

SOCIETY PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

Dear Members,

The European Society of Pathology was founded in 1963. Since then it has been continuously growing, emphasizing new initiatives to strengthen the impact and visibility of pathology in Europe in the new century.

Why become a member of ESP?

In this short address I would like to stress the benefits that the membership in the European Society of Pathology offers you.

- Participation in the activities of the following Working Groups of the ESP: Head and Neck, Gastroenterology, Endocrinology, Uro pathology, Gynaecological Pathology, Pulmonary Pathology and Cytopathology (other Groups will be created soon).
- Priority in registering for the annual courses of the European School of Pathology in Turin and Warsaw or Moscow (with grants or special fees for residents and young pathologists).
- Priority in registering for the annual courses of the EUROCELLPATH (with grants or special fees for residents and young pathologists).
- Reduced registration fees for participation in the European Congresses of Pathology (Berlin 2001, Ljubljana 2003).
- Reduced registration fees for participation in the Inter-congress Meetings of the ESP especially devoted to the Working Groups of the Society (Madeira 2000, Turin 2002).
- Possibility for residents or young pathologists to apply for exchange grants.
- A subscription to the journal *Virchows Archiv* – which is automatically sent to every member every month – together with a number of other benefits: access to *Virchows Archiv* on line and a discount of 20% on most titles published by Springer.

I hope you will agree that these are good reasons to become a member of the ESP.

I am delighted to invite you to join the European Society of Pathology. With every new member, pathology in Europe gains weight, profile and quality. This is necessary to be able to compete and, at the same time, collaborate with the societies of pathology in the other parts of the world. Pathology in Europe has great potential. We look forward to welcoming you.

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