



The main goal was to organize the sessions of the ECP 2018 in Bilbao. The WG served for overall 7 sessions covering the broad range of ID pathology. We were especially pleased to see the great interest from other WGs for joint session: (I) Joint Symposium: Lung infections: The perfect mimickers (together with pulmonary pathology WG), which covered the perspective of a radiologist and 3 pathologists of infectious mimics in pulmonary pathology; (II) Joint slide seminar: Diagnostic pathology of myocarditis and endocarditis (together with cardiovascular pathology and autopsy WG), (III) Short course: Infectious diseases of the immunosuppressed patient: transplantation & beyond, which covered the challenges of immunosuppression and ID in GI pathology, ID pathology in lung transplantation and emerging infections in solid organ transplantation; (IV) Joint slide seminar: What European pathologists can learn from infectious disease pathology outside of Europe (together with the pathology in favour of developing countries WG), (V) Short course: Epidemics of the Past - a Forgotten History of Vaccinations (together with history of pathology WG), covering topics like paleomicrobiology, the history of HIV as well as historical perspectives on vaccination and (VI) oral free poster joint session and (VII) infectious diseases pathology poster session.

A major current goal is to expand the interest in & visibility of ID pathology. Of note also other professional “classical” microbiological societies (e.g. ESCMID) contact us regarding our special expertise (e.g. for joint parasitology course) which is encouraging. Nevertheless we face several problems; (i) responsibilities for ID diagnostics is disseminated between different medical specialties (e.g. clinical microbiology, infectious diseases (internal medicine), laboratory medicine (US clinical pathology) and is even different within pathology in European countries (e.g. Austria vs Germany etc.). Thus as a first step we aim to prepare a questionnaire about ID

pathology in Europe; questions should cover, which disease are regularly (or rarely) diagnosed?, which diagnostic portfolio (methods like IHC, PCR etc) is used. This information could then be used to share expertise (like guidelines; which ABs are useful, which PCRs work, etc.) and identify experts (network to solve complicated cases e.g. via virtual microscopy). As a first starting point we are currently organizing a slide-seminar based ID pathology course which should take place in Austria in fall 2019.

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