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Newsletter of the European Society of Pathology

Dear Colleagues,

We are very pleased to convey to you the second issue 2001 of our ESP Newsletter. This issue begins with the Presidential address of Prof. Manuel Sobrinho Simões.

This is followed by a section entitled "Foreign Pathologists in Norway". Then, announcements of forthcoming seminars and other tutorial activities of ESP are presented. Furthermore, information about the newly formulated Working Groups are included.

Do not hesitate to provide us with material on the activities of your department and even share with us, through EuroPath News, your problems. Last but not least, remember that we must increase the number of ESP members. This matter is vital for

the continuity of our Society. You can easily use the application form for membership, which is included in each issue of the EuroPath News, and influence the young staff in your department to join us.

With warmest thanks and regards,
The Editors



Prof. Niki J. Agnantis



Prof. Sir Colin Berry

Address by the President of the European Society of Pathology, Professor Manuel Sobrinho Simões, Porto, Portugal

Dear Member,

I hope you have already decided to attend the 18th European Congress of Pathology which will be held in Berlin from 8–13 September 2001 (deadline for the reduced registration fee – 1 June 2001). As you may have noticed, the scientific programme is superb, with more than 100 lectures, symposia, short courses and slide seminars given by internationally renowned experts. A particular emphasis will be put on Poster and Free Paper Sessions as well as on Sessions focusing on practical aspects of our day-to-day business. Special efforts have also been made to intensify ties with the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) and with other international societies of our speciality.

In case you are interested in "Molecular mechanisms in chronic inflammatory diseases" please have a look at the programme of the XIth EuroCellPath Course and try to come to Gent from June 13–18 June 2001 (e-mail: Griet.Maes@rug.ac.be).

Finally, please do not forget you will be most welcome in one (or more than one....) of the Working Groups of the European Society of Pathology. All of them will be organizing different types of activities at the Berlin Congress. Such activities will serve as a sort of starting point for the 2002 InterCongress Meeting of the European Society of Pathology (e-mail: info@congressiefiere.com).

Summing up, 2001 will be a great year for European Pathology, provided that you, dear member, decide to participate in the ESP activities and convince the young staff of your department to do the same.

With best regards



Manuel
Sobrinho Simões

Foreign Pathologists in Norway

By G. Cecilie Alfsen,
President of The Norwegian Society
of Pathology.

A long fight for more positions and adequate payment eventually paid off for pathologists in Norway. From being a rare species, threatened by extinction, the number of pathologists has almost doubled in recent years. How come?

A governmental report from 1994 [1] concluded that there was an immediate need for a high number of additional positions for both specialists and trainees to avoid a breakdown in diagnostic services within the following 4 years. The health authorities responded adequately to this report. Since 1994, the number of positions in pathology has increased by more than 40%. Today, a total of 60 trainees and approximately 140 residential positions (academic positions included) are distributed among 18 departments in all, including six university hospitals.

Medical doctors have been brought into the new and initially vacant positions in pathology by different efforts: A solid increase in payment for trainees in 1996 eradicated the problems of

recruiting young doctors overnight. At some hospitals, the income for trainees increased up to levels comparable to that of specialists. Thanks to a subsequent flight from general medicine, where serious restrictions in the freedom of practice have been introduced by the government, the influx of trainees in pathology has been stable since. The majority of new trainees have been women, which now hold 65% of all trainee positions.

To fill the immediate need for specialists, the Norwegian health authorities initiated an active recruiting campaign in foreign countries. The legal requirements for approval of medical specialities from abroad were simplified. It became possible for foreign pathologists to acquire approbation within pathology only, without the otherwise exhausting and time-consuming demands for practice in general medicine normally required to practice any form of medicine in Norway.

Thanks to these efforts, Norwegian pathology has now become increasingly international. According to official figures, every fifth medical doctor working in pathology in Norway is a foreign citizen. This adds up to the number of foreign specialists who have worked in the country for years, having already changed their citizenship. The ma-

jority of newly employed come from Europe, dominated by Swedes, Germans, and former Yugoslavians, but almost all European countries are represented (see photo).

