Educational Resources - The IAC has gone virtual.

Welcome to the Spring 2011 edition of Cytopaths. Exciting changes and developments have been taking place recently.

The activities of the IAC Committee on Further Education have produced the beginning of our „Educational Resources“ webpage on the IAC internet site. Under the competent guidance of Dr. Ritu Nayar and with much support from Dr. Walid Khalbuss the IAC has gone virtual. Experts have been asked to put together cases to be seen as static images or as a virtual slide that can be viewed on your own computer monitor.

Another new idea has been established by the President, Dr. Diane Solomon - Cytobytes a short monthly email sent to the membership to inform on ideas, meetings, developments.

Also, ACTA CYTOLOGICA can now be viewed on screen. Active IAC members receive their personal Username and Password upon payment of the annual dues and can access the journal over the internet.
I was born in Istanbul, near a railway (1952). My father was a railway station master. I went to school on a steam-hauled, wooden-car train. I completed my junior and senior high school education in a boarding school which taught me to work with discipline, be content with myself, become resistant in life and fight against problems. I became interested in nature and natural sciences. I chose to study medicine fondly and intentionally. I graduated from (Cerrahpaşa) School of Medicine of Istanbul University in 1976. I was always curious and loved to travel, getting to know new places and new people. The questions, “Where will this road lead to, what is behind this mountain?” were always on my mind. I would feel annoyed if I did not find the answers. The sole center of the world was not the place where I lived; there were numerous centers on earth. I had to see those places.

I was on the 3rd year of medical school, 21 years old. It was the summer of 1973 when I traveled from Istanbul to Katmandu (Nepal) under snow. During the summer holidays of the following year and in the half year I took off from school, I traveled all across Europe for 6 months, hitchhiking and working at temporary jobs. This experience extended my horizon line and expanded my perspective.

Medical school students show more interest towards one of the following objects and shape their professional future according to this interest: stethoscope, scalpel or microscope. I’m among those who love bugs. The process of analyzing different patterns, colors and shapes in pathological preparations and diagnosing a disease excited me. The result was not quantitative but qualitative. It was almost like discovering an unknown country.

There was also the impact of my pathology professor (late Prof. Talia Aykan) in the 3rd and 4th years of medical school and her ability to make the students like pathology. I completed my specialist training in pathology at Istanbul University. Pathology avails of a well-established structure in Istanbul University. Many German scientists of Jewish origin worked at Istanbul University before World War II. Prof. Philip Schwartz and Prof. Obendorfer, who was the first to define carcinoid tumor, contributed significantly to the structuring of pathology in Istanbul University.

In the year I completed my specialization (1983), I traveled with my wife to a country of archipelagos;
Vanuatu (previously named New Hebrides) located in the region of Melanesia in the Pacific Ocean. In the capacity of “United Nations Volunteer” (UNV) affiliated with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) my task was to conduct a project involving ‘the provision of primary care services to the native population and combating tropical diseases, primarily malaria’. This was an interesting, instructional and exciting task which, at first glance, appeared to be directly related with pathology but which aimed to solve health problems of the native population by living among them. I enjoyed a 2-year life and medical profession experience just like in TV documentaries.

After Vanuatu, I worked at the Sydney Royal Prince Alfred Hospital for nearly 3 months in order to compile the pathology data of the cancer incidence project in the region with a UICC-ICRETT grant (The chairman of the Department was Prof. Alan Ng and my supervisor was Prof Stan McCarthy). Consequently, I worked for nearly 6 months in Karigiri, a center known in the field of leprosy and located in the proximity of the town of Vellore in Southern India, with the Damien Leprosy Foundation, Belgium, in order to receive training on the pathology of leprosy (where the Chair of the Department of Pathology was Prof. J G Chacko). Between 1986-1988 I worked in the National Hospital of Samoa, another Pacific country, as a pathologist, again in the capacity of a UN volunteer. The infrastructure of the department was adequate; it was established with the contribution of the government of New Zealand. There were 3 pathology technicians; two were Samoan volunteers and one was a Japanese volunteer. I encountered interesting cases. In cases where my books and archive of special preparations were not sufficient as a pathologist, I consulted, via mail, with Prof. Stan in Sydney. I conducted a study in collaboration with WHO-IARC, regarding the incidence of cancer and thyroid cancer in Samoa. The nicest gift of Samoa was the fact that our son was born there, he is now 23 years old and an engineering student with Samoan citizenship. Although the memories of the Pacific are left in the blue foams of the evening, we always remember the Pacific which we love very much. I was in two island-states in Oceania for two short-term jobs (the Federal Republic of Micronesia and the Coral Island of Tokelau). It was a privilege to be in the Pacific. Greetings to those days...

