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Dear GYN PATH WG members,

In this newsletter we summarise the activities of the GYN PATH Working Group in 2012 and inform about the future activities of the Group.

The 24<sup>th</sup> ECP was held in Prague (8-12 September 2012). In a nice atmosphere many gynaecological pathologists met to discuss the advance in pathology of the ovary, of non epithelial tumors of the ovary and of the fallopian tube. A special thanks goes to all the speakers particularly to Glenn W. McCluggage, Ben Davidson, Lynn Hirschowitz, Sigurd Lax, Xavier Matias-Guiu, Michal Michal, Francisco Nogales, Jaime Prat, and Michael Wells for their inspiring presentations, and for their profitable interaction with the audience. We would also like to thank the WG members (Veerle Bossuyt, Bernard Czernobilsky, Silvia Darb-Estahani, Lars- Chistian Horn, Jaime Prat, and Simona Stolnicu) who presented interesting cases during the Slide Seminar.

At the Business Meeting, the "Recommendations for the reporting of ovarian surface epithelial/stromal tumours" was presented. These guidelines have been prepared by myself and Dr. Lynn Hirschowitz

(Birmingham, UK) and revised by six distinguished experts of our group namely Harry HOLLEMA; Sigurd LAX; Glenn MCCLUGGAGE; Francisco NOGALES; Jaime PRAT; and Michael WELLS. We are happy to inform that the guidelines have been endorsed by the WG members by e-mail. Actually the document can be downloaded from the ESP website (<http://www.esp-pathology.org/pdf/GYN%20WG%20Recommendations%20PoPr.pdf>) These guidelines, represent a tentative to homogenize the pathologists' referrals around Europe, since, as you well know, the attitudes are quite different among different areas and different regions.

We warmly invite you to diffuse the guidelines in your practice and in your country.

During the Business Meeting, several new Pathologists joined our group, so now the WG encompasses many new members from European and extraeuropean countries. We recall that the Group is open to all pathologists with interest in Gynaecological Pathology and we encourage you to introduce new members to our Group. In order to join the Group please send an e-mail to Maria Rosaria Raspollini ([mariarosaria.raspollini@aouc.unifi.it](mailto:mariarosaria.raspollini@aouc.unifi.it)) indicating the full address, the position, the areas of diagnostic practice, expertise, and the main research interests. I remind you that the membership of ESP is a prerequisite to

join WG activities. Application for Membership of the European Society of Pathology may be obtained by web site <http://esp-pathology.org>.

The upcoming 25<sup>th</sup> ECP will be held in Lisbon, Portugal (31 August to 4 September, this year). The Congress Venue will be the Centro de Congressos de Lisboa. The core of the programme of the Congress will encompass interesting sessions on Gynaecological Pathology of which the main topic will be cervical pathology. A wide range of scientific sessions will be offered, comprising Slide Seminar; Short Course, Symposia, Videomicroscopy, and Special Session, as well as Poster and Oral Free Paper sessions. The program of our group sessions is awaiting for final approval by the scientific committee and it will be soon available on the website of the Congress.

For the Slide Seminar, we would like to propose the same successful form of the last ECP in Prague with the presentation of singular and intriguing cases by the GYN PATH WG members. **So we kindly invited all members interested to submit cases related to cervical pathology for the Slide Seminar.**

Since we are looking to organize the session as soon as possible, please send the case report at your earliest convenience to [mariarosaria.raspollini@aouc.unifi.it](mailto:mariarosaria.raspollini@aouc.unifi.it).

In the next month, you will receive a questionnaire concerning the sampling and the reporting of cervical, vaginal, and vulvar pathology. We strongly recommend all members to answer to the questionnaire: we would like to prepare a survey on the different ways of sampling and working in the European countries. We hope to be able to present and discuss the results in Lisbon.

Finally, in order to stimulate the interactions between the WG members, we forward the request of Prof. Pavel Dundr, from 1<sup>st</sup> Medical Faculty, Charles University in Prague and member of the Executive Committee of Czech Society of Pathologists. Prof. Dundr (pdundr@seznam.cz) is preparing a study of atypical polypoid adenomyomas, including their molecular pathology analysis. These lesions are quite rare, but he has already collected 8 cases from three Department of Pathology from Czech Republic. More cases would be welcome. Prof. Dundr proposes to the other members, who would be contributing with other cases, to be co-authors of an upcoming publication.

Please write to us for any interesting news and information related to Congresses, Courses in our field or any project you would like to share with the WG members.

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## **NEXT BUSINESS MEETING**

The business meeting of the WG members will be held in the framework of the Lisbon ESP congress: date, hour, location and agenda will be announced to members as soon as possible.

We look forward to meeting you all in Lisbon.

Harry Hollema  
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