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The BDIAP Newsletter

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My CV gives the bare facts: Honorary Secretary 1988-1993; Divisional Editor 1994-1997; Editor of *Histopathology* 2003-2012; President-elect 2010-2012; but these brief entries belie the joy and professional satisfaction that the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology (BDIAP) has provided over the last 25 years. Kitty Muggeridge once said of David Frost that "*he rose without trace*". I hope that delicious insult cannot be applied to me! It was Mike Dixon in Leeds who first suggested that I should be-

come the Honorary Secretary of the BDIAP in succession to David Ansell who I shadowed for two years; Professor Colin Bird advised me not to take on the role. I assumed the role under the Presidency of Dr Henk van der Schoot who died earlier this year. He and his wife entertained us lavishly at their farmhouse following a meeting on Gastrointestinal Pathology in Middelburg in 1987. In those days there was a President, a Treasurer, a Divisional Editor, the Honorary Secretary and no administrator; I was responsible for pretty much everything that was not financial. Please don't imagine that the meetings were invariably smaller in those days; the meeting that I hosted on Gynaecological Pathology in Leeds in 1990, for example, attracted about 190 participants, which remains a record or near record attendance for an out of London meeting. However, what one must remember is that the present range and complexity of the BDIAP's activities bear no comparison to



**Presentation of
Cunningham and President's
Medals at
The Breast Pathology
Meeting London,
November 2012**



FUTURE MEETINGS

6th Trainees Meeting
Royal College of Pathologists,
February 26th 2013

Joint Meeting with The Pathological Society
Edinburgh International
Conference Centre
18th - 21st June 2013

Intestinal Pathology
London,
29th - 30th November 2013

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those days; essentially, there was a spring meeting, a November London meeting and *Histopathology*, first published in 1977.

For my first November meeting in London, I followed David Ansell's frequent choice in the 1980's and booked the Butchers Hall for the dinner, one of the "most traditional and stylish of all the City Livery Halls". At this venue, David had invariably chosen steak and, at the dinner, a large portion of the beast was paraded majestically by the chefs on a huge silver platter. So nervous was I to stay within budget to avoid the censure of the Treasurer, I chose steak and kidney pudding. Henk and his wife were far too polite to complain but I could see by the body language of Henk and others (including Harold Fox who never allowed me to forget the incident) that I had made a terrible *faux pas*. By and large, the Dutch regard steak and kidney pudding as tantamount to offal. So I learned a very important lesson from this baptism of fire. I had some secretarial assistance in Leeds but the receipt of booking forms for meetings and the accompanying cheques or money orders was quite problematic, particularly from Belgian colleagues, for reasons that I never quite fathomed. I believe that it was I who first invited speakers from North America to participate in our meetings. When I expressed my intention to demit office after six years, I remember Bryan Corrin taking me aside and asking me if I was unhappy in the post; not at all I replied but I considered six years to be long enough.

Consider the Presidents who have held office since 1989: MacSween, Corrin, Heimann, Henry, Ansell, Sweeney, Underwood, van den Tweel, Elston, Cuvelier, Williams and Shepherd; a veritable roll-call of distinction in British and continental European Pathology. I feel very privileged to have, eventually, joined this illustrious group, several of whom have become good friends. The BDIAP is the professional organisation with which I have been most closely and consistently involved over the last quarter century and has also brought the most enjoyment. I think often how humbling it must be to be a Dean of one of our great cathedrals; perhaps in no other working environment is one quite so aware of the transitory nature of one's custodianship (of perhaps 15-25 years) in the context of a circa 800 year history. I derive a slight frisson of what that must feel like as I study the BDIAP's Presidential chain of office (now valued at £6000) bearing the inscriptions in gold of 29 presidents since 1962 (and may I add only one female President, Professor Kristin Henry).

"Denn alles fleish est is wie gras und alle herrlichkeit des menschen wie des grasses blumen".