I began my academic career upon my return to Turkey. I served as associate professor in Antalya, a tourist town on the Mediterranean coast and as professor in Kocaeli University, located in İzmit which is located 70 km east of Istanbul and is regarded as the industrial center of the country. In the meantime, the roads took me far away again. In 1996, I served as a guest lecturer and consultant pathologist in the Department of Pathology of Zimbabwe University in Africa. I encountered numerous tropical pathology cases.

At the turning point of my profession, I felt the willingness to learn cytopathology and fine-needle aspiration cytology. Between 1992-1993 I received cytopathology training in the Cytopathology Unit at the Department of Pathology of Radium Hospital in Oslo University, with a Norwegian Research Council for Science and Humanities (NAVF) fellowship. I will never forget the close interest displayed by the Chair of the Department, Prof. J. M. Nesland. I was very much impressed by his diligence, despite advanced age, and a passion for FNAC of one of the pioneers of FNAC, Mr. Franzen, who was at the Radium Hospital in those years. I passed the “National Cytopathology Sub-specialist Qualification” exam upon my return to Turkey.

Now, since the last decade, I have my own private practice serving as a Scandinavian model FNA clinic in cooperation with cytopathology and radiology, in the town of İzmit, adjacent to Istanbul. I am a MIAC;

I served as the chairman of the “IAC cytopathology educational exchange committee”, between 2002-2004. I was a reviewer in Acta Cytologica.

I’m experiencing a dynamic, active and exciting period with FNAC in pathology. I was involved in numerous scientific activities for the purpose of promoting FNAC to my circle and the physicians/pathologists in my country.

Although not much known in Turkey until 20 years ago, the fact that cytopathology has suddenly gained momentum and the number of colleagues who set their heart in this field pleases me. The European Congress of Cytology, to be held in September 2011 in Istanbul by the Turkish Society of Cytopathology with the initiative of Prof. B. Önal (FIAC) and Prof. Canan Ersöz (FIAC), will be the
The first workshop on “Underdiagnosed smears in women with cervical cancer” was held on June 8, 2010. It was a part of an external continuing education of Slovenian cytotechnologists and cytopathologists and the results of a cytology audit were presented. Namely, in Slovenia we routinely perform a national review of negative, low-grade and inadequate smears from the last three years before cervical cancer diagnosis in order to detect underdiagnosed smears which would need immediate cervical biopsy and appropriate treatment if originally correctly reported. Two control slides are added to each slide of a cancer case. Four experienced cytopathologists, members of the Slovenian advisory board of the national screening programme independently review all the triplets of coded slides not knowing which of the slides are dubious. When at least three cyopathologists agree upon the review diagnosis it is regarded as a consensus diagnosis. The Advisory Board review showed that underdiagnosed cervical smears were less likely to be found in adenocarcinomas compared to squamous cell carcinomas. We expect that targeted education on difficult slides will contribute to decrease the number of underdiagnosed smears.

