

**PULMONARY PATHOLOGY WORKING GROUP  
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The activity of the PPWG in the **27<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology** in Belgrade, Serbia (5-9<sup>th</sup> September 2015) consisted of 1) symposium, 2) slide seminar, 3) joint slide seminar, 4) videomicroscopy session, 5) oral free paper and poster session.

1. The **SYMPOSIUM** was entitled "*Aetiology and pathogenesis of interstitial lung disease*" and was chaired by Lina Carvalho (Portugal), Zdravko Kosjerina (Serbia) and Živka Eri (Serbia). The program consisted of the following topics and speakers:

- ✚ UIP and NSIP - underlying pathogenesis - Handan Zeren, Turkey
- ✚ IPF - aetiology and pathogenesis - Andreas Guenther, Germany
- ✚ Smoking related interstitial fibrosis and differentials - Wim Timens, The Netherlands
- ✚ Interstitial lung diseases - a Serbian overlook - Jelena Stojsic, Serbia

Similar to other symposium with this multidisciplinary format, this session was well attended with up to 80 people in the room. Guenther has benefited of registration waiver, being a physician. The travel and accommodation expenses of Guenther were in part covered by ESP with the funds assigned to PPWG.

2. Another important activity was a **joint SLIDE SEMINAR** section "*New classification of thoracic tumours -Differences / Criteria / Genetics / Concepts*", organized in collaboration with the "Thymic and Mediastinal Pathology WG" and chaired by Alexander Marx (Germany), Philipp Ströbel (Germany) and Giuseppe Pelosi (Italy). The presenters were the following:

- ✚ John K.C. Chan, Hong Kong

- ✚ Philipp Ströbel, Germany
- ✚ Mauro Papotti, Italy
- ✚ Giuseppe Pelosi, Italy
- ✚ Fiorella Calabrese, Italy
- ✚ Lina Carvalho, Portugal

3. Very interesting unusual cases of lung tumours were well presented during the **SLIDE SEMINAR** “*Lung - unusual tumours*”, chaired by Helmut Popper (Austria) and Richard Attanoos (United Kingdom). The presenters were:

- ✚ Zdravko Kosjerina, Serbia
- ✚ Izidor Kern, Slovenia
- ✚ Myriam Rimmelink, Belgium
- ✚ Irem Hicran Ozbudak, Turkey
- ✚ M. Angeles Fernandez, United Kingdom
- ✚ Nuriya Bilalovic, Bosnia and Herzegovina

4. The **VIDEOMICROSCOPY SESSION** about “ *The most common lung diseases, neoplastic and non-neoplastic*” was chaired and discussed by Helmut Popper (Austria). The section was attended by more than 50 people, many of them young pathologists or residents, who actively participate to the discussion.

5. **ORAL FREE PAPER SESSION** was chaired by Handan Zeren (Turkey), Lina Carvalho (Portugal), Alexander Marx (Germany) and included 15 presentations.

6. Before **POSTER SESSION**, the chairs (Helmut Popper, Fiorella Calabrese, Lina Carvalho and Živka Eri) established criteria to award the best work (quality of the study, research study defending, graphical presentation of the poster). Two researchers were awarded:

**DR. MARK RASSY** “Histologic repartition of pulmonary tumours in Lebanon: a 5-year single institution experience”

**DR. FRANCESCA LUNARDI** “MDM2 and HIF1 alpha expression levels in different histologic subtypes of malignant pleural mesothelioma (MPM): correlation with pathological and clinical data”

The 400 € - prize was given only to Dr. Mark Rassy because of the younger age.

The Business Meeting of PPWG took place on the 6<sup>th</sup> September and during the meeting the chair Lina Carvalho introduced the new chair, FIORELLA CALABRESE, *Padova, Italy*.

The new chair thanked the past chair for her work and stressed two important goals that the PPWG could reach in the following two years:

- 1) to reinforce the communication about the PPWG activities (e.g. using the specific ESP website and sending newsletters);
- 2) to increase the number of members, attracting in particular young pathologists and residents to join the PPWG to secure the future of our discipline.

Concerning the appointment of the new secretary: IZIDOR KERN (Slovenia) was proposed. PPWG members will receive communication about this proposal and, in absence of other candidates, he will be confirmed after 4 weeks.

For 2015 ESP has decided on a general change in the management of WG membership. Thus, all ESP members are about to receive an email, in which they will be asked to register actively on the society's homepage for the working group(s) they intend to be members in. The system will be online-based only (no list of members to be taken care of by the chairman and the secretary any more), which will, however, most probably help to be in closer contact with the respective members.


Thus at the end of the business meeting, a format with the exact procedure to become a member of the PPWG was available in the room (step-by-step procedure is currently reported in the description of the PPWG, uploaded in the PPWG website).

The upcoming **28<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology** held in Cologne will be a joint congress with the International Academy of Pathology (IAP). the PPWG will work hard to guarantee the high scientific level of all sections. The convenors for pulmonary pathology sections will be William Travis, Dr. Reinhard Büttner, and Lina Carvalho. A total number of 5 slots was proposed and updates about this topic will be sent to all members by newsletters.

The PPWG will also be involved in the attraction of young pathologists and residents to join the WG, by organizing specific meetings, courses, travel awards.



Prof Lina Carvalho  
Chair of PPWG



Prof Fiorella Calabrese  
Secretary of PPWG