I believe that the Presidency is, in part, recognition of achievement in, and service to, the BDIAP and this was never truer than for my immediate predecessor Professor Neil Shepherd who was so instrumental as Secretary of the BDIAP in expanding the range of the BDIAP's activities. Thereafter, he continued to guide



the BDIAP effectively for two years as President and I would like to express my sincere personal thanks to him. The officers and members of Council and our administrator Carol comprise a wonderful group of people; both effective and congenial. So I hope to maintain the momentum and the "direction of travel". I would like the BDIAP to become even more influential internationally in terms of what one might refer to as the central IAP. The BDIAP can be influential and catalytic in the formation of an "assembly" of European Divisions of the IAP, perhaps in partnership with the European Society of Pathology. I firmly believe that if cellular pathology in the United Kingdom is to maintain its strong and influential position throughout the 21st century, we must combine forces and collaborate increasingly with the Royal College of Pathologists and other national societies, the most important of which is the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. Above all, we must maintain the quality of our educational meetings and our outreach activities for the benefit of less advantaged countries. I welcome the opinions of members of the BDIAP who can contact me directly at: m.wells@sheffield.ac.uk

Michael Wells

5th December 2012

**Professor Neil Shepherd handing over the BDIAP
presidency to Professor Michael Wells at the AGM,
23rd November 2012**

**FROM THE IAP IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT,
Professor Kristin Henry
(right with the gavel as IAP President)**

As I came to the end of my term of office as IAP President - December 2010 – 2012 - it gave me enormous pleasure to welcome participants to the XXIX International Congress of the IAP in Cape Town. This was the first time an IAP Congress has been held on the Continent of Africa and my prediction that it would be an outstanding, exciting and memorable event proved correct.

XXIX International IAP Congress Cape Town, September 29th – October 5th, 2012

Ever since the South African IAP Division won the bid to host the Congress, Martin Hale - President of the Congress- the Scientific Committee and Convenors, the Congress Organisation and many others had worked tirelessly to ensure its complete success; and it was evident that much thought has gone into the planning of the Congress.

There was one particular group of pathologists I was especially pleased to welcome. These were the 157 pathologists, mainly young and from mainly African Countries, who had been selected by the IAP Education Committee for a Bursary award enabling them to attend this Congress. I was later able to talk to many of them at the special lunch arranged for them and hear how delighted they were to attend the Congress (**Below right** - East African bursary recipient Ahmed Kalebi on the left and recipient from Nigeria on the right)

The opening ceremony on Sunday 29th reflected the many cultures of South Africa. At the buffet reception, while enjoying the culinary delights we were entertained in a most innovative way by many musicians including some extremely talented African opera singers. The buffet was followed by the official

Opening Ceremony when after the introductory welcome addresses from Martin Hale - President of the Congress - and the IAP President, the assembly was delighted and impressed by a group of young African singers.

The Scientific Programme was wide ranging, addressing many of the pathology problems experienced in Africa many of which focused on infectious diseases. The programme also included six sessions devoted to the educational needs of African Pathologists and their most effective modes of delivery; and a plenary Education Session on the delivery and advancement of pathology—especially to those Divisions and Countries perceived as underserved in pathology..

Because the scientific sessions all finished by 16.00 hrs there were ample opportunities for the participants to visit the many places of interest in the beautiful and impressive city of Cape Town and its environs.

The Gala Dinner on Thursday 4th October at Stellenbosch was excellent and very well attended. The buffet dinner held in the open under canopies was superb and the entertainment again focused on African musicians. The Congress organisers had generously waived the cost of the dinner for all the speakers.



At the **Closing Ceremony** on Friday 5th, Martin Hale expressed his great pleasure on the success of the Congress which had gone so well – over 1350 had attended. And he again paid tribute to his Team who had all worked so hard towards its success. All that was left for me in my closing remarks was to congratulate Martin and his team and the many others who had contributed to the overall success of the Congress and to say how pleased I was that the Congress had coincided with my term as President. From the perspective of the BDIAP it was very pleasing that that many co-ordinators, chairmen and speakers of the scientific sessions. were from the UK

I will now briefly report on some important aspects of the four Business Meetings held prior to and during the Congress.