The second workshop “Introduction of the Bethesda Classification to the National Cervical Cancer Screening Programme ZORA” was held on November 19-20, 2010 and was organized in a collaboration with the Slovenian Society for Cytopathology, Slovenian Cervical Cancer Screening Programme ZORA at Institute of Oncology Ljubljana and the Institute of Pathology at Medical Faculty of Ljubljana. The main topics were "Atypical squamous cells – cannot exclude HSIL (ASC-H)" held by Dr. Amanda Herbert (UK) and "Glandular cell abnormalities" held by Drs. Margareta Strojan Fležar, Veronika Kloboves Prevodnik, Ana Pogačnik, Alenka Repše Fokter and Vivišana Snoj (Slovenia). All the Slovenian cytopathologists and cytotechnologists attended the workshop and they designated it as a very successful one.

**Invited speakers**
from left to right:
Drs. Margareta Strojan Fležar, Veronika Kloboves Prevodnik, Vivijana Snoj, Amanda Herbert, Ana Pogačnik, and Alenka Repše Fokter
The Society was busy in 2010, starting with a Spring seminar in January given by Drs Darshana and Nirag Jhala from the University of Alabama Hospital, Birmingham, USA on “Practical Algorithmic Approach to Pap Smear” and “EUS-FNA of Pancreas: Role of a Cytopathologist from Bench to Bedside”. This was followed by a seminar on Breast FNA Cytology and a Multihead Microscopy Workshop given by Dr Gong Yun from MD Anderson Cancer Center in April.

We were also fortunate to be able to organize two conjoint seminars, one in April with the Hong Kong International Academy of Pathology (HKIAP) and for our Annual General Meeting with the Hong Kong Society for Colposcopy and Cervical Pathology (HKSCCP).

The Conjoint Seminar in April included two lectures given by Dr Syed Ali from the John Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore on Bethesda’s System for Reporting Thyroid Cytopathology & Serous Effusion Cytology.

For our Eleventh Annual General Meeting, we invited Professor Marshall Austin from Magee-Womens Hospital, University of Pittsburg School of Medicine to give 2 lectures entitled “Quality Improvement Lessons Learned from US pap Litigation” and “Difficult paps Preceding Diagnoses of Malignancy in Screened Women: What Hindsight Teaches”. Dr SK Lam, HKSCCP President delivered a lecture on the “Management Of Abnormal Cervical Smear in Hong Kong”.

The Society also set up an Advanced Cytopathology Training Scheme for mainland pathologists to spend 3 months further training in cytopathology at a University Pathology Department in Hong Kong. The Cytopathology China Training Fund will be used towards partial sponsorship of living expenses in Hong Kong. We received an overwhelming response of 20 applicants from all over China, for which two applicants were selected. We have also joined the Asia Oceania Research Organization on Genital Infection and Neoplasia (AOGIN) as a sponsoring organization for 2012 AOGIN Conference to be hosted in Hong Kong.

Preliminary plans are in progress to partner with the IAC as co-organizers of a Tutorial to be held in Hong Kong in February 25-28, 2012. Hopefully to be followed by the IAC International Board of Cytopathology Examination scheduled to be conducted in Hong Kong in February 28, 2012.
On December 31, 2010, under the direction of Dr. Sonia Prandi and Dr. Gian Luigi Taddei, the triennial term of the Executive Board and of the Committee of Cytology of the Italian Society of Pathology and Cytopathology (Siapec) and the Italian Division of the IAP, concluded its assignment.

From 2008 through 2010, the Cytology Committee has been active in promoting and stimulating the diffusion of Cytology in Italy. In order to program the activity of the Committee and to meet the requests of most Italian Pathologists an online questionnaire was posted on the official SIAPEC-IAP website. From the answers of more than one hundred pathologists, specific interests in the cytology of the uterine cervix (69.7%), breast (63.9%), urine (58.8%) and thyroid (53%) emerged. Immunohistochemistry (56.3%), LBC in cervical cytology (55.5%) and in urinary cytology (45.4%), raised the greatest interest.

In order to improve cytopathology expertise, short courses on specific subjects were organized during the annual meetings and the Triennial National Meeting held in Bologna from in September 2010.

