

Ten-year annual report 2011-2020

A decade of participation of the **European Ophthalmic Pathology Society** in ECP

The European Ophthalmic Pathology Society (EOPS)

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Since this is the first report to be uploaded to the ESP website it will provide an overview of the increasing EOPS participation at the European Congress of Pathology since 2011.

The EOPS is a learned society for advancing ophthalmic pathology, the study of the pathological basis of the diseases of the eye and its adnexa: the orbit, eyelids, conjunctiva and lacrimal apparatus.

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2011, 23rd ECP, Helsinki. The first year of participation of EOPS with ECP, organized by Dr Cornelia Mooy. A **Slide Seminar** on “**Ophthalmic Pathology**” was held, chaired by Drs Mooy and Kivelä. Six cases were presented by EOPS members to a select audience. The Neuropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology joint **Oral Free Paper** session, chaired by Drs Ng and Røyttä contained 1 ophthalmic presentation out of 8. Five posters were moderated by Dr Prause, chair of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2013, 25th ECP, Lisbon. The second participation of EOPS with ECP was organized by Dr Sarah Coupland, first formal chair for EOPS as associated society to ECP. A **Slide Seminar** on “**Ophthalmic Pathology**” chaired by Drs Coupland and Proença contained 8 cases presented by EOPS members to a small audience. The Neuropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology joint **Oral Free Paper** session, chaired by Drs Wesseling and Coupland contained 4/7 ophthalmic presentations. Seven posters were moderated by Drs Coupland and Proença, chairs of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2014, 26th ECP, London. EOPS organized a **Symposium** on “**Ophthalmic Pathology: Applied molecular diagnostics in ocular pathology**” chaired by Drs Coupland and Heegaard. Four EOPS members and two invited ophthalmic pathologists from UK and India provided presentations on molecular diagnostics of ocular tumors. The Neuropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology joint **Oral Free Paper** session, chaired by Drs Martin, Roncaroli and Heegaard contained 4/12 ophthalmic presentations. The presentation on “TERT promoter mutations in conjunctival melanoma” by Dr Verdijk was elected to be presented at the **plenary Best Oral**

Presentation session. Twelve posters were moderated by Drs Vemuganti and Coupland chairs of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2015, 27th ECP, Belgrade. EOPS participated in joint symposia. The joint Neuropathology / Ophthalmic/ Infectious pathology **Symposium “Infections of the brain and eye”** was chaired by Drs Cathomas, Ariza and Coupland. Among others two EOPS members and two invited ophthalmic pathologists from the USA and Spain presented ophthalmic infections. The joint Neuropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Oral Free Papers** session chaired by Drs Idoate and Verdijk contained 1/12 ophthalmic presentations. The joint Dermatopathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Oral Free Paper** session chaired by Drs Luzar and Rosic contained 1/9 ophthalmic presentations. Four posters were moderated by Drs Van der Valk and Verdijk, chairs of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2016, 28th ECP/IAP, Köln. EOPS participated in an Ophthalmic Pathology **Symposium** titled “**Eye pathology: Front-to-back, and east-to-west**” chaired by Drs Barnhill and Coupland. Four EOPS members and one invited ophthalmic pathologist from the sister society Verhoeff-Zimmermann Society of the USA presented on ophthalmic tumors. There was a joint EOPS/ISOP/DOP/BAOP **Slide Seminar “Interesting cases in eye pathology”** chaired by Dr Verdijk where three EOPS members and three invited ophthalmic pathologists from Saudi Arabia, UK and USA presented ophthalmic pathology cases. The joint Neuropathology / Nephropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Oral Free Paper** session, chaired by Drs Becker, Ng and Alkatan contained 3/12 ophthalmic presentations. Fifteen posters were moderated by Drs Mihic-Probst and Verdijk, chairs of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2017, 29th ECP, Amsterdam. EOPS participated in a joint short course and organized a symposium. In the joint Paediatric / Ophthalmic Pathology **Short Course “Ophthalmic pathology in paediatric age: A practical approach”** chaired by Drs Colmenero and Coupland three EOPS members and 2 invited ophthalmic pathologists from Saudi Arabia and USA presented lectures on congenital malformations and ophthalmic tumors. In the EOPS **Symposium “Molecular diagnostics in ophthalmic pathology”** 3 members as well as two invited ophthalmic pathologists from the sister society Verhoeff-Zimmermann Society of the USA and Saudi Arabia and a clinical geneticist provided presentations on the molecular diagnostics of ocular syndromes, infections and tumors. The Neuropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology joint **Oral Free Paper** session, chaired by Drs Wesseling and Van der Valk contained 3/12 ophthalmic presentations. Thirteen posters were moderated by Drs Alfaro and Kivela, chairs of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2018, 30th ECP, Bilbao. EOPS participated in two joint symposia. A joint Neuropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology / Head and Neck pathology **Symposium** on “**Melanocytic lesions of the meninges, the eye and the sinonasal region**” chaired by Drs Lammens, Coupland and Helliwel attracted an audience of 55. Among others, two members of EOPS presented on conjunctival and uveal