At the **IAP Education Committee Meeting** on 29th, chaired by Kristin Henry in HK Ng's unavoidable absence, HK Ng was congratulated on a successful year 2011 -12 with several meetings organised and/or about to take place - notably the First Clinico-Histopathology Workshop in Phnom Penh, Cambodia in November 2012 and the 24th ADIAP Meeting in Khartoum Sudan December 2012, both of which had been supported by the BDIAP

A report was received about the 157 pathologists- mainly those in training- awarded Bursaries to attend the Cape Town Congress and of whom 13 had been awarded Bursaries from the BDIAP

The continuing success of the Arab-, Bosnian-, Sri Lankan- and East African- British Schools of Pathology was applauded as was the German Division's International Junior Academy Summer School now

jointly organised with Martin Hansmann and Kristin Henry for the BDIAP. The 5th joint GDIAP and BDIAP Summer School took place in Dublin in July 2012 at Portmarnock. It was a great success and the local arrangements organised by Professor Mary Leader were much appreciated.

The IAP President's Visiting Goodwill Ambassadors Programme is now up and running with the first two Ambassadors appointed being Professor Sami Shousha from the BDIAP visiting the West Bank/ Palestine in October 2012 and George Kontegeorgos IAP Vice President for Europe from the Hellenic Division visiting Georgia and Turkey early in 2013



Portmarnock July 2012: Martin Hansmann, Ann Sandison and Sami Shousha in the front row.

The **Finance Committee**

Meeting which followed was chaired by the newly appointed Finance Committee Chairman Ray McMahon. The audited financial position of the IAP was presented by the Treasurer Allan Tucker and the allocation to the Education Committee was confirmed as unchanged.

The **IAP Executive Committee Meeting** then took place at which David Hardwick, the current IAP Secretary announced he would be stepping down as IAP Secretary as 2014. Reports were received of the many activities of the IAP Divisions. One important development was the formation of the South American IAP Assembly formed by the South American IAP Divisions in the same manner as the Asia Pacific IAP Assembly comprising Australia, China, HongKong, India, Japan, Korea, Philippines, Singapore, Taiwan and Thailand.

On 30th September prior to the Opening Ceremony, the **IAP International Council Meeting** took place. Not all the 88 IAP Members nominated as eligible Councillors attended. And some who were unable to attend had arranged proxies.

There was an excellent presentation by the Arab Division to hold the XXXII IAP Congress at a venue on the Dead Sea just outside Amman, Jordan in 2018. There was a unanimous vote



The South American IAP Assembly formed by the South American IAP Divisions. Edouardo Santini-Araujo, the President Elect is 3rd from left

from the Councillors to accept the bid.

The Report from the Chairman of the **IAP Nomination Committee** was given by Professor Francis Jaubert. Of the two equally illustrious nominees for IAP President Elect - George Kontegeorgos and Edouardo Santini-Auroja, the latter candidate was elected following a balloted vote.

Antonio Llombart- Bosch, Chairman of the **IAP Awards Committee** announced that the IAP Gold Medal was awarded to Marcello Franco from Brazil and Kristin Henry,

The IAP **Business Meeting** took place on Tuesday 2nd October. The Reports on the outcome of the Education, Finance and Executive International Council Meetings on the 29th and 30th were reported. The ceremonial handover of the Gavel and President's Medal by Kristin Henry to the incoming IAP President Samir Amr took place with effect from December 1st 2012.

Now as IAP Past President I look forward to the next two years and the continuing successes of the IAP and its active Division and their educational endeavours..

Kristin Henry, December 2012



The ceremonial hand- over of the Gavel and President's Medal by Kristin Henry to the incoming IAP President Samir Amr



**Cape Town 2012
Opening Ceremony Choir**



Minstrels at the Reception



**Three Excellent Opera Singers
who sang during the Reception**



**Martin Hale hands the IAP Flag to
Pongsak Wannakrairot, Chairman of
the organising committee for the 2014
International Congress in Bangkok,
Thailand.**



FROM THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, Dr Alec Howat

The BDIAP has an ever increasing role in international pathology education and development. It now has four British Schools of Pathology and provides educational assistance to several Divisions of the IAP, especially the Arab, South African and Indian, in the form of goodwill ambassadors and lecturers. It also has a major role in the development of pathology education in sub-Saharan Africa.

