

Activity report 2018.

Autopsy pathology working group (WGAut)

Chairperson (2016 - 2020): G. Cecilie Alfsen, Oslo, Norway.

Secretary: Myriam Haab, Homburg, Germany

Members and general activity

At the beginning of 2019, the WGAut counts 47 members, which is an increase of >30% in the last year.

The chairperson attended both ESP WG joint meetings at February 23th (in Brussels) and September 7th (in Bilbao).

Business meeting: A first business meeting was held after the symposium in Bilbao, Tuesday September 11th. The discussion was focused on the problems of decreasing autopsy rates all over Europe, and subjects for future congresses.

Bilbao September 2018

The WGAut participated in several activities:

- Symposium SY-21: The first symposium by the WG was titled: *The role of autopsy in modern medicine* and is described in detail in ESP Newsletter August 2018. (<https://www.esp-pathology.org/publications/esp-newsletter-Summer-edition-2018.html>).
Chairs from WGAut: G.Cecilie Alfsen, Norway and Carlos M Pontinha, Portugal.
- Slide seminar SS-09, arranged jointly with Cardiovascular pathology and Infectious diseases: *Diagnostic pathology of myocarditis and endocarditis*.
Chair from WGAut: Ivana Kholova, Finland. Cases from WGAut-members: 2
- Oral free paper session (OFP-06): Co-chair from WG Aut: Cathomas Gieri, Switzerland.
Autopsy-papers: 4
- Poster session (PS-13): 5 posters. Chair and co-chair WGAut members Rui Almeida, Portugal, and Laura Aon, Argentina.

Survey: The results from the survey on practice of medical autopsies in Europe were presented as poster 002.

Several members of the group contributed as reviewers of abstracts during spring and early summer 2018, before the congress.

Nice 2019.

In addition to the OFPs and posters, the WGAut has been appointed two slots:

- Symposium, jointly with WG IT, titled: *The Autopsy – a perspective of education and training in pathology*
The symposium will focus also on digital alternatives.
- Short course, jointly with WG History, Euro-CNS and ESGFOR on Safety in the autopsy room.

Activities for **Glasgow 2020** are under discussion.