austin's publications have focused on liquid-based cytology, adjunctive high risk Human Papillomavirus co-testing and risk stratification, computer-assisted cervical screening technology, and risk management strategies based on studies of hundreds of screened women who developed cervical cancer in spite of screening.

Dr. Austin has also developed, in collaboration with information scientists from the University of Pittsburgh School of Information science, the first Bayesian network model of cervical cancer screening, the Pittsburgh Cervical Cancer Screening Model (Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine November 2010; 134: 744-750).

Recently, Dr. Austin has been involved in supporting the translation of the personal letters of Dr. George Papanicolaou, which he gained access to through Dr. Papanicolaou’s niece, Olga Stamatiou, an artist residing in Beaufort, South Carolina. Dr. Austin presented highlights of these translated letters at the 50th anniversary meeting of the American Society of Cytopathology and will present additional material on the letters at the 60th anniversary meeting of ASC in November 2012. Dr. Austin has written several articles focusing on the historical evolution of cervical screening in the US.

In addition to being a member of the International Academy of Cytopathology, Dr. Austin has long been active in numerous US professional organizations, including the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC), the American Society for Clinical Pathology, the College of American Pathologists, and the American Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology. Dr. Austin served as President of the ASC from 2004-2005, as member and advisor to the CAP Cytopathology Resource Committee from 1991-2003, and as co-chair of the ASCCP glandular disease study group 2005-2007. Dr. Austin is an Associate editor for Acta Cytologica and Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine and Editorial Board member for Cancer Cytopathology, CytoJournal, Diagnostic Cytopathology, ISRN Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Genital System & Disorders. Dr. Austin now especially enjoys travelling and presenting at international meetings, most recently for the British Association of Cytopathology, the National Chinese Medical Association, the Hong Kong Society of Cytology, the Japanese Society of Clinical Cytology, and the Swiss Cytology Society.

Dr. Austin and his wife Patricia, a native of Pittsburgh, have four children and two grandchildren. They enjoy family gatherings at their condominium in Daniel Island, South Carolina and at their cabin in the North Carolina Smoky Mountains (Waynesville, NC) which includes a stream-fed trout pond. Dr. Austin has long enjoyed canoeing, hiking, choral singing, and reading books on international and American history. Dr. Austin is on the Board of the Western Pennsylvania Boys and Girls Club and is Children’s Supervisor for the Pittsburgh men’s group of Bible Study Fellowship, which he helped establish in 2008.
A brief sketch of the Spanish Society of Cytology

The Spanish Society of Cytology (SEC) was founded in 1962, just five years after the foundation of the International Academy of Cytology in Brussels in 1957.

Amongst the founding members of the IAC was the Spaniard L. Montalvo Ruiz who went on to create the SEC with Professors Wied and Botella and the first president, Dr. Sanz Ibañez. So, this year, 2012, is our fiftieth anniversary and an apt moment for this article. Since its inception, and despite the cultural and political twists and turns in Spain, the society has striven to adapt to the evolution of knowledge and technology in cytology.

One of the society’s priorities has been educational activities and this focus began in the 70s, partly due to the interest and dedication of Prof. Alexander Meisels, who came to Spain to teach in many courses. So that everybody could participate, the courses have moved around Spain; the first were in Madrid, the most recent in Badajoz.

In this way, many of Spain’s leading cytopathologists and cytotechnicians have been able to benefit from the knowledge of experts from home and abroad. The importance of cytotechnicians to our society is evidenced by the fact that this year’s IAC prep course for cytotechnician will be our 43rd. Naturally, there are also courses for pathologists, and the SEC is involved in scheduling annual IAC exams.

The Society has been an active member of the European Federation of Cytology Societies (EFCS) since its foundation in 1970, and there has been much participation by Spanish representatives. Spain has twice hosted the EFCS annual congress.

The common language and the deep-rooted sense of identity between the peoples of Spain and Latin-America led, in 1974, to a new liaison between Spanish and Latin-American cytopathologists: the “Reuniones Iberoamericanas de Citología”.

The corresponding meetings reflect another aspect of the SEC: an openness to different scientific perspectives in our field.

Spanish cytopathologists have always appreciated and embraced the opportunity afforded by the IAC to participate internationally.

Consequently, there have always been strong ties between the SEC and the IAC: in 1995 the IAC Congress was held in Madrid; Dr Jimenez-Ayala was president of the IAC; and in 2001 Prof. Rivera Pomar received for his scientific contribution the Maurice Goldblatt award from the IAC.

