

ESP Gynaecological Pathology Working Group activities during 2017

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The activities of the Gynaecological Pathology Working Group have actively continued after the well attended Gynaecological Pathology sessions organised by our WG in cooperation with the IAP conveners, Professor Esther Oliva and Professor Sigurd Lax, in the framework of the 28th European Congress of Pathology in Cologne, joined with XXXI International Congress of International Academy of Pathology.

In this year the WG has elaborated a high-quality programme for the 29th Congress of Pathology which will be held in Amsterdam, on September 2-6, 2017.

We have planned a symposium on *Molecular and morphological correlations in ovarian tumors, a short course with business meeting*, a long course jointly organized with the Uro-pathology WG on *Clear cell tumors in female and male uro-genital tract* and a slide seminar jointly organized with the Infectious Diseases WG on *Infectious diseases and gynaecological pathology*. In addition, an oral free paper session and a poster session are planned. The high scientific level of the speakers and their teaching abilities are promising for a constructive debate and for an exchange of knowledge. The young presenters of the oral free paper session and the poster session who have passed the review process will be witnesses of their research activities in gynaecopathology. I kindly invite you to be present to the oral free paper session and to visit the poster session.

The cooperation with the other ESP Working Groups actively continued during this year. Expert pathologists in different subspecialties of our discipline joined their forces and skills for interesting discussions and reciprocal exchange of knowledge. This cooperation activity is recorded by the numerous joint sessions in the framework of the ECP (interesting sessions jointly organized with Infectious Diseases WG and Uro-pathology WG - Amsterdam 2017 ECP) and the 2nd

gynaecopathology and uropathology course of *Genito-Urinary Tract Tumors: An Update in the Era of Personalized Therapy. Focus on emerging topics in bladder, ovary, and testis* which was held in Florence, Italy on May 11-12, 2017. In Florence, Professors Rodolfo Montironi, George Netto, Glenn McCluggage, Xavier Matias-Guiu, Sigurd Lax, Maurizio Colecchia joined Antonio Lopez-Beltran and myself (the organisers) to update the knowledge in bladder, testis and ovarian pathology. The 2016 WHO news in bladder and testis pathology, the pitfalls in diagnosis of early invasive disease, the unusual variants in bladder tumors, the molecular genomic advances and the immunotherapy promise in urothelial malignancies, the origin of high grade serous carcinoma, the morphologic and molecular features of the most common type of ovarian carcinoma, the update in challenging topics such as the ovarian metastases, the ovarian sex cord-stromal tumors and the germ cell tumor of the ovary, and the common and the rare testicular tumors have been discussed in a pleasant atmosphere.

In addition, the collaboration with other Societies with interest in Gynaecopathology and Gynaecology Oncology actively continued during 2017. Members of our WG (Professors Glenn McCluggage, Sigurd Lax and myself) are actively participating to the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology (ESGO), European Society for Radiotherapy & Oncology (ESTRO), European Society for Pathology (ESP) collaboration for the *development of guidelines on cervical cancer management* project. In this ongoing process (the *Cervical Cancer Clinical Practice Guidelines by ESGO-ESTRO-ESP*) there are representatives nominated by the three Societies. The group already met three times and the different topics of this initiative have been discussed and the final document, endorsed by all the group members, is now undergoing external review. There are several Gynaecological Pathology WG members who gently accepted to participate to the review process that is going on this summer time and I thank them for taking their time in this initiative. In the next fall, the final text of the guidelines, after the reviewing process, will be

available.

The scientific cooperation between ESP, Gynaecological Pathology Working Group and European Society of Gynaecological Oncology is also very active. The major objective that has been pursued in the Memorandum of Understanding signed in early 2016 by the two Societies is to focus on clinical practice issues and research activities in Pathology and Gynaecological Oncology.

The training and teaching programs of Gynaecological Pathology Working Group is going on also in specific sessions in the framework of the affiliated Society congresses. Two sessions where Gynaecological Pathology WG members are involved have been planned at the European Society of Gynaecological Oncology Congress which will be held in Vienna on November 4-7, 2017.

In addition, the research project on *rare neuroendocrine uterine tumors* with the selection of cases among the Gynaecological Pathology WG members is continuing. The data on histology and immunostaining are complete, Professor Xavier Matias-Guiu, the coordinator of the project, is undertaking the molecular data. We hope to have interesting results soon.

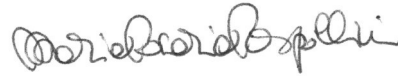
Finally, I would like to greet you, because I will finish my duty as Chair of the Working Group at the end of 2017. I thank all the friends and colleagues that helped me in this activity and supported my initiatives and also for the positive feedback that I received from you. I am thankful to the ESP that gave energy to the WG and that strongly supports the WG activities. The chair receives from the ESP website the applications for new WG members. So far our WG counts on 130 members from European and extra-European countries. This is a great achievement and I hope that other colleagues will become WG members.

The new chair of the WG will be Professor Simona Stolnicu, who has been for the past 4

years the Secretary of the group. Simona will become Chair of the WG during Amsterdam Congress and I wish her to manage our WG with fresh energy and success.

Looking forward to getting from you a positive reply, I remain

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riccardo Pini". The signature is written in a cursive style with some loops and flourishes.

Florence, July 30, 2017