

Report 2017 of the ESP Working Group 'IT in Pathology' (IT WG)

The IT WG can look back on a favorable year 2017. Plenty of colleagues participated in the IT WG presentations at the 29th European Congress of Pathology, Amsterdam, September, 2 – 4, 2017. Despite many proposals only two sessions, each of 2.5 hours have been included in the final program. They focused on a) theory and basic considerations of digital pathology, and on b) experiences and implementation of digital pathology into routine pathology practice.

The audience appreciated the commercially completely independent reports and forecasting ideas of the future development of digital pathology as well as the found discussion of constraints and benefits of digital workflow in routine tissue – based diagnosis. This is in agreement with the fast growing implementation of digital issues in surgical pathology which include standards of workflow, personalized medial aspects, diagnosis assistants, and ethical aspects as well.

All these issues were discussed at the annual conference meeting of the IT WG members. The members proposed and discussed the potential presentations to be held at the next ESP European Conference, Bilbao, 2018 and asked the chairman to appeal for more IT WG time at the 2018 conference. Unfortunately, this application was rejected by the corresponding ESP office. Dr. Klaus Kayser announced that he will resign in 2018 and organize the democratic election of his follower in 2018.

This election took place in July 2018, and Dr. Gian Kayser, Institute of Pathology, University, Freiburg, Germany was elected for the new IT WG chairman in 2018. Dr. Gian Kayser who was elected by outstanding majority of votes agreed to take the chair on October 1, 2018.