In these three years, 31 pathologists were invited to cooperate as members of the Cytology Committee of the SIAPEC-IAP in four subcommittees (gynaecologic cytology, non-gynaecologic cytology, aspiration cytology, techniques in cytology). These colleagues have been involved in different activities such as the publication of papers or reviews for “Pathologica” (the official journal of the Society), the organization and updating of the official website and the publication of educational cases in the cytology section of the same website (wwwsiapec.it). The four subcommittees issued guidelines and management protocols for the most important branches of cytology, e.g. thyroid and urinary tract cytology. These new guidelines have been discussed by interdisciplinary working groups composed of pathologists and clinicians and the final statements have been approved by the official Societies of both specialties.

During the last three year training courses on single specific subjects have been organized in several Italian locations in order to allow the diffusion of the cytology among the young pathologists and cytoscreeners. The European Tutorial of Cytology will be held in Trieste organized by Dr. Luigi Di Bonito in June 2011. The raising interest of Cytology in Italy can certainly be attributed to the efforts of all the Cytology Committee of the SIAPEC-IAP.

We wish, Dr. Claudio Clemente the new President for the 2011-2013 term, the new Board and the new Chairs of the Cytology Committee, Dr. Ambrogio Fassina and Dr. Leonardo Resta, successful work and the continuation of the achievements reached in the previous term in the cytology field.
Cytology provides an essential service to both patients and clinicians in South Africa. The public sector laboratories (National Health Laboratory Service) provide services to 80% of the South African population. The number of cervical smears performed in the public sector in 2005 was 295,720 which increased to 662,165 in 2010 while the number of non-gynecologic cases (exfoliative non-gynecologic and FNA) in 2010 was 277,072. The number of cytology specimens received by private laboratories in South Africa has also increased.

The cytology community in South Africa is a vibrant one that offers various activities in the form of lectures, workshops and tutorials.

In October 2009, the first combined congress of the Federation of South African Societies of Pathology, South African Society of Clinical Cytology and Society of Medical Laboratory Technologists of South Africa was held in Durban, South Africa. Previously, each of these societies held separate congresses and the combination thereof, called PathTech 2009, was a great achievement. There were multiple local and international speakers, workshops, slide seminars and proffered papers and posters. The international speaker for cytology was Dr Eric Suba from the USA who presented fascinating talks on various aspects of cervical screening while that for Anatomical Pathology was Professor Andrew Nicholson from the UK who updated us on respiratory pathology. IAC examinations for cytotechnologists were held at the congress.

In May 2010, a five day FNA Tutorial was held in Cape Town under the auspices of Stellenbosch University, South African Society of Clinical Cytology and the National Health Laboratory Service. International speakers included Andrew Field, Matthew Zarka and William Geddes while local speakers included Colleen Wright, Mercia Louw, Pawel Schubert and Pam Michelow. These tutorials included practical demonstrations of FNA technique and lectures on FNA of various body organs. It was attended by pathologists and technologists from South Africa and several other countries in Africa including Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Zambia and Namibia.

Given the success of the PathTech 2009 congress, the second combined congress will be held in Johannesburg from 31 August to 4 September 2011. Dr Andrew Field from Sydney is the international speaker for cytology and will be giving lectures and workshops on thyroid and breast cytopathology. International speakers for Anatomical Pathology include Professor Runjan Chetty from the UK who is covering various topics including molecular
pathology and Professor Sarah Pinder from the UK on breast pathology. We urge you to attend what promises to be another wonderful and innovative congress. Please see www.labmedicine2011.co.za for more information. The IAP (SA Division) will host the 2012 IAP Congress in Cape Town, South Africa. This meeting offers a superb opportunity to promote Anatomical Pathology in the African context and to bring African and international pathologists together. Please see www.iap2012congress.com.

Activities of the Finish Society of Cytology
By Leena Krogerus, MD, FIAC, President of the Finnish Society of Clinical Cytology

On November 27th we organised a tutorial on pulmonary cytology for young pathologists in Oulu. This one day tutorial consisted of lectures and microscopic sessions. We also participated in the meeting of the cytotechnologists in Hämeenlinna on April 23rd to 24th with lectures on urinary, thyroid and biliary cytology.

