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Dear Nesland,

Enclosed please find the report activities of the Working Group of Cytopathology of ESP. Since the group was created only 4 months ago, we are starting and publicising our activities, as well as preparing the cytopathology activities for the next European Congress in Berlin, 2001.

#### REPORT OF ACTIVITIES – WORKING GROUP OF CYTOPATHOLOGY – ESP

1. Establishment of the Working group during the First Intercontinental Congress of Pathology in Madeira, May 2000 at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Society of Pathology.
2. The founding members of the group are: Fernando Schmitt, Portugal (Chairmann), Lambert Skoog, Sweden and Ednéia Tani, Sweden (co-chairperson's).
3. Invitations for new members were done by announcements of the creation of the WG in Virchows Archiv 437, 218, 2000 and by letters for some recognized cytopathologists from Europe and USA.
4. Contact with the Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology from USA to establish future collaborative projects. In the next month an announcement about the Working Group will be published in the journal Diagnostic Cytopathology (USA).
5. We received positive answers to join to our Working group from the follow cytopathologists: C.Bergeron, France; Carlos Bedrossian, USA; Jimenez Ayala, Spain; Lucio Palombini, Italy; Mauro Papotti, Italy, Richard DeMay, USA and Wlodzimierz Olszewski, Poland.
6. Now we are starting to prepare the scientific activities concerning cytopathology for the next ESP Congress.

Next activities:

2001 First business meeting during the ESP congress in Berlin

2002 ESP Working Group Meeting, Italy

Best regards,

Fernando Schmitt

REPORT OF BUSINESS MEETING  
WORKING GROUP OF CYTOPATHOLOGY – ESP  
BERLIN, 10 SEPTEMBER 2001

During the 18th European Congress of Pathology, Berlin, was held the First Business Meeting of the WG of Cytopathology – ESP. The follow topics were discussed, according the schedule previously distributed among the members:

7. Welcome to participants by the chairman of WG, Fernando Schmitt (Portugal) that reported the activities organised by the WG during the 18th European Congress of Pathology: a symposium concerning “New Technologies in Cytopathology” and a “FNA, Slide Seminar”.

8. The participants and their e-mail addresses were:

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9. Report of the Establishment of the Working Group by the Chairman. All participants were call to present suggestions and purpose collaborative studies, creating a network among the people interested in cytology.

10. News and preliminary programme of the Intercongress ESP Meeting, Baveno, Italy, May 19-21, 2002 with the presence of the President of the Meeting, Professor Gianni Bussolati. It was stressed the importance in stimulate the participation of

young pathologists in these meetings of ESP. All people interested in cytology are invited to submit abstracts. The deadline is January 15, 2002.

11. It was established a protocol with the Journal Diagnostic Cytopathology, with the presence of the Editor-in-Chief: Dr. Carlos Bedrossian and the Managing Editor: Ursula Bedrossian. In attempt to establish a future partnership between WG-Cytopathology and the Journal, they offer a Special Discount for all members of ESP in a good standing: U\$ 110 per year with mailing expenses of U\$ 60 per year that brings the overall price of \$ 170 to members of ESP (note that the regular subscription for Europe is U\$ 307). The online subscription will cost U\$ 110. Through Wiley Interscience, Diagnostic Cytopathology Online will also become extensively linked to web resource such as the reference-linked service and will give full access to Wiley InterScience allowing peruse other Wiley publications. As soon as possible, all members of ESP will receive a proposal to subscribe Dy Cy. It was also discussed the possibility in the future to increase the number of european cytopathologists in the Editorial Board as well as the nomination of an european-associated editor.
12. Establishment of a web site. Several participants suggested create a page of the Working Group in the official web site of the ESP ([Europathology.org](http://Europathology.org)). The chairman will contact the Secretary of ESP, Prof. J. Nesland, to establish our page.
13. Other business: Prof. Eric Van Marck announce the next european congress of cytology that will be held in Belgium (Antwerp), from 15 to 18 September, 2002

Next activities:

2002 ESP Working Group Meeting, Baveno, Italy

2002 Second business meeting during the Baveno Meeting

REPORT OF BUSINESS MEETING  
WORKING GROUP OF CYTOPATHOLOGY – ESP  
BAVENO, 20 MAY 2002

During the Inter-congress meeting of the European Society of Pathology, Baveno, Italy, the Second Business Meeting of the WG of Cytopathology – ESP was held. The follow topics were discussed, according the schedule previously distributed among the members:

14. The participants were welcomed by the chairman of WG, Fernando Schmitt (Portugal) who reported that the WG during the Intercongress meeting organized a Slide Seminar on FNA of paediatric tumours and a lecture on the Session What new´s on Cytopathology.