Although some of the smaller departments still have recruiting problems, only 4% of residential positions were vacant at the last survey.

However, with a population of no more than 4.5 million people, the need for medical specialists has its limits. With 1 doctor per 300 citizens, Norway is now the Scandinavian country most densely populated by medical doctors. As the number of medical students in Norway has doubled in recent years, experts fear future unemployment for doctors. The most recent prognosis predicts an excess of medical doctors in Norway within a few years, with an estimate of more than 1000 unemployed colleagues in 2005 [2].

In spite of all efforts, the specialty of pathology has in general been disregarded in Norway. Recent changes in the curriculum, with the introduction of what is known as "problem-based training" of medical students, have eradicated the systematic teaching in basic subjects such as pathology. The next generation of Norwegian trainees will therefore probably represent a considerable educational effort of all

In the Norwegian city of Lillehammer, chief pathologist Kvelstad has built up an international staff of Europeans: (from the left) Eldbjörg Sandstad (Norway), Dejan Momcilovic (Yugoslavia), Helmuth Luck (Austria), Robert Vink (The Netherlands), Ingjerd Lien Kvelstad (Norway, Head of Department).



departments engaged in medical specialization. With the positive experience with foreign colleagues at Norwegian pathology departments in mind, it may be tempting to maintain the practice of looking for better-educated trainees abroad in the future.

It is no doubt that Norway will remain dependent on foreign pathologists in the new century. The challenge in this dark country with fragile academic traditions is to be able to offer conditions which encourage our foreign colleagues to stay!

References

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2. Den framtida läkararbetsmarknaden i Norden (2000) Samnordisk Arbetsgrupp för Prognos- och Specialistutbildningsfrågor



IOANNINA UNIVERSITY
COURSES IN PATHOLOGY (IUCP)*

* Under the auspices of the ESP within the frame of the European Institute for Continuing Medical Education (EICME) and the collaboration of the European School of Oncology (ESO).



Ioannina University Courses in Pathology (IUCP)

Part one: Oesophagus-Stomach Pathology-Oncology, 15–17 (half day) May 2001

Part two: Duodenum-Biliary tract-Pancreas Pathology Oncology, 17 (half day) – 19 May, 2001

(Draft of the Preliminary Program)

Director-Coordinator: Prof. Niki J. Agnantis

Registration fees for each part:
EUROS 400 (200 for residents)
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Epidemiology
Gastric Lymphomas
Therapeutic Approach
S.S.
Gastric Surgery
Gastric Carcinoma Prognostic Markers; Gastric Stromal Tumors
Prognostic and Predictive Factors in Oesophageal Cancer
Highlights in Gastric Inflammation: Gastritis Types and Their Significance
Oesophagus and Stomach: Histology and Function
Oesophageal Surgery
S.S.
Highlights in Oesophageal Cancer
Imaging Techniques

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Epidemiology
Therapeutic Approach
Imaging Techniques
Duodenum-Biliary Tract-Pancreas: Histology and Function.
S.S.
Exocrine Pancreas: Introduction, Common Tumors, Uncommon Tumors, Differential Diagnosis
Tumors of the Gallbladder, Biliary Tract, Including the Vater Ampula. Differential Diagnosis.
Endocrine Pancreas : Highlights on the WHO (2000) Classification, Hormonal Characterization, Differential Diagnosis

For further information please contact our home page <http://medlab.cs.uoi.gr/iucp>

XIth EuroCellPath Course, Gent, Belgium, 13–18 June 2001

On behalf of the Scientific Committee, it is my pleasure to announce that the XIth EuroCellPath Course will take place in Gent, Belgium, 13–18 June 2001.

