Activity report 2016.

Autopsy pathology working group.

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Survey

The situation for medical autopsy pathology in Europe is critical. To achieve an overview of the activities in the different European countries, a survey has been conducted and distributed to all member societies. The results will be presented in 2018, at the latest.

Amsterdam 2017

Although it was too late for separate sessions at the next ECP-meeting, autopsy pathology was put on the map as a separate subject for poster and oral free presentations

Bilbao 2018

A scientific program for Bilbao is under construction.

The WG has much in common with several other WGs and joint sessions will be welcomed.

Future activities

The working group was established November 2016 and the number of activities in the first months of existence are thus limited. Areas of concern is the lack of understanding for autopsy pathology as an important tool for quality control in modern medicine, as contributor to biobanks for diagnostics and research, and as tools for medical education and health statistics, to mention a few. The first issue has been to bring autopsy pathology back as a subject within the ESP.