15. The following members participated:

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16. Contacts with other Working Groups, concerning the planning of joint activities during the European Congress of Pathology and Cytology in Paris 2005 were reported by the Chairman. Positive answers were received from the following WGs: Soft Tissue (Paolo Dei Tos), Lung and Pleura (Helmut Popper), Breast (Ian Ellis),

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Head and Neck (Antonio Cardesa and Nina Gale) and Gynecological Pathology (Manfred Dietel). The Chairman will notify the Presidents of both Congress (P.Viehl – Cytology and P.Bedossa – Pathology) about these contacts.

18. The Chairman announced the invitation of the International Academy of Cytology to organise a join Satellite Symposium with the WG of Cytopathology – ESP during the IAC meeting in Chile 2004.

19. According to a request by Prof. Ferluga, the Cytopathology WG discussed and decided on the following scientific programme for the 19th European Congress of Pathology, Ljubljana, Slovenia, September 6-11, 2003:

Symposium: “Core biopsy vs. Fine-needle aspiration

Chairpersons: B. Hagmar (Norway) and F.Schmitt (Portugal)

Speakers: Breast (B. Hagmar, Norway)

Lung (W. Olszewski, Poland)

Prostate (L.Skoog, Sweden)

Short Course 1: (What do we need more on )Gynaecological Cytology? How to improve?

Chairman: Euphemia McGoogan (Scotland – to be confirmed)

Short Course 2: Why is urine, liquor, ovary cytology disappearing?

Chairmen: To be appointed

Short Course 3: Ancillary techniques on Cytology, with emphasis in Liquid-Based Cytology

Chairman: Fernando Schmitt (Portugal)

Slide Seminar: General FNA

Chairpersons: E. Tani and L.Skoog (Sweden)

Business Meeting of the Cytopathology WG

Chairman: Fernando Schmitt (Portugal)

20. The chairman gave news about our web site: [www.europathology.org](http://www.europathology.org) that is active and invited all people interested in cytology to contribute. Sincere thanks from the WG to Bjørn Risberg who is responsible for the maintenance of the ESP web site, in particular for his efforts in the area of cytopathology.

21. The chairman informed that there is a special discount for all members of ESP who wish to subscribe to the Journal Diagnostic Cytopathology: U\$ 110 per year with mailing expenses of U\$ 60 per year that brings the overall price of \$ 170 to members of ESP (note that the regular subscription for Europe is U\$ 307). The online subscription cost U\$ 110.



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Next activities:

2003 19th European Congress of Pathology, Ljubljana, Slovenia

2003 Third business meeting during the Ljubljana Meeting

REPORT OF BUSINESS MEETING  
WORKING GROUP OF CYTOPATHOLOGY – ESP  
LJUBLJANA, 8 SEPTEMBER 2003

During the 19th European Congress of Pathology, Ljubljana, Slovenia, the Third Business Meeting of the WG of Cytopathology – ESP was held. The follow topics were discussed, according the schedule previously distributed among the members:

22. The participants were welcomed by the chairman of WG, Fernando Schmitt (Portugal) who reported that the WG during the 19th European Congress of Pathology organized a Slide Seminar on FNA, a Short Course about Ancillary techniques in Cytology and a Symposium: Histology vs Cytology.
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24. Philippe Viehl reported that due to logistic problems the next European Congress of Pathology and European Congress of Cytology will not be organized in join sessions as previously proposed. It was suggested that the Working Group has an

active participation in the Cytology Congress that will be held in Paris in October 2005.

25. According to a request by Prof Pierre Bedossa, the Cytopathology WG discussed the suggestions for the provisional scientific program of the 20<sup>th</sup> Congress of the European Society of Pathology that will be send to the Organizing Committee till October 1<sup>st</sup>. The group suggest organized a slide seminar and a symposium (provisional title: How far can we go with cytology?). We decided also organized a business meeting. Dr. Françoise Thivolet purposed a common session with the Pulmonary Pathology WG during the Congress. This proposal will be send to Prof. Pierre Bedossa. The proposed candidates for chair sessions during the congress were: Ben Davidson (Norway), Bjorn Risberg (Norway), Bjorn Hagmar (Norway), Canan Ersoz (Turkey), Françoise Thivolet (France), Fernando Schmitt (Portugal), W. Olszewski (Poland) and Ziva Pohar (Slovenia).
26. The chairman gave news about our web site: [www. europathology.org](http://www.europathology.org) that is active and invited all people interested in cytology to contribute. Sincere thanks from the WG to Bjørn Risberg who is responsible for the maintenance of the ESP web site, in particular for his efforts in the area of cytopathology.
27. The chairman informed that during the next Intercontinental Congress of Pathology a Companion Meeting with the Papanicolaou Society of Cytology will be organized.