Since 1993, the SEC, together with Spanish Society of Pathology (SEAP), has been responsible for the principal, indeed the only, Spanish journal for publication of cytology communications, “Patología”.

In March 2010, the SEC launched its website: http://www.secitologia.org. The idea behind the website, which was consolidated in 2012, is to reflect the spirit of the SEC: transparency; interest in continuing education; and development of international relations, in particular with Latin America.

The site has two main objectives: first, to offer an open, intuitive and interactive space in which members can come together; and second, to provide reliable professional information. In June 2011, the website received an award from the Medical Journal / Mail Pharmaceutical and Diario Medicine for being one of the favourite sites on the net regarding health issues.

And the future? The SEC continues to strive to maintain and improve the level of cytology in Spain by providing educational activities and stressing the importance of international participation in the sharing of scientific knowledge.
News from the Brazilian Society of Cytopathology

The Brazilian Society of Cytopathology met in Recife-PE, August 15-18 during the XXII Brazilian Congress of Cytopathology and Brazilian Journey of Cytotechnology, events chaired by Dra. Raymunda Albuquerque Maranhão. The central topic of the congress was 'New Technology for Prevention and Diagnosis of Cancer'. The meeting had 450 participants, 56 national and 9 international speakers - Marluce Bibbo and Ricardo Bardales (EUA), Fernando Schmitt and Dolores Lopez Presa (Portugal), Javier Saenz de Santamaría (Spain), Patricia Alonso (México), Sylvia Jamandreu (Uruguay), Adrian Moreno and Mercedes Gamboni (Argentina). The speakers presented 55 activities distributed in panels, symposia, round tables, slide seminars, interactive sessions, and conferences. The content of the program encompassed scientific, professional and educational topics of cytopathology and cytotechnology and social activities. The events achieved their goals of continuing education and reunion of the Brazilian cytopathologists in the charming city of Recife in northeastern part of Brazil.

Organizing committee of the XXII Brazilian Congress of Cytopathology

News from Canada

Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada recognizes Cytopathology Fellowship as an area of focused competence. By Dr. Karim Khetani, Chair

This year the Canadian Society of Cytopathology (CSC) successfully applied for recognition of Cytopathology Fellowship as an Area of Focused Competence (AFC) by the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada (RCPSC). Graduates of Anatomic or General Pathology residency training in Canada who pursue additional year of training in Cytopathology (a fellowship) at an accredited institution will upon successful completion of the training and achievement of required competencies will now be eligible to receive AFC diploma in Cytopathology by the RCPSC.

It has been the position of the CSC for many years that given the dynamic and constantly evolving nature of our discipline, additional focused training beyond the scope of basic competencies achieved during residency training, is necessary for individuals practicing in Academic, Tertiary Care or high volume Referral Centers. Our society believes that this recognition by the RCPSC is a step forward in the promotion of Cytopathology which will ultimately contribute to better medical care of the Canadians.
News from Iran

The 6th Annual Scientific Meeting of Cytology of Iran was held from 17 to 19th April 2012 in Isfahan University of Medical Sciences.

This meeting was organized by the Iranian Society of Clinical Cytology. 105 pathologists and cytotechnologists from many parts of Iran as well as three prominent cytopathologists from outside of Iran participated in the meeting.

The guests, Dr. Kusum Kapila from Kuwait, Dr. Pio Zeppa from Italy and Dr. Sedigheh Keyhani, USA, accepted our invitation and contributed. They presented lectures and workshops and actively participated in cytology slide seminars. The program encompassed genital cytology and a broad spectrum of non-gynecological cytology including FNA of various organs, cytology of infectious diseases, pulmonary cytology, urine and serous effusions. Five slide seminars of cytology, three workshops and several live videos were among programs.