The 4th Annual Scientific Meeting of Cytology in Iran
By Mansour Mehzad, MD, FIAC, President of the Iranian Society of Clinical Cytology

The 4th Annual Scientific Meeting of Cytology was held on April 10-12, 2010 at the university of Isfahan, Iran and organized by the Iranian Society of Clinical Cytology (ISCC). 110 pathologists and cytotechnologists from all parts of Iran participated as well as two prominent scientists from Europe, Dr. Volker Schneider and Dr. Fernando Schmitt who were invited by the ISCC.

Lectures and interesting case presentations as well as slide seminars and 3 microscopic workshops were among the congress events.
Dr. V. Schneider lectured on genital cytology and had a workshop in this field. Dr. F. Schmitt had a lecture on breast cytology and a workshop in the same field. Each of these European guests presented interesting cytology case records. A workshop on miscellaneous cytology cases was organized and directed by the chairman of the meeting Dr. M. Mehzad. Parallel to this event an award program was organized in which Dr. Schneider and Dr. Schmitt were elected as Honorary Members of the ISCC. On the whole the Meeting programs were successful and European guests announced their viewpoints after returning their home a part of each is seen in the website of the ISCC: www.Irancytology.org
On December 9, 9:25 A.M., 2010 we lost a true giant of cytopathology. On that day Nils G. Stormby, M.D., Ph.D., F.I.A.C., a former President of the International Academy of Cytology (IAC) died in Malmö, Sweden at the age of 81. During his lifetime he saw cytopathology evolve into a scientifically based specialty and he was a major contributor to that evolution.

Nils Stormby – it is very difficult to summarize the life and works of such a versatile cytopathologist, a world-class wine enthusiast*, mentor, educator, researcher, entrepreneur, politician, inventor, banker, chocolate specialist, writer, and Sweden’s honorary consul general to Japan. He joined the IAC in 1968 and served on the Executive Council from 1974 until 1989 as Member, Vice-President and subsequently he was elected as President of the IAC from 1983 – 1986. I would like to touch on Dr. Stormby’s Japanese connection briefly.

It was a privilege for me to work with Dr. Stormby. In May 1979 I joined the Cytodiagnostic Department of the Malmö General Hospital (MGH), University of Lund, that has close ties to Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology, where I acted as visiting researcher on the cellular composition of uterine fluid in IUD users. We wrote 5 papers on the topic of uterine fluid cytology. I also had a wonderful time with renowned cytologists, Karin Lindholm and Barbro Nilsson as colleagues and friends at the MGH. One day at the cytology laboratory, Dr. Stormby showed me “the cytobrush” which has looks similar to a mascara brush and it was hard to distinguish which was what. Later, I was told that he got a patent for the “mascara” invention. Little did I know about his breakthrough for cytology.

His capacity to integrate ideas, stimulate discussion, and focus on scientific truth reverberated through favorable opportunity. In 1983, he invented cover-slipping instruments to automatically coverslip glass slides using special resin coated film eliminating the need for traditional coverslips and mounting media. The change in thinking gave him a chance to excel by performing the task well. The instruments have been on the world market (Tissue-Tek SCA). His ideas sometimes appeared to be outrageous, but he always had reason(s). Not uncommonly, what appeared outrageous turned out to be true; it was always delightful to see his concepts evolve.

His knowledge of cytopathology was encyclopedic, but his interest did not stop there. In one evening conversation he could discuss, with deep understanding, wine, art, music, theater, cacao, gourmet, philosophy, economics, and that favorite subject of every Swede, politics, especially in its international aspects. To know Dr. Stormby was an unforgettable experience. His dynamic personality, his sharp mind, his humorous jokes, his competitive attitude, his clarity of expression, and his wealth of knowledge made him a truly great man.

In 2005, he appointed as “Tourism Ambassador in Himeji city”. He organized an excellent chamber music group (including his wife) called “Trio SVEDANJA” with Swedish violinist, Danish Cellist and Japanese Pianist, ie, Mrs. Yukie Nagai-Stormby. The tour in Tokyo, Nagoya, Osaka and Himeji was a great success and this project was done as part of EU-Japan Year of the People to People program.