Next activities:

2004 II Intercontinental Congress of Pathology, Iguassu Falls, Brazil

2004 Fourth business meeting during the Iguassu Meeting

REPORT OF THE FIFTH BUSINESS MEETING – WORKING GROUP OF  
CYTOPATHOLOGY – ESP  
PARIS, SEPTEMBER 6, 2005

During the 20th European Congress of Pathology, Paris, França, the Fifth Business Meeting of the WG of Cytopathology – ESP was held. The follow topics were discussed, according the schedule previously distributed among the members:

28. The participants were welcomed by the chairman of WG, Fernando Schmitt (Portugal) and the co-chairman Lambert Skoog (Sweden).

29. The meeting was followed with the scientific program:

**Fine needle aspiration in gastrointestinal liver and pancreas pathology Tuesday Sep 6**  
Chairpersons : **L. Skoog** (Stockholm, Sweden), **F. Schmitt** (Porto, Portugal) 17:40 – 19:15

17:40 - 18:00 Get the most from your cells: the application of ancillary techniques to cytology **A. Abati** (Bethesda, USA):

18:00 - 18:20 Endoscopic ultrasound guided FNA of abdominal lesions **V. Sviatoha** (Stockholm, Sweden):

18:20 - 18:40 Endoscopic ultrasound guided FNA of GIST **R. Bardales** (Mineapolis, USA):

30. Discussion and administrative affairs of the Cytopathology Working Group

31. Report of the President about the Scientific Activities of the last ESP Inter-Congress Meeting – Iguassu Falls 2004.

32. The International Academy of Cytology invited our WG to organize a Satellite Symposium during the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Cytology that will be held in Vancouver, Canada, May 13-17, 2007.

33. The chairman informs the members that the WG must to present new officers for the next year. According the meeting of the WGs all members of the WG must to be officially ESP members. The chairman asks for all WG members to become ESP members. Only in this way they can participate in the administrative business of the WG as well as receive the advantages of the WG members (see item 3.6 and 3.7).

34. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> Inter-Congress of the ESP, Ioannina, Greece, May-24-27,2006, there are two activities schedule for the WG. A slide seminar: “Solving problems with cytology: serous effusions and FNA” that will be chaired by

Gabrijela Kocjan (UK) and Aasmund Berner (Norway) and a report session:  
What's new ? (Fernando Schmitt-Portugal).

35. The next meeting will be held in Ioannina, Greece, May 24-27, 2006.
36. Diagnostic Cytopathology discount: the Executive Committee of the ESP was approval that the members of the Cytopathology ESP-WG can subscribe the Journal Diagnostic Cytopathology with a special discount: Individual Subscription rate: \$ 225 (normal rate: \$ 357), Collective subscription rate: \$ 175 (same as ASC, USCAP, PSC and JSCC). The journal can publish all abstracts from the WG as well as announce about ESP meetings and initiatives. Please when contact the journal please informs that you are an ESP member.
37. The administrative structure of the WG will be changed in attempt to be similar to other groups and the new officers purposed are:
  - Chairman: Pinar Firat (Turkey)
  - Officers:
    - Fernando Schmitt (Portugal) (past chairman and chairman of the Liaison Committee with the IAC)
    - Aasmund Berner (Norway)
    - Gabrijela Kocjan (UK)
    - Philippe Viehl (France)
    - Pio Zeppa (Italy)

**REPORT OF THE SEVENTH BUSINESS MEETING  
WORKING GROUP OF CYTOPATHOLOGY – ESP  
ISTANBUL, SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

The 7th Business Meeting of the Cytopathology Working Group (WG) of European Society of Pathology (ESP) was held in Istanbul-Turkey, during the 21st European Congress of Pathology.

The participants were welcomed by the chair of the WG, Pinar Firat (Turkey) and the past-chair Fernando Schmitt (Portugal). The meeting was well attended; besides members, many colleagues who were not already included in the mailing list of the WG participated in this meeting.

