

Report of the 2013 activities of the Cytopathology Working Group (WG) of the European Society of Pathology (ESP).

The Cytopathology WG has participated to the 25th European Congress of Pathology, in Lisbon, with three sessions, namely:

1) Symposium: Fine needle cytology today: what is up and what is down.

Chairmen: Philippe Vielh vielh@igr.fr (France), Evelina Mendonça emendonca@hospitaldaluz.pt (Portugal).

Speakers: Philippe Vielh vielh@igr.fr (France): "Up's and down's in breast cytopathology", László Vass vasslaszlo@axelero.hu <vasslaszlo@axelero.hu> (Hungary): "Up's and down's in head and neck cytology: reasons and consequences". Evelina Mendonça emendonca@hospitaldaluz.pt (Portugal) "Revisiting pancreatic and gastro intestinal tract cytology in the EUS-FNA era ", Pio Zeppa pzeppa@unisa.it (Italy): "Lymph node cytology between expectations and achievement", Ales Ryska ryskaale@gmail.com (Czech Republic): "Up's and down's in thyroid cytology".

2) Workshop: Cytology and Molecular Testing: what is effective.

Chairmen: Fernando Schmitt fschmitt@ipatimup.pt (Portugal), Manuel Salto-Tellez m.salto-tellez@qub.ac.uk (Northern Ireland).

Speakers: Lucas Bubendorf lbubendorf@uhbs.ch (Switzerland): "New predictive markers in lung cancer cytology", Fernando Schmitt fschmitt@ipatimup.pt (Portugal): "Molecular testing in cytology: overview and pre-analytical issues". Giancarlo Troncone gitronco@unina.it (Italy): "Methodologies to assess KRAS mutation on cytological specimens of metastatic colon carcinoma", Manuel Salto-Tellez m.salto-tellez@qub.ac.uk (Northern Ireland): Personalised Medicine and Molecular Cytopathology - a critical appraisal, Ben Davidson ben.davidson@medisin.uio.no (Norway): "High-throughput molecular analyses as tool for serous effusion diagnosis and prognostication"

3) Slide seminar: Cytology and small biopsies: is there a border?

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The 12th Business Meeting of the Cytopathology WG of the ESP was then hold , on September, the 3rd, 2013, during the 25th European Congress of Pathology. An official Business Meeting was not allotted, therefore the chairman asked the local organizers, to allow the meeting at 13.00h in the room n.5C for one hour. In same room the Cytopathology Symposium, Short Course and Slide Seminar have been hold the same day. Because of this restriction the BM has not had a scientific part and was devoted to the affairs of the WG only. The chairman, opened the meeting and welcomed the participants and the new WG members. He then congratulated the chairmen and speakers Then the new statute of the ESP was discussed focussing on the topics concerning the WGs and their chairs. The chairman then informed the participants that the local organizers of the next ESP Congress of Pathology that will be held in London on September 2014, have allotted to the Cytopathology WG three sections, namely a Symposium, a Short Course and a Slide Seminar. In order to assure to the WG these sessions a preliminary program has already been presented. Moreover the request for a join session with the Endocrine WG has also been submitted. Dott. Tosch (Austria) asked the chairman, on behalf of the EFCS, to submit to the ESP executive board a request of sponsorship for the translation of the “Eurocytology project” in different European languages. The need to widen the WG to new young members and the possibility of increasing the number of join sessions with other WGs in the next congresses has been suggested by most of the participants. The meeting was then closed.

Prof. Pio Zeppa, Cytopathology WG chair.