melanoma. A joint Ophthalmic Pathology / Dermatopathology **Symposium** on “**Common and unusual eyelid tumors**” chaired by Drs Coupland and Calonje attracted an audience of over 100. Among others, two members of EOPS and an invited ophthalmic pathologist from Saudi Arabia presented on grossing of eyelid specimen, melanocytic lesions and sebaceous carcinoma. The Neuropathology / Ophthalmic Pathology joint **Oral Free Paper** session, chaired by Drs Lammens and Verdijk contained 2/12 ophthalmic presentations. The presentation by Dr Van Ipenburg on “MicroRNA in conjunctival melanocytic Lesions” was elected best in session. Ten posters (of which 7 E-posters) were moderated by Dr Alfaro chair of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2019 31th ECP Nice. EOPS participated in three joint sessions and one exclusively ophthalmic Slide Seminar. The **Slide Seminar** with the setup as a short course titled: “**Casuistic introduction in ophthalmic pathology for trainees and general pathologists**” chaired by Drs Verdijk and Kennedy attracted an audience of 40. Eight EOPS members and one resident in Ophthalmic Pathology presented cases on pathology of the ocular adnexa and the anterior part of the eye. A joint History of Pathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Symposium** on “**History of eye pathology: pioneers and Technologies**” chaired by Drs Nesi, Verdijk and Coupland attracted an audience of 9. Four lectures by two EOPS members, one member of our sister society the American Verhoeff-Zimmermann Society and a member of the History of Pathology working group provided an overview of the history of Ophthalmic Pathology. A joint Cytopathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Short Course** titled “**From the eyes to the brain**” chaired by Drs Verdijk and Coupland attracted an audience of 22. Two EOPS members, two cytopathologists and a neuropathologist illustrated the potentials and difficulties of cytology in neuro-ophthalmology. A joint Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Slide Seminar** entitled “**More than meets the eyes**” chaired by Drs Hoogendoorn and Verdijk attracted an audience of 51. Three Ophthalmic pathologists from EOPS, VZS and the French pathology Society and four soft tissue and bone pathologists illustrated a varied set of orbital lesions. The Neuropathology/Ophthalmic Pathology joint **Oral Free Paper** session, chaired by Drs Van der Valk, Godfraind, and Seilhean contained 3/11 ophthalmic presentations. Sixteen posters (of which 13 E-posters) were moderated by Dr Alfaro chair of the Ophthalmic Pathology **Poster Session**.

2020, 32nd ECP joint IAP congress planned for Glasgow had to be converted to an online-only event because of the restrictions due to the Covid19 epidemic. EOPS participated in two joint sessions. A Joint Head and Neck Pathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Short Course** on “**Epithelial tumours of lacrimal tract and the salivary glands**” chaired by Drs Roberts, Helliwell and Verdijk attracted an online audience of 276 and in addition over 295 on-demand views. Three EOPS members and two lacrimal gland specialists from Canada and France presented the last insights in lacrimal system and salivary gland tumors. A joint Joint Haematopathology / Ophthalmic Pathology **Slide Seminar** on “**Ocular lymphoproliferative disease**” chaired by Drs Verdijk, de Jong and Coupland attracted an online audience of 523 and in addition over 200 on-demand views. Three EOPS members and four haematopathology specialists presented on benign and malignant haematologic

conditions of the eye and ocular adnexa. The Joint Oral Free Paper Session
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