

**Cytopathology Working Group of European Society of Pathology
Since 2000...**

Mission:

- Developing scientific collaboration among pathologists who are interested in cytopathology
- Promoting cytopathology and raising the profile of the discipline
- Attracting more pathologists in to the details of cytopathology
- Building and maintaining a strong bridge between cytopathology and histopathology

Objectives:

- Organizing scientific meetings
 - Addressing new technologies and challenges on cytopathology
 - Discussing common problems and research activities
 - Dealing with clinical issues and classifications
- Inviting and accepting new members
- Using internet for interaction
- Collaborating with other societies

The founding members:

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Lambert Skoog (Sweden)

Ednéia Tani, (Sweden)

Chairperson:

Pinar Firat (Turkey)

Past-chairperson:

Fernando Schmitt (Portugal)

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Philippe Vielh (France)

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Membership: Cytopathology Working Group currently has 75 members in the mailing list, however to be considered as a member of the WG, ESP membership is a prerequisite. **If you would like to join our Working Group please send an e-mail to Pinar Firat (pfirat@hacettepe.edu.tr)**

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History:

The ESP-Cytopathology Working Group (WG) was established in 2000 during the First Intercontinental Congress of Pathology- Madeira, at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the European Society of Pathology. The founding members were:

Fernando Schmitt (Portugal), Chairman,

Lambert Skoog (Sweden), co-chair

Ednéia Tani, (Sweden), co-chair

The chairman and the co-chairs made the working group a reality, and besides organizing many successful meetings, they signed several activities joining the WG to other cytopathology societies and creating a strong bridge between cytopathology and histopathology.

First business meeting of the working group was held in Berlin, 2001, during the 18th European Congress of Pathology. 16 members attended to this meeting. Several participants suggested to create a page of the Working Group in the official web site of ESP (<http://europathology.org/>), and by the efforts of the chairmen this web page has been established, nowadays it is under construction however still working and waiting for improvement with your contributions. We would like to send our sincere thanks for this web page to Bjørn Risberg who was responsible for the maintenance of the ESP web site. In this first meeting a protocol with the Journal Diagnostic Cytopathology was established, which is still valid, offering a special discount in the subscription rate of the journal for the members of the WG, and agreement was made to announce ESP Meetings and initiatives in the journal.

During the second business meeting of the WG-within the first Intercongress Meeting of ESP-Baveno, 2002, the first announcement of a join session of the WG with other societies was made: the invitation of the International Academy of Cytology to organize a join Satellite Symposium during the IAC meeting in Chile 2004. Besides, in 2004 IAC Meeting IAC/ESP Liason Committee was established and Fernando Schmitt (Portugal) is the chairman of this Committee. Then, in the 20th European Congress of Pathology-2005, WG organized the first join session- a short course with another WG of ESP- with the Pulmonary Pathology WG. Since 2000, Cytopathology WG is involved in 6 join-sessions with other societies and WGs.

The Third Business Meeting of the WG was held in 2003, during the 19th European Congress of Pathology, Ljubljana, Slovenia.

The date of the fourth Business Meeting was 2004, Chile during the 15th International Congress of Cytology

The fifth Business Meeting was held in Paris, 2005 within the 20th European Congress of Pathology.

The sixth business meeting of the WG took place in Ioannina, 2006, and according to the rules of ESP, the new chair and the officers of the WG is approved in this meeting:

Pinar Firat (Turkey)
Fernando Schmitt (Portugal)
Philippe Vielh (France)
Gabrijela Kocjan (United Kingdom)
Aasmund Berner (Norway)
Pio Zeppa (Italy)

Our hope (and mission) is to attract more pathologists into the details of cytopathology, to be in collaboration with other societies and working groups of ESP, and- if ever we could manage- to put a few forward steps for the improvement of cytopathology practice.

Scientific Meetings organized by the WG:

2001-18th European Congress of Pathology, Berlin, Germany
Symposium : “New Technologies in Cytopathology”
Slide Seminar: Fine needle aspiration

2002- -Intercongress meeting of the European Society of Pathology, Baveno, Italy
Slide Seminar: Fine needle aspiration of paediatric tumours
Lecture: What new’s on Cytopathology.

2003- 19th European Congress of Pathology, Ljubljana, Slovenia
Symposium: Core biopsy vs. Fine-needle aspiration
Slide Seminar: General Fine needle aspiration
Short Course 1: (What do we need more on) Gynaecological Cytology? How to improve?
Short Course 2: Why is urine, liquor, ovary cytology disappearing?
Short Course 3: Ancillary techniques on Cytology, with emphasis in Liquid-Based Cytology

2004- 15th International Congress of Pathology, Santiago, Chile
Satellite Symposium ESP Cytopathology WG/IAC Joint Meeting: Fine needle aspiration: What’s new in the 21st century

2004- 2nd Intercontinental Congress of Pathology – Iguassu Falls, Brazil.
Slide seminar- Companion Meeting with the Papanicolaou Society of Cytology:

2005- 20th European Congress of Pathology, Paris, France

Symposium: How far can we go with cytology?
Slide seminar: Fine needle aspiration
Short course-joint session with ESP pulmonary pathology WG: Role of Bronchoalveolar Lavage in pulmonary pathology
Session on Fine needle aspiration in gastrointestinal, liver and pancreas pathology

2006 - 2nd Inter-Congress Meeting of ESP, Ioannina, Greece
Slide seminar: Solving problems with cytology: serous effusions and Fine needle aspiration
Lecture: What's new in cytopathology?

2007- 16th International Congress of Cytology, Vancouver, Canada
Symposium- Joint Satellite Symposium with IAC and EFCS: Cytopathology at the crossroads

2007- 21st European Congress of Pathology, Istanbul, Turkey
Symposium-ESP Cytopathology WG/IAC Joint Meeting: Role of Cytopathology in Selecting Patients for Target Treatments
Slide seminar: Deep seated masses at the targets of fine needles,
Short course (Joint Session of ESP Cytopathology and Endocrine WGs):: Analysis of thyroid nodules at the cellular, architectural and molecular level,
Session on Cervicovaginal cytology - Case presentations

2008- 3rd Intercontinental Congress of Pathology- Barcelona, Spain
Slide Seminar: Challenges for cytopathology in different continents
Symposium: Cytology- From a simple and fast diagnostic test to a detailed and sophisticated analysis

UPCOMING CONGRESS !!

Cytopathology Sessions in the 22nd European Congress of Pathology (Florence, 4-9 September 2009)

<http://www.ecp2009.org/>

Symposium

Getting closer to deep masses- endosonography guided FNA (Join session between ESP Cytopathology WG and American Society fo 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)

Short Course- Joint Meeting of Pulmonary and Cytopathology WGs

Lung and pleural tumors: Cytologic - histologic approach and ancillary techniques
Chairs: Pinar Firat (Turkey), Handan Zeren (Turkey)

Business meeting

How I report FNA

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

Links:

European Federation of Cytology Societies

<http://www.efcs.eu/>

International Academy of Cytology

<http://www.cytology-iac.org/>

American Society of Cytopathology

<http://www.cytopathology.org/>

Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology

<http://www.papsociety.org/>

NCI Bethesda System Web Atlas

<http://nih.techriver.net/>

International Academy of Pathology

<http://iaphomepage.org/>

College of American Pathologists

<http://www.cap.org/>

Reports of the Business Meetings: