

ESP Working Group for Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology – Report from London ECP

The 27th European Society of Pathology Meeting was held in Belgrade, Serbia, between 5th September - 9th September 2015.

In the last meetings the Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology WG has been steadily improving the number of pathologists attending our sessions. This was again sustained this year.

In Belgrade, the Paediatric and Perinatal Working Group hosted 5 sessions. In addition, there was an oral free paper session with 10 papers that were accepted for oral presentation and a poster session with 37 posters on display.

A key piece for our achievement has always been the hard work of our working group and the selection of topics of areas of interest to general pathologists.

This year 3 sessions were performed jointly with other WGs (the slide seminar “Cardiovascular causes of sudden death”, the short course “Cholestasis: from newborn to adult” and the symposium “Lymph node pathology in children”) and produced another added value. The Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology WG strictly adheres to the spirit of the ESP, which guarantees a valuable educational experience by encouraging innovation, friendship and professional collaborations.

The Business meeting of the WG took place on the 6th September. We had 3 excellent presentations (“The diagnosis of disorders of sex development from the pathologist point of view. the value of gonadal biopsy” by Pilar Gonzalez Peramat, “Paediatric renal tumours: an update” by Gordan Vujanik and a lecture on cardiac malformations by Prof. Jovan Vasiljevic).

Isabel Colmenero apologised for absence and Marta Cohen was so kind to replace her co-chairing the BM.

We had the opportunity to stress the need of all pathologists that have an interest on Paediatric and Perinatal to become members of the WG. The ESP recently changed the website and the process of becoming member of the WGs is now done online.

However, it is not very user-friendly and we had the opportunity to ask for some improvements during the ESP WG chair meeting that took place on the 5th September. We have currently 33 registered members.

We also had the opportunity to present the draft of the programme to Cologne 2016 that was conceived in collaboration with IAP and the German Society of Pathology. We asked all members to send us suggestions with topics that and considered interesting and that can be included in future meetings.

For 2016 Cologne Congress the ESP and IAP nominated 2 convenors, Paula Borrhalho for Placental Pathology and Marta Cohen for Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology. The local convenors nominated were Ivo Leuschner and Annette M. Müller.

Paediatric and Perinatal Pathology / Placental Pathology program. The convenors don't know I many slots will be available. At the last IAP in Bangkok, we had a total of 5 sessions. We expect that we have at least the same number (5). This preliminary working program has been discussed and agreed between IPPA, ESP and the German Society (Ivo Leuschner and Annette Mueller).

SESSIONS:

1) Slide seminar: Placental causes of still births
(The following speakers have already agreed to present a case if the proposal is approved. I will be responsible to check that there is no overlap)

Chairs: Annette Mueller /Paula Borralho

- 1.1. Irene Sheimberg (UK)
- 1.2. Jane Dahlstrom (Australia)
- 1.3. Cesar Peres (UK)
- 1.4. Paula Borralho (Portugal)
- 1.5. Helen Wainwright (South Africa)
- 1.6. Mariane Brundler (Canada)
- 1.7. Nicole Graf (Australia)
- 1.8. Ona Faye- Peterson (US)

2) Long or Short course: Soft tissue tumours in the Young (if possible in conjunction with the soft tissue ESP WG. This WG was contacted but we have not yet received a response)

Chairs: Marta Cohen (UK)/ Ivo Leuschner

- 2.1. WHO Classification of soft tissue tumours in the young Jennifer Black (US)
 - 2.2. Smooth and skeletal muscle tumours: Ivo Leuschner (Germany)
 - 2.3. Soft tissue tumours in genetic syndromes CW Chow
 - 2.4. Vascular tumours (Isabel Colmenero, Spain)
 - 2.5. Fibroblastic and myofibroblastic tumours Rita Alaggio (Italy)
 - 2.6. Neurogenic tumours Bruce Pawel (US)
- Rest to be covered by the soft tissues ESP WG
- 2.7. Liposarcoma
 - 2.8. Extraskelatal osseous and cartilaginous tumours

3) Symposium: A classification and molecular appraisal in blue round cell tumours
(this can be in conjunction with the molecular pathology ESP WG)

- 3.1. Wilms tumour
- 3.2. Ewing sarcoma/Peripheral neuroectodermal tumour (PENET)
- 3.3. Hepatoblastoma
- 3.4. Neuroblastoma
- 3.5. Pleuro pulmonary blastoma
- 3.6. Non-Hodking lymphoma
- 3.7. Rhabdomyosarcoma
- 3.8. Rhabdoid tumour

4) ESP Business Meeting: 3 lectures + Business meeting

- 4.1. Hirschsprung's Disease in the 21st century (US) Raj Kapur
- 4.2. Eosinophils in the GIT

4.3. Recent genetic developments in paediatric leukaemias

5) Symposium: Medico-Legal aspects of perinatal deaths

5.1. The perinatal autopsy

5.2. Intra-partum asphyxia

5.3. Intra-partum trauma Sam Holden

5.4. Early neonatal death

5.5. Neonatal infections

6) Proposed by Prof. Han van Krieken : Slide seminar (together with the working group on paediatric pathology: Paediatric lymphomas (Chair: Wolfram Klapper and member of the pediatric WG)

We take this opportunity to invite you all to join us in Cologne 2016.

We are already working on the programme for 2017 (Amsterdam) and the Chairs of the Ophthalmologic Pathology WG and Head and Neck Pathology WG have already agreed to work and have joint sessions with us. We will be very glad to have suggestion and input from all the WG members as well.

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