While he was the efficient organizer of any international meetings and took an interest in young cytologists. He was particularly noted for his ability to lecture, especially to young cytologists. As a teacher he had the ability to compress the essentials into succinct and memorable phrases touched with humor. In October 1975, he gave a lecture on fine needle aspiration (FNA) cytology as guest lecturer at the 14th Autumn Congress of Clinical Cytology (JSCC) in Utsunomiya. In 1985, both Dr. Stormby and Dr. Shida organized the first International Tutorial of FNA cytology in Tokyo with participants from Japan, Korea, Taiwan and Guam. In 1995, he gave a lecture...
again at the 32nd Autumn JSCC Congress in Hokkaido. The title of lecture was “Medicare: reconstruction in a weakened national economy” which is a topic unrelated to cytology but was truly a far-sighted lecture. In June 2007, he gave a talk at the open lecture in Chiba on “Health Promotion for Women” as part of the anniversary events in commemoration of 40th years of the Japanese Society of Cytotechnology.

He was the recipient of many awards and honors, including the award of “the Order of the Rising Sun” from the His Majesty Emperor of Japan (see article** of Dr. Shida: CytoPaths 2008 Mar/Apr vol.52, No.2).

In his final decade, Dr. Stormby’s interest and concerns went far beyond cytopathology, medicine, and politics and entered into the realm of a writer. He wrote collected essays and wine books as well, however, his final challenge was to complete a detective novel. Just prior to his death, he completed the manuscript but just waiting for the book to printed and bound. With the passing of Nils, we have lost a dynamic leader; and we who had the privilege of knowing him will miss a true friend. In years to come, when his name is mentioned in cytopathology circles, his many admirers all over the world will remember the feeling of the radiant personality of this great man.

A memorial service was held on Thursday, December 23, 2010, at 12:00 A.M. at the St. Andreas Church, in Malmö, Sweden on a heavy snowstorm day. The foreign participants including me and my wife, Mathilde Boon, Lambrecht Kok and others paying their last respects. He brought in the “Stormby day” until the last minute.

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**New publisher for ACTA CYTOLOGICA**

During a visit to Basel, Switzerland in September 2010 (from the left): Thomas Nold, (Karger), Dr. Volker Schneider, IAC, Gabriella Karger, Dr. Marluce Bibbo, Editor in Chief of ACTA CYTOLOGICA and Thomas Karger

70 scientific journals and more than 100 serial and non-serial books a year.

The meeting in September served to familiarize the publisher’s representatives with the needs of the IAC. The IAC visitors were impressed with the highly efficient and motivated staff that provided detailed information into the processes necessary to produce a quality journal. Modern computer software and state-of-the-art printing facilities are available to assist production and creativity.

It was also decided that active IAC members can be given on-line access to ACTA using a link from the IAC website to the ACTA homepage on the Karger website. Each IAC member who pays his annual dues receives a Username and Password to allow access for twelve months.
Turkish Society of Cytopathology has the pleasure of welcoming you to the 36th European Congress of Cytology (ECC) to be held in Istanbul. The organisation of the 36th ECC is well under way since our society & president was voted as the hosting body by EFCS to organise the congress in 2006 in Venice. Just like the lyric song ‘from Venice to Istanbul’ says, ‘you will be lost in the red sunsets and jokes that nature plays to man’ in the unique charm of Istanbul.

Istanbul has been home to many civilizations since 3rd millennium BC in her beautiful harmony. Congress venue is the Harbiye Museum and Culture Center, located in the very heart of the city. The center has a history since 15th century and was renovated in 1993 with a contemporary exhibition concept.

The Organising Committee is preparing an interesting and informative scientific programme, aiming to gather cytopathology experts and "cell lovers" from all over the world.