The scientific programme of the meeting includes several important topics, such as homing of lymphocytes, biology of repair, regeneration and ulceration, general mechanisms in inflammatory processes, T cells and inflammation, inflammation in infectious diseases, stromal changes in inflammation, molecular changes in chronic diseases, molecular mechanisms in pathological situations, and molecular treatment. Oral presentations will include plenary lectures by invited speakers and talks selected from abstracts. Prominent scientists have already agreed to participate in the upcoming meeting. Gent, the 'historic heart of Flanders', is an ideal location for this Course.

May I extend a cordial invitation to all interested scientists, and especially to young researchers, to attend and actively participate in the meeting. I'm looking forward to welcoming you in Gent.

Yours sincerely,

Claude Cuvelier,
Organizing Committee

General information

Location

The Course will take place at 'Het Pand' (Gent, Belgium), a historical building built in 1201. Through history, this beautiful place has been a hospital and an abbey, and even functioned as a barracks. In 1963, the University of Gent purchased the building and since 1991, has been being used as a University Congress Centre.

Registration

Registration includes receptions, coffee breaks, lunches, dinners, and visits to the museums as mentioned in the programme.

Registration fees are € 250.00 before 1 May and € 280.00 thereafter.

Please use the registration form.

Cancellation of registration

For written notice of cancellation received before 1 June, the registration fee minus the administration costs (€ 60.00) will be refunded. After this date, no refunds are possible.

Hotels

For hotel registration, please use the hotel registration form. Attention: registration forms should be returned before 13 April.

Posters

The deadline for submission of abstracts for oral or poster presentations is 1 May. The official language for this congress will be English. Posters should be a maximum of 2 m×1 m size. Abstracts should not exceed an A4 page and should be sent electronically (by e-mail or on disk) to the organizing secretariat.

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**European
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Welcome to the NEW BERLIN

Currently the changes taking place in society and in our lives are more than rapid and fundamental, and this is true for communication, economy, science and health care as well. If 15 years ago someone would have predicted that

- The human genome is completely disclosed by the year 2000,
- A normal personal computer is ten times more powerful than the main computers of the NASA were in 1985
- That millions and millions of "normal" persons communicate around the world by a simple system, called the Internet
- A pathologist in Berlin can directly drive a robotic microscope in Shanghai and Cape Town
- That almost every micro-organism can be detected in normally processed tissue specimen by a simple method called PCR

I presume this person would have been called an utopist by a friend and an idiot by a someone who was not a friend. Nonetheless, all these points have become reality much faster than anybody would have expected.

We, the family of pathologists, are members of this changing world and we have to realize that pathology will also undergo considerable turn-arounds in the forthcoming decade. Molecular pathology, telepathology and chip pathology are only some examples of topics which will influence our diagnostic work. The structure of information to be delivered, e.g. to predict the biology of a tumour or to detect and characterize the virus of an infectious disease, as well as our way to communicate with our clinical partners will have to be adopted to meet the increasing demands of physicians and patients alike. Furthermore, the structure of the health care systems will undergo dramatic transformation and influence our speciality as well.

One old and always new point is that pathology will only keep its outstanding position in clinical diagnostic work if the quality of the diagnos-

tic work is as high as possible. To ensure that every pathologist has access to the most recent progress and most current information, there will be four keynote lectures and more than 100 symposia, short courses and slide seminars given by internationally recognized experts from all over Europe, the US, Canada, Japan and elsewhere. They will present new scientific results as well as practical aspects of our day-to-day business. Special effort will be made to intensify ties with the International Academy of Pathology (IAP), which will be present at three joint IAP-ESP sessions. The same is true for the International Society of Gynecological Pathology (ISGP), which also will conduct three joint symposia together with the ESP Working Group on Gynecological Pathology. Furthermore, the International Union Against Cancer (UICC) will organize a special meeting on the developments of the TNM system, including the recently published topics on prognostic factors and uniform tumour terminology.

