

ESP History of Pathology WG

Annual Report 2016

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3ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ESP HISTORY PATHOLOGY WORKING GROUP

The Annual Meeting of the ESP History of Pathology Working Group was held in St.Petersburg (Russia) from 16 to 18 June, thanks to the efforts of the local organizer, Prof. Vsevolod A. Zinserling. The meeting included 21 oral presentations and 7 invited lectures, with speakers coming from several European countries. The city of white nights, a matchless treasure of art and culture, gave participants the opportunity to visit the outstanding Kunstkamera of Peter the Great and the famous Institute of Experimental Medicine. The abstracts of the Meeting are published in *Clinical Pathophysiology* (ISSN 1683-9102; 2016, Volume 22, Issue 2).

28TH ESP CONGRESS OF PATHOLOGY

The ESP History of Pathology Working Group met again at the XXXI International Congress of the International Academy of Pathology and 28th European Congress of Pathology held in Cologne (Germany) from 25 to 29 September, with a dedicated symposium and business meeting. The conveners were Gabriella Nesi (Italy, ESP) and Peter Meister (Germany, German Division of IAP). The Symposium was entitled: "History of Pathology: From Rudolf Virchow's cellular pathology (19th century) to Karl Lennert's functional pathology (20th century)".

The first session, chaired jointly by Antonio Llombard Bosch (Spain) and Peter Meister, focused on Rudolph Virchow with talks given by Hans Konrad Muller-Hermelink (Germany) and Antonio Cardesa (Spain), whereas the lecture by Robin Cooke (Australia) discussed the pathology of gas lungs in soldiers during World War I.

The second session was chaired by Antonio Cardesa and Gabriella Nesi. Contributions from the speakers (Annette Schmitt-Graeff, Germany, Martin-Leo Hansmann, Germany, Peter Meister) recalled German pathologists, including one of the most renowned: Karl Lennert. This was followed by Sigurd Lax (Austria) who spoke about the tragedy and emigration of talented Austrian pathologists after the "Anschluss".

Finally, during the business meeting, the Chair of the WG gave a short summary of the group's activities. It was decided to hold the 4th WG Meeting in Coimbra in June 2017, with Prof. Rosa Henriques de Gouveia (University of Coimbra, Portugal) as the local organizer.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The UNESCO World Heritage site, Coimbra will host the 4th International Meeting of History of Pathology from 30 June to 1 July.

In late summer, History of Pathology sessions will feature within the ESP Congress in Amsterdam.

Thank you for reading this short document, please feel free to contact me regarding any questions.

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