

Report from ESP Working Group for Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology

The 26th European Society of Pathology Meeting was held in London, UK, between 30st August - 3th September 2014. During the last meetings, the Paediatric Pathology WG has been steadily improving the number of pathologists attending our sessions. This was again repeated this year.

In London, the Paediatric and Perinatal Working Group hosted a short course on “*Trophoblastic diseases and differential diagnosis*”, organized as a joint session with the WG of Gynaecological Pathology. This was extremely successful and attracted an audience of more than 150 people. The slide seminar was devoted to *Foetal and paediatric thoracic pathology* and also attracted an audience of 100 attendees. The Business Meeting hosted 3 conferences : *New classification of soft tissue tumors* (by Cheryl Coffin); *Interstitial lung Disease I – genetic forms of diffuse lung disease in children*” by Megan Dishop and *Interstitial lung Disease II – acquired inflammatory diseases*” by Helmut Popper. In addition, there was an oral free paper session with 12 papers that were accepted for oral presentation and a poster session with 46 posters on display.

A key piece for our achievement has always been the hard work of our working group and the selection of topics of areas of interest to general pathologists. More recently, the sessions that were performed jointly with other WGs produced another added value. The Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology WG strictly adheres to the spirit of the ESP, which guarantees a valuable educational experience by encouraging innovation, friendship and professional collaborations.

The Business meeting of the WG took place on the 2nd September. At the meeting the following discussion took place:

- Isabel Colmenero will be the next secretary of the WG. Rita Allagio apologised for absence and for having to step down for professional reasons. We congratulated Isabel on her appointment and wished her success.
- We have already submitted the programme for the 27th ESP meeting which is going to be held in Belgrade, Serbia, between 5th and 9th September 2015. The programme includes a Business meeting hosting 3 lectures: “The diagnosis of disorders of sex development from the pathologist point of view. the value of gonadal biopsy” by Pilar Gonzalez Peramat, “Paediatric renal tumours: an update” by Gordan Vujanik and a lecture on cardiac malformations by Prof. Jovan Vasiljevic. The Short Course: Cholestasis: from newborn to adult will be a Joint Session with PPP WG and digestive disease WG and will include the topics “Pathophysiology of Cholestasis”, Liver biopsy with cholestasis: Paediatric (Alex Knisely, UK), Liver biopsy with cholestasis: Adult (Luigi Terracciano, Switzerland), Neonatal Cholestasis (Jens Stahlschmidt) and Autoimmune cholestatic liver disease (Dominique Wendum France. The Slide seminar will be a joint session with cardiac Pathology : Joint session WG Paediatric pathology / AECVP. There is an extra slot waiting for the scientific committee’s decision. The WG proposed a Symposium on Lymph Node Pathology in Children. The topics proposed are:
Paediatric follicular and marginal zone lymphoma: (Haematopathology WG), Burkitt Lymphoma including the new group of myc negative

(Haematopathology WG), Celebrating the 20th anniversary of ALK + ALCL (Haematopathology WG), LPD in immunodeficiency (Paediatric Pathology WG), Mimickers of Lymphoma in Children (Paediatric Pathology WG).

There was a new member proposed and accepted to the working group of PPP: Ana Costa Braga, from Portugal. We stressed the need for new members of the WG, as this will reinforce our status at the ESP and our ability to get slots in the setting of European Congresses. The ESP will email all their associates in order to ask them to join the WGs, with the propose to update the files. The only condition required is to be also a member of the ESP and have an interested in the area of the WG.

The 27th ESP meeting will take place in Belgrade. We take this opportunity to invite you all to join us in Belgrade 2015.

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