

ESP - Pediatric and Perinatal Pathology Working Group Report, Nice 2019

The 31st European Congress of Pathology took place in Nice, the capital of the French Riviera, from 7 to 11th September 2019 in the Nice Acropolis Convention Centre, organized by the European Society of Pathology and the French Society of Pathology. The 2019 meeting was very well attended with many questions and discussions in 9 parallel sessions during four full days in a beautiful landscape on the border of the Mediterranean Sea.

The Pediatric and Perinatal Pathology Working Group (PPPWG) held a total of 5 sessions. All the sessions were top-rated, and each one had more than 100 participants. The joint symposium with the Uropathology Working Group on “Unusual Tumors of the Kidney and Urinary Tract in Children and Adults” and the long course “Update on Vascular Anomalies of Children” were equally outstanding in audience and quality of the presentations. In the slide seminar dedicated to “Congenital Tumors and Pseudotumors”, our outstanding speakers presented seven fascinating cases. The Oral Free Papers session had 12 pediatric and perinatal presentations, one of which was selected for the Plenary Free Paper session. Besides, there were 45 posters, 12 e-posters and a Best Poster Session (5 posters). We warmly thank all the presenters who actively contributed to the success of the 2019 ECP by sending abstracts and presenting their work.

We presented the annual report of the PPPWG during our Business Meeting. The PPPWG has currently 93 registered members, 15% more compared to 2018. The preliminary program for the next ESP-IAP meeting in Glasgow (29th August to 2nd September) was discussed as well. The program will include a long course on “Melanocytic Tumors in Children” (joint meeting with the Dermatopathology WG), a session on “FNA in Children” (together with the Cytopathology WG), and a slide seminar on “Lethal Congenital Malformations”. A joint meeting with the Neuropathology WG on “Pediatric CNS Tumors” is likely to be organized as well.

In order to meet the needs of young pathologists in Europe, we announced and discussed the convenience of sending a proposal for a course in the format of the European School of Pathology (EScoP). The members of the PPPWG supported this proposal, and the topic of Placental Pathology was agreed.

Perinatal and pediatric pathologists were encouraged to join the PPPWG and to send their work to Virchows Archives. on the website and to contact us if further information is needed. Please, feel free to contact us if more information is required.

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