At the end of meeting a honorary program was held in which Dr. Kusum Kapila, Dr. Pio Zeppa and Dr. Sedigheh Keyhani were elected as Honorary Members of the Iranian Society of Clinical Cytology. A social program including honorary dinner for all participants and a tour guide for guests was organized. The guests expressed their viewpoints about the Meeting after returning home, excerpts of which are seen here:

Dear Dr Mehzad,
I would sincerely like to thank you and your colleagues for hosting an EXCELLENT ACADEMIC FEAST. I thoroughly enjoyed the meeting and all the hospitality you had tailor-made for us. Thank you once again.
Kusum

Dear Dr. Mehzad,
Once more thank you for the wonderful time that we had in Iran; we are just sorry for all the work and troubles that we have caused you. We appreciate a lot the course, your country and above all your kindness and friendship! Hoping to meet you soon, many thanks again
Pio and Giusi

36th European Congress of Cytology in Istanbul 2011

Activity of Turkish Society of Cytopathology, a member of Turkish Federation of Pathology Societies

Dear Colleagues and Friends,
Turkey hosted the 36th European Congress of Cytology (ECC) in 2011, on behalf of the European Federation of Cytology Societies (EFCS) (flyer). Organizing committee (picture 1) aimed to gather cytopathology experts and “cell lovers”, at a good congress; and the feedback display that the event met expectations. All contributions from session chairs, speakers, participants, sponsors and organizing agency were essential in achieving the remarkable success of the congress. Teşekkürler, thank you all!

We had 904 participants from 61 countries spread over 5 continents. Countries with the most attendees were Germany, Holland, France, Croatia and Greece, and additionally there were attendees from China, Singapore, Taiwan, South Korea, Georgia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan and Iran. The USA ranked among the top ten countries.

The opening conference titled “Why Cytology?” was given by dr. Yener Erozan, honorary president of the congress and the scientific program was composed of microscopic workshops (18), slide seminars (12), symposia (10), satellite symposia (7), plenary sessions (4), free paper communications (4), poster sessions (2) and closing conference. We received an outstanding number of abstracts, being 444 accepted (45 free papers, 399 posters) and published in a special issue of Cytopathology.

Satellite symposia, presenting state-of-the-art practices were organized by the International Academy of Cytology (IAC), the ‘Papanicolaou’ Society of Cytopathology (PSC), the American Society of...
Cytopathology (ASC), the Cytopathology Working Group of the European Society of Pathology (ESP), the Japanese Society of Clinical Cytology (JSCC) and the Latin American Cytology Society (SLAC), jointly with the EFCS.

The plenary sessions on ‘real world experiences in cervical cancer prevention’ and ‘digital cytopathology’ greatly enriched the Congress. A separate symposium was dedicated to and managed by EACC cytotechnologists. At another session, intercontinental strategies for “Training in cytopathology” were discussed. The Bethesda System for Reporting Thyroid Cytopathology was discussed together with our American colleagues at several sessions. Forensic Cytopathology and Veterinary Cytopathology sessions aimed to illustrate novel application areas of cytopathology.

The Congress also hosted collateral scientific events such as the IAC Members Council, the EFCS Assembly, the EFCS-QUATE Meeting, the EACC Meeting and the Advisory Board Meetings of the journals Cytopathology, Cytojournal and Diagnostic Cytopathology (picture 2). IAC Board exam was organized for both cytopathologists and cytotechnologists and 15 attendees sat for it.

One of the goals of this congress was to encourage the joining of young people. There was a symposium entitled ‘how to write an article’, a videomicroscopy tutorial, and an interactive slide seminar just for residents. The ‘Resident’s puzzles’, a session which included a contest with scientific & cultural questions, illustrated the superiority of ‘learning with fun’, the aim of this and Lisbon ECC’s (picture 3).

The Congress closed with an outstanding lecture by dr. Soner Altıok titled “New Frontiers and Evolving Paradigms in Cancer Cytopathology”.

Congress venue was the Harbiye Museum and Culture center, one of the leading museums of its kind in the world with a history dating back to the 15th century.

At an evening concert, classical Turkish & Anatolian melodies were performed and accompanied by exquisite modern ballet within the impressive atmosphere of Hagia Irene (Aya Irini), in the courtyard of Topkapi Palace.

At Gala dinner cruise on the Bosphorus, sounds of live music and the waves of the Bosphorus, proved the perfect setting to renew old and make new friendships, and to relax and have fun.

‘First day Filateli stamps’ issued in honour of the Istanbul congress will make the congress and EFCS part of thematic stamp collections.

In the Turkish-English pocket dictionary, given to all participants were the words ‘konukseverlik, hospitality’ and ‘vefa, loyalty’. We hope that participants now feel that these are much more than just words in a dictionary...

In keeping with an old Anatolian pagan tradition, blue “eye” bead amulets were placed in the Congress bags of all participants to protect them and to bring them good luck. We hope they work for our ‘expanded cytology family’!