Microscopic workshops, slide seminars, symposia and plenary sessions intended to keep you informed on recent developments while free paper and poster sessions will allow you to share your valuable work. The second announcement will be on website in March, but even before the second announcement, many applications from five continents have been submitted.

The scientific program includes a wide variety of topics as well as some novel ones such as 'veterinary cytopathology' and 'forensic cytopathology'. Key-note lectures and sessions like 'digital cytopathology' aim to highlight the forthcoming challenges by technologies in genomics and proteomics, all exposing that Cytopathology is a specialty of the future.

As one of the goals of this congress is ‘stimulating the participation of young people’, we have a videomicroscopy session and interactive slide seminar just for residents!

In addition to the state-of-the-art practices we are aiming to achieve the goal of ‘learning with fun and friendship’ with an attractive social program including a visit to a toy museum and a gala dinner cruise on the Bosphorus with offering wonderful panoramic views of the city both on the European and Asian sides!

All contributions from speakers, sponsors, participants are welcome in achieving the traditional success of an EFCS congress.

Join us to make the 36th ECC an unforgettable and rewarding experience for all participants!

Binnur Önal, MD, FEBP, FIAC
Assoc.Prof.of Pathology & Cytopathologist
Co-president, ECC 2011
From 7.-9. October 2011 the DGZ will be holding its annual meeting at the beautiful residence of „Schloss Mannheim“. The Germany Screening Program, HPV testing studies and new guidelines together with new data will be discussed at the next congress of the Society, which takes place from October 7 -9, 2011 in the Barock Castle in Mannheim, Germany. This meeting will be organized together with the German Association of Cytotechnologists (VDCA). The membership of both societies has recognized that the ties between both organizations should be strengthened in the future. It will be even more important in the future to work closely together.

We would be happy if many colleagues, both doctors and cytotechnologists would attend this meeting in this very special setting of a nicely renovated Barock Castle. Today, the castle hosts the University of Mannheim which has about 25000 students.

Prof. Dr. Dietmar Schmidt, MIAC
President of the German Society of Cytology

MEETINGS
(see also www.cytology-iac.org/meetings)

Technology Transfer in Diagnostic Pathology
6th Central European Regional Meeting
Cytopathology, Balatonfüred, Hungary
7-9 April 2011

22. Arbeitstagung für klinische Zytologie
13-17 April 2011, Waldhaus Flims Mountain Resort & Spa
7018 Flims, Switzerland

35th Annual Meeting German Association of Cytotechnologists
Jahrestagung des VDCA in Bamberg, Germany
CT(IAC) Examination Location
The 4th Annual EFCS Tutorial
Trieste, Italy, 6-10 June, 2011
The courses will be organised as lectures and workshops.
Gyn. Cytology, Breast Cytology, Urinary Cytology, Thyroid Cytology and further topics.

The Contribution of Anatomic Pathology to the Health of Women and Children
Harvard Medical School, Department of Continuing Education and Massachusetts General Hospital, Department of Pathology
Registration and course details

Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology for practicing cytopathologist
Info: www.skane.se/templates/Page.aspx?id=318648

23rd European Congress of Pathology
27. August - 1. September 2011
Helsinki, Finland
Helsinki Exhibition & Convention Centre
http://www.esp-congress.org

36th European Congress of Cytology
22nd - 25th September 2011
Istanbul, Turkey
www.cytologyistanbul2011.com

27th Annual Meeting of the Germany Society of Cytology (DGZ)
9. October 2011
Barockschloss Mannheim, Bismarkstrasse, 68161 Mannheim, Germany

59th Annual Scientific Meeting A.S.C.
American Society of Cytopathology
November 4-8, 2011
Baltimore, Maryland, USA

21. Fortbildungstagung für Klinische Zytologie München
November 24.- 27. 2011, Hilton München Park, Munich, Germany
(Proceedings in German) IAC International Board of Cytopathology Examination Site
www.zytologie.de

37th European Congress of Cytology
30th September - 3rd October 2012
Cavtat-Dubrovnik, Croatia
Hotel "Croatia" Conference Centre
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## IAC Examination Schedule

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