The meeting started with the scientific programme:

Cervicovaginal cytology- Case presentations

Christine Bergeron (France), Christian Garbar (Belgium)

We would like to send our sincere thanks to Dr.Bergeron and Dr.Garbar for their interactive presentations. They shared six cases with us and asked several questions through a computer system for voting; the cases were discussed by active participation of the audience.

In the following part of the meeting administrative affairs were discussed according to the schedule previously distributed among the members.

The chair made a presentation telling briefly the history, previous activities and goals of the cytopathology WG and gave the reports of the cytopathology sessions within the 21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Pathology and the Join Satellite Symposium with EFCS and IAC which was held during the 16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Cytology. The programmes of these scientific activities were:

**21<sup>st</sup> European Congress of Pathology**

Symposium (Joint session with IAC): Role of cytopathology for selecting patientes for targeted treatments

Chairs- W.Olszewski(Poland), F.Schmitt (Portugal)

In lung cancer, W.Olszewski(Poland)

In breast cancer, P.Vielh (France)

In lymphomas, P.Zeppa(Italy)

In GISTS, F.Schmitt (Portugal)

Short Course (Joint session with Endocrine WG): Analysis of thyroid nodules at the cellular, architectural and molecular level

Chairs- P.Vielh (France), S.T.Balafouta (Greece)

The pathological substrate of the follicular thyroid nodule, M.Volante (Italy)

Cytopathological features of well differentiated nodules, R.De May (USA)

Immunocytochemistry and molecular biology, P.Vielh (France)  
Slide session, S.T.Balafouta (Greece), P.Firat (Turkey), R.Ramazanoğlu  
(Turkey)

Slide Seminar: Deep seated masses at the targets of fine needles

Chairs- C.Ersöz (Turkey), P.Zeppa (Italy)

I.Kardum-Skelin (Croatia)

H.Barroca (Portugal)

Z.Pohar-Marinsek (Slovenia)

Ü.İnce (Turkey)

P.Vielh (France)

D.Yilmazbayhan (Turkey)

J.Wejde (Sweden)

J.A.Jimenez-Heffernan (Spain)

M.Toetsch (Germany)

### **16<sup>th</sup> International Congress of Cytology**

Join Satellite Symposium with IAC and EFCS: Cytopathology at crossroads..

Chairs- F.Schmitt (Portugal), P.Vielh (France)

..with surgeons at surgery theatre, I. Amendoeira (Portugal)

..with radiologists on interventional imaging, N Sneige (USA)

..with oncologists on molecular features for tailored therapeutics, Lukas  
Bubendorf (Switzerland)

The preliminary programme of the cytopathology sessions within the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Intercontinental Congress of Pathology, 17-22 May 2008, Barcelona, Spain was  
announced, and the participants were informed that the next business meeting will be  
held within this congress, as well:

Slide Seminar: Challenges for cytopathology in different continents

Symposium: Cytology- From a simple and fast diagnostic test to a detailed and  
sophisticated analysis

According to the previous business meeting- Ioannina, 2006, in which some of the  
members have suggested to make a study investigating the immunocytochemistry  
practice among Europe, an announcement was made about the collaboration with the  
European Federation of Cytology Societies (EFCS), and the members of the WG were  
invited to fill in the "Immunocytochemistry EFCS' inquiry" which is presented in the  
web site of EFCS (<http://www.efcs.eu>).

During the meeting, a questionnaire was distributed among the participants, in order to  
search for the expectations from the WG and to update the mailing list. Besides, it was  
decided to send the same questionnaire by e-mail to the members who could not attend  
this meeting.

The participants were informed that the Cytopathology WG has 69 members in the  
mailing list, however to be considered as a member of the WG, ESP membership is a  
prerequisite.

The “Best cytopathology awards” of the congress were announced, which were selected among 9 oral – 35 poster presentations submitted to the congress in the category of cytopathology. The jury was composed of the officers of the WG. Three studies were awarded:

- The Value of Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization In The Diagnosis and Follow up of the Transitional Cell Carcinoma. *I.Schwartz, E.Fridman, S.Polack-Sharcon, J.Kopolovic- Israel*
- Cytopathologic Differential Diagnosis of Malignant Mesothelioma, Adenocarcinoma and Reactive Mesothelial Cells. A Logistic Regression Analysis. *E.Çakır, F.Demirağ, M.Aydın, E.Ünsal- Turkey*
- Endobronchial Ultrasound-Guided Transbronchial Needle Aspiration for Mediastinal Staging of Lung Cancer. *L.Pijuan, N.Juanpere, A.Sanchez, S.Albert, E.Romero, J.Lloreta, S.Serrano-Spain*

The meeting ended by concluding remarks, best wishes and invitation of the members to active collaboration.