Assoc.Prof. Binnur Önal, MD, FEBP, FIAC coPresident, ECC 2011 on behalf of the Organizing Committee

president, EFCS www.EFCS.eu
First National Congress of Cytopathology in Italy

The Italian Society of Pathology and Diagnostic Cytology (SIAPEC)-Italian Division of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) chaired by Professor Claudio Clemente, organized the first National Congress of Cytopathology on 28th-30th June 2012 in Trieste, Italy. This Congress represented an acknowledgment of the interests of Italian Pathologists for this branch of their discipline. Cytopathology sessions had always been placed in the context of national conferences of pathology and several cytopathology symposia had already been held but this event represented the first official moment to highlight cytopathology.

Trieste has a long historical tradition providing 21 courses of cytopathology, the recent European Tutorial held in 2011, and about 200 courses were held in Italy and around the world with cytologic material provided by the university. The Congress president, Professor Luigi Di Bonito, full professor of Anatomic Pathology and Cytopathology and former president of EFCS in 2007, was honored to host the most important names of Italian cytopathology presenting subjects ranging on the different and most modern topics of cytopathology. Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology of critical anatomical districts, breast and thyroid were covered, urinary, lung, effusions, and gynecological cytology were extensively treated. Immunocytochemistry, quality controls, statistical management of cytological screenings and introduction of new technologies in routine activities represented some of the most important highlights of the congress.

Alongside the formal sessions, several microscopes workshops were held which provided participants with the chance to see interesting and challenging cases of urinary, breast, gynecological, thyroid and head and neck cytology. These workshops were very popular and were interactively carried out, as tutors were ready to discuss any request of the participants.

There were also several famous foreign names and prominent figures of European cytology (Christine Bergeron, France, Ben Davidson, Norway, Fernando Schmitt, Portugal, Martin Tostch, Austria, Philippe Viehl, France) strengthening the strong ties that exist between the Italian and European cytology. Binnur Onal, current president, EFCS, was also present as a guest of the Congress.

The mutual exchange of experiences enables significant progress on issues that are not only of purely academic interest, but which are increasingly important and crucial in our daily work.

Dr Sonia Prandi
National Editor
Italian Society of Pathology and Diagnostic Cytology (SIAPEC)-Italian Division of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP)
2012 News from the South Korean Society of Cytopathology

We are glad to report the recent news of the Korean Society for Cytopathology (KSC). Two academic meetings, the 26th Spring Academic Meeting and the 23rd Fall Meeting 2011. We elected the new president, Sung-Ran Hong, Kwandong University Cheil General Hospital, at the 2012 Spring Meeting. She is in charge of the KSC for two years starting from June 2012.

The 2011 Fall Meeting was held in Buyeo, which is the capital of Baekje, one of the old Korean kingdom dynasties dating from the 1st to 7th century. The main topic at the 2011 Fall Meeting was "salivary gland and lymph node cytology". The 10th Korean-Japan Joint Meeting for Diagnostic Cytopathology was also held, at the same place on the day after the fall meeting. The main topic was "cytology of salivary gland and lymph node". The program included four special lectures and a poster session of presenters from both countries. The theme of the 2012 Spring Meeting was "thyroid aspiration cytology", and comprised special lectures and symposiums on the molecular diagnosis, Bethesda reporting system and diagnostic pitfalls of thyroid cytology.

Currently, the Korean Journal of Pathology, the official journal of the Korean Society for Cytopathology and Korean Society of Pathologists is a SCI-e journal, and now its full-text is available online through search engines including KoreaMed, Google Scholars, CrossRef, and SCOPUS. It will also be available through PubMed Central in the near future.

Continuing education programs for young cytopathologists, residents, and cytotechnologists of KSC were held as usual. The summer programs are focused on exfoliative cytology, such as gynecology, body fluid, sputum, urine, etc, and the winter programs are based on aspiration cytology. An advanced education program for the experienced cytopathologists was held in December 2011, consisting of a workshop that specifically dealt with thyroid aspiration cytology. Quality assurance programs and bimonthly forums were also held. We applied the virtual slide program in both sessions. KSC is also dedicated to international education programs, and we have continued to educate the Mongolian Cytopathology Society since 2007. In this spring, we donated about 140 cytology books to the Mongolian Cytopathology Society.
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A list of medical members who have successfully passed the IAC International Board of Cytopathology Examination can be found on the IAC website. 

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Welcome to the International Academy of Cytology