All this will happen in the old and new capital of Germany, Berlin. This rapidly changing city may be the ideal place to bring European Pathology a step further into the new millennium. History and innovation are also mirrored in Berlin's pathology tradition. Here Rudolf Virchow presented his revolutionary "Cellular-pathologie" (1856) to the scientific world, followed by his fundamental work on "Tumorphathologie" (1864). Let us see if we can recapture something of this spirit so as to be prepared for the challenges and to provide visionary solutions at an international level.

You are cordially invited by the ESP, which is supported by the German and the Berlin Societies.

Looking forward to seeing you in September 2001.

Manuel Sobrinho-Simões,
ESP President

Manfred Dietel, Steffen Hauptmann,
Local Organizers

Deadlines

Submission of abstracts: 15 February 2001

Registration Fees

Payment	Before 1 June 2001	After 1 June 2001	After 15 August 2001
ESP members	DM 700	DM 800	DM 1000
Non-members	DM 850	DM 950	DM 1200
Residents in pathology	DM 450	DM 550	DM 700
Students	DM 350	DM 450	DM 600

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Postgraduate Course for General Pathologists: Hot Topics in Pathology, 11–13 October 2001, Tychero Alexandroupolis, Greece

Second Announcement

Topics:

Neuropathology and urologic pathology

Preliminary list of Faculty:

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Directors and Coordinators:

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Registration fees

Accommodation and full board:
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New Intercongress ESP Meeting. Lago Maggiore (Northern Italy), 19–21 May 2002

The ESP is organizing a meeting in May 2002 in Baveno, Italy (between the Berlin 2001 and the Ljubiana 2003 ESP Congresses). The meeting will focus on organ-oriented pathology. The activities of ESP working groups on cytopathology, endocrine pathology, gastrointestinal pathology, gynaecopathology, uropathology,

head and neck pathology, pulmonary pathology, and soft tissue tumours will be open to interested colleagues with workshops, keynote lectures and free communications.

Organizer: Prof. G. Bussolati.
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Important message to all ESP members who want to send material for publication in the *Europath News*, which will appear four times a year (February, May, August, November) incorporated in *Virchows Archiv*: the material should be sent to one of the editors 2 months ahead of time by e-mail:

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Slide seminar in the Internet

Diagnostic histopathology cases presented at the European School of Pathology courses in Turin are going to be shown via Internet.

**You are kindly invited to visit the site at
<http://www.isi.it/pathology/index.htm>.**



Haemato pathology

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2001 courses

July 1 - 7

Turin, Italy

AIM

Post-graduate residential course for young European pathologists based on workshops, slide seminars and few lectures to update and standardise participants' diagnostic ability.

The School is partially supported by the European Community
(Contract n° HPCT-2000-002227e)

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* Registration is 150 Euro per course (Two courses: 250 Euro).

* Full board accomodation (to be paid upon departure) is 70 Euro/day/person.

* A limited number of EScOP scholarships (for ESP Members) and EU Grants (for <35 yrs pathologists from EU and associated countries) is also available upon request

DATES

Pathology of Lymphnodes & Spleen
July 1-4, 2001

Pathology of Bone Marrow & Thymus
July 5-7, 2001

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Ovarian pathology
Breast pathology
- 1992 Pulmonary pathology
Endocrine pathology
- 1993 Haematopathology
- 1994 Haematopathology
Uterine pathology
Breast pathology
- 1995 Quantitative pathology
Neuropathology
Head & Neck pathology
- 1996 Uropathology
Dermatopathology (neopl)
- 1997 Tumors of liver & pancreas
Tumors of GI tract
- 1998 Soft tissue tumors
Breast pathology
- 1999 Lung pathology
Cytopathology
- 2000 Ovarian pathology
GI pathology

FUTURE COURSES

- 2002 Thyroid & parathyroid path.
Head & Neck pathology
- 2003 Pathology of the pancreas
Pathology of the liver

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Note: By May, a letter will confirm or reject the application. Do not send money now, please.