With my best regards

Dr.Pinar Firat  
Chair of the Cytopathology Working Group of ESP

**REPORT OF THE 8th BUSINESS MEETING  
WORKING GROUP OF CYTOPATHOLOGY – ESP  
BARCELONA, MAY 18, 2008**

The 8th Business Meeting of the Cytopathology Working Group (WG) of European Society of Pathology (ESP) was held in Barcelona-Spain, during the 3<sup>rd</sup> Intercontinental Congress of Pathology.

The participants were welcomed by the chair of the WG, Pinar Firat (Turkey) and the past-chair Fernando Schmitt (Portugal). The meeting started with the scientific programme, and continued with the administrative affairs. In the scientific programme, we had a symposium:

**Symposium:**

*Cytology- From a simple and fast diagnostic test to a detailed and sophisticated analysis*

Respiratory cytology	MD.Lazano (Spain)
Effusion cytology	B.Davidson (Norway)
Urinary cytology	P.Firat (Turkey)
Breast cytology	F.Schmitt (Portugal)

In the “administrative affairs” session of the meeting, the results of the questionnaire which has been distributed among the members after the previous business meeting were discussed. Twenty five members kindly answered the questionnaire. The following answers were received:

- How frequently are you participating in ESP meetings? (22 answers)
  - Frequently 7
  - Rarely 9
  - First time 6
- Do you regularly follow cytopathology sessions? (24 answers)
  - Yes 18
  - No 6
- Could you please briefly describe your expectations from the Cytopathology WG? (15 answers)
  - Promoting cytopathology
  - Raising the profile of the discipline
  - Attracting histopathologists
  - Education
  - More meetings
  - Workshops
  - First hand information
  - Mixture of morphology and technology
  - Cases through the internet

- Addressing new technologies and challenges on cytopathology
- Meeting colleagues and discussing common problems and research activities
- Dealing with clinical issues and classifications
- Collaboration with other societies
- Concerning the content of our sessions, especially the business meetings, what type of presentations are more useful you think? (25 answers)
  - Structured talks 11
  - Case presentations 21
  - Others- Round tables- with clinicians
- Which topics would you like to listen in the next meetings? (23 answers)
  - Breast 8
  - Gynecology 7
  - Thyroid 6
  - Pancreas-liver 4
  - Soft tissue 3
  - Lung 3
  - Salivary glands 2
  - Lymph node 2
  - Urine 2
  - Effusions 1
  - Pediatrics 1
  - Diagnostic challenges 1
  - Immunocytochemistry 1
  - Non-gyn liquid based 1
  - Any topic 2

The preliminary programme of the cytopathology sessions within the 22<sup>nd</sup> European Congress of Pathology, 4-9 Sempember 2009, Florence, Italy was announced, and the participants were informed that the next business meeting will be held within this congress, as well:

#### Symposium

Getting closer to deep masses- endosonography guided FNA

*(Join session between ESP Cytopathology WG and American Society of Cytopathology)*

Chairs: F.Schmitt (Portugal), R.Nayar (USA)

#### Slide Seminar

Is it cancer ? Pitfalls on FNA

Chairs: G.Kocjan (UK), P.Zeppa (Italy)

#### Short Course

Cytopathology of the cervix - basics and challenges

Chairs: C.Bergeron (France), L.Di Bonito (Italy)

#### Business meeting



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How I report FNA

Chairs: P.Firat (Turkey), F.Schmitt (Portugal)

Breast

Thyroid

Lymph nodes

The new web-site of ESP was presented, and Fernando Schmitt gave information about the process. It was decided that up-dating the web-page of the WG which is already existing is the major issue that the WG should deal with in the following days.

The participants were informed that the Cytopathology WG has 76 members in the mailing list, however to be considered as a member of the WG, ESP membership is a prerequisite.

The future pathology and cytology congresses were announced and the session was closed by concluding remarks, best wishes and invitation of the members to active collaboration.

My best regards

Dr.Pinar Firat

Chair of the Cytopathology Working Group of ESP