Memory of activities in 2015 ESP WG Uropathology

Members of ESP WG have participated in relevant international consultations aimed to improved Uropathology practice across Europe and the USA. This includes the ICCR of Renal tumors, ICCR of bladder and urinary tract tumors, ICCR of Testes and Penis, and the international consultation on Testis Pathology early 2015.

The ESP WG has organized in conjunction with the Italian Society of Pathology the 1st Update Course of Uropathology in Milan, Italy 2015. There were 140 participants, half of them locals, and the rest from different European countries as well as some participants from the USA, Japan, or Australia. The score received from participants in terms of practical utility has been high.

The 2nd update course of Uropathology is expected for the year 2016 in Romania.

Members of the ESP WG had participated in several aspects of the WHO blue book of Genitourinary Organs and some attended the “on site” Editorial Meeting, March 2015 in Zurich. The book has recently launched.

The Scientific committee of the EMUC (European Multidisciplinary Urologic Cancer) will continue to include a representative from the ESP WG Uropathology. The representative for the next 2 years is Prof. Rodolfo Montironi which officially started in January 2016.

The scientific activities organized by the WG in the context of Belgrade meeting were well attended with a high participation in the business meeting discussions. A discussion has been open along members of the ESP WG on the fact of the WG having more active participation on discussions related to the practice of urologic pathology across Europe. A number of topics related to reporting pathologic activities have been identified and should be discussed at time of Cologne meeting. Reporting of Neuroendocrine GU tumors and basic reporting of prostate biopsies are within the scope; with the purpose of provide a homogeneous reporting of such entities among the European pathologic community.

A period for election of the next Chair of the WG will be open in April 2016 using web resources and the registry of members of the ESP WG. The new Chair should start after the Cologne Meeting.

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