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RE: Preliminary application

Surname: Name: Sex:

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Phone: Fax: E-mail:

- ☐ application for 2 courses ☐ application for 1 course ☐ July 1-4 ☐ July 5-7
- ☐ I apply for: ☐ EScOP scholarship ☐ EU grant, if available
- ☐ Member of ESP ☐ non member (I apply for 2001 ESP membership)
- ☐ I enclose a brief curriculum vitae stating my experience in pathology

Date:

Signature:



8th Meeting of the International Pituitary Pathology Club

October 5 - 9, 2001

**Conference Venue: European Cultural Center of
Delphi, Greece**

Dear colleagues:

I am pleased to invite you to the first International Pituitary Pathology Club Meeting of the new Millennium. In this multidisciplinary meeting pathologists, endocrinologists, neurosurgeons and basic science researchers from all over the world will get together and exchange ideas in a friendly atmosphere. Delphi will be the center of the world, as it was in the ancient era. It will be a great chance to come and enjoy a scientific congregation in the sanctuary of the god Apollo, the most famous oracle in the world.

I look forward to greeting you in Delphi.

George Kontogeorgos M.D.

If you would like to be kept up to date, please fill in the following form and send it to: George Kontogeorgos M.D., Department of Pathology, G.Gennimatas Athens General Hospital, 154 Messogion Avenue, 115 27, Athens, Greece, e-mail: gkonto@cc.uoa.gr

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The European Society of Pathology, January 2001

Why become a member of ESP?

The **benefits** that the membership in the European Society of Pathology offers you are the following:

- Participation in the activities of the following working groups: head and neck pathology, gastrointestinal and liver pathology, endocrine pathology, uropathology, gynaecological pathology, pulmonary pathology, cytopathology and soft tissue tumours.
- Priority in registering for the annual courses of **the European School of Pathology (EscoP)** in Turin, Warsaw and Moscow (with grants or special fees for residents and young pathologists).
- Priority in registering for the annual courses of the **EUROCELLPATH**: Gent 2001, Berlin 2002 and Cagliari 2003 (with grants or special fees for residents and young pathologists).
- Reduced registration fees for participating in the **European Congresses of Pathology** (Berlin 2001, Ljubljana 2003).
- Reduced registration fees for participating in the **“Intercongress Meetings” of the ESP** especially devoted to the Working Groups of the Society (Turin 2002, Foz de Iguaçu, Brazil 2004).

And, a number of benefits linked to the fact that *Virchows Archiv* is now the official journal of the European Society of Pathology

- A subscription to **the journal Virchows Archiv** at no extra charge – this is automatically sent to every member every month.
- Access to **the journal online** within LINK (take a look at <http://link.springer.de>). If you are already a member of ESP but have not yet registered for your free electronic access, you will find the necessary form to complete online here too.
- **A discount** of 20% on most titles published by Springer. To take advantage of this, simply send your order directly to the publisher, with details of your membership.

If you have not yet joined the European Society of Pathology, why not do so now?

Simply **complete and return the form enclosed**. If you are already a member, please wait for our renewal letter for 2001.

We look forward to welcoming you as a member in 2001

Yours sincerely,

M. Sobrinho-Simões
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U. Van Haelst
Treasurer
European Society of Pathology

G. Klöppel
Managing Editor *Virchows Archiv*
and Past President
European Society of Pathology

From the Desk of the Treasurer

Also on behalf of our President and the Executive Committee of the Society I kindly ask each member who is in arrear of payment of his/her membership 2000 to settle his/her account without further delay. If desired, information about your posi-

tion can be supplied by the treasurer (see address on the enclosed application form for membership).

Optimal collection of the membership dues will help the Society to achieve the goals and sponsoring of activities set for the coming years.

Thanking you in advance for your attention to this message and for your prompt cooperation.

Prof. Dr. U. van Haelst
Treasurer ESP



EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY (E.S.P.)



Application for Membership

Please, use **TYPEWRITER ONLY** for filling in the form!

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Date of application:

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