

Activity report 2022

Autopsy pathology working group (WG AUT)

Chair (2020-2022): Myriam Metzger, Homburg, Germany

Co-Chair: Carlos M. Pontinha, Lisbon, Portugal

Members and general activity

At the end of October 2022, the WG AUT counts 82 members.

After a decrease in members at the beginning of 2022 due to technical issues, applications soon raised the group back to its former size.

The chair took part in the virtual chair meeting Jan. 26th 2022 and a physical chair meeting on Sept. 4th 2022. Furthermore, the chair took part in a virtual meeting with the ESP Education Subcommittee March 30th 2022.

A virtual business meeting was held Sept. 12th 2022, including elections of a new chair and co-chair:

- 19 members attended.
- Election of new chair and co-chair 2022-2024:
Chair: Cristina Basso, Padova, Italy
Co-chair: Gheorghe-Emilian Olteanu, Timisoara, Romania

Contributions to the 2022 ECP in Basel, Switzerland, Sept. 4-7 2022:

The WG AUT participated in the following sessions:

- SS-14: Joint Slide Seminar with Cardiovascular Pathology, Pediatric and Neonatal Pathology: Hereditary diseases at autopsy. Chairs: Paula Borralho Nunes, Portugal; Carlos Pontinha, Portugal; Alphonse Nadal, Spain
- SC-18: Joint Short course with Pulmonary Pathology: Grossing lung pathology specimen. Chair: Federica Pezzuto, Italy; Myriam Metzger, Germany
- PS-18: Poster session: 6 Posters
- E-PS-01: 14 E-Posters were presented in the autopsy category
- OFP-08: 5 contributions to the Oral Free Paper Session

Further activities

The " Code of practice for medical autopsies: a minimum standard position paper for pathology departments performing medical (hospital) autopsies in adults" was published by a working group of 13 members from the Aut WG in Virchows Archive (DOI: 10.1007/s00428-021-03242-y).

Plans for ECP 2023

The WG Aut plans to participate in the following activities:

- Joint Session with Ophthalmic pathology WG (symposium or short course): preliminary title: "An eye out for autopsy pathology"
- Joint-session with History of Pathology WG (Symposium): preliminary title: "Landmarks in Autopsy Pathology".

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