Further, Council has agreed that the BDIAP should establish closer links with other Divisions, especially within Europe. Indeed the central IAP Council, under the auspices of the current President, Professor K Henry, has recommended that active Divisions, such as the BDIAP, develop closer relationships with other Divisions of the IAP. In Europe, there is a proposal for a "European Assembly", the latter possibly resulting in a pan-European IAP meeting alternating in years with the IAP World Congress. These latter developments will be primarily undertaken by the European Vice President, presently Professor C Cuvelier.

In 2011 the BDIAP created a new subcommittee, the International Subcommittee, to co-ordinate all international activities, chaired and co-ordinated by a newly founded Officer, the International Secretary. The major roles of the International Committee include:

1. Organising the 4 annual Schools of Pathology
2. Organising ambassadors to various Divisions
3. Organising lecturers at various non-UK Divisional meetings.

The success of these projects relies heavily on the continuing goodwill of colleagues willing to take time away from work and represent the Division in far flung parts of the globe; our eternal thanks go to these members.

In addition, over the last year or so, the Division has been working closely with the Royal College of Pathologists and the newly-formed College of Pathology of Eastern, Central and Southern Africa (COPECSA) to submit a grant for improvement of public Pathology services in 5 COPECSA countries (Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia & Zimbabwe). The grant is a Multi-Country Partnership Proposal to the UK Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET). The project will focus on 4 main areas:



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COPECSA 4 MEETING, NAIROBI

- Delivery of Laboratory Skills & Management Trainer Workshops: 'Train the trainer' workshops that will provide senior laboratory personnel (pathologists, laboratory managers, chief technologists and biomedical scientists) with the skills to teach, mentor and supervise others to conduct tests to international quality standards.
- Delivery of Laboratory Skills Assessment & Improvement Workshops: To assess the technical quality, skills and competencies of 2 laboratory technologists in each laboratory; the Pathology tests will be relevant to the needs of the population and closely related to Millennium Development Goals 4, 5 & 6. Corrective specialist training will be delivered to improve the quality of common tests and diagnostic procedures, bringing the service up to international standards.
- Implementation of Laboratory Improvement Projects: The 4 laboratories in each country will collaborate to (a) identify an aspect of their service which is critical to maternal and child health (MCH) and which is in need of improvement; (b) develop and implement an 'action plan'; and (c) evaluate and report on the impact of the improvement actions. The project countries will then share the details of their improvement projects, findings and results with each other with a view to (i) sharing best practice; and (ii) incorporating this learning into their own working methods and practices.
- Creation of a Laboratory Skills Improvement Network: to ensure on-going inter-country and regional training, learning and sharing of best practice between laboratories. The potential for scaling up and disseminating the project's assessment, improvement, management and leadership training activities will be achieved through the network.

This grant will focus on simple relevant tests such as HB/haematocrit, U&Es, urine dipstick for sugar & protein, malaria smear testing, TB smear testing, rapid HIV. Histopathology will not be included in the initial tranche. Therefore, as can be seen, the Division will be playing largely a supportive and executive role in the process and is unlikely to be providing educational personnel unless in the field of laboratory management. Our outline proposal has been short-listed with the final grant to be submitted in late November. We should hear whether successful or not in February 2013.....

Alec J Howat
International Secretary on behalf of the International Committee

Alastair Burt

Editor in Chief, *Histopathology*

The beginning of 2013 heralds in my second year as Editor in Chief of *Histopathology*. Year one was both stimulating and fulfilling; I believe that the new editorial team has already begun to show its impact on the quality of the journal. It was a busy year with a record number of submissions and many months saw bumper issues; indeed we had to include an online only issue mid way through 2012 to ensure that papers appeared in a timely manner.

My vision for *Histopathology* is for it to be seen as 'first in class': a journal with a clear focus on (i) diagnostic histopathology and molecular pathology (ii) prognostication and (iii) what I describe as 'tissue-based personalised medicine'. We welcome translational studies that involve, or are relevant to, human clinical trials but do not see the journal as being one that covers experimental pathology *per se*; indeed we now would not consider for publication manuscripts that were solely based on animal and/or cell culture studies. On the other hand, we do want it to be seen as the place to submit papers describing novel entities and multicentre/multidisciplinary approaches to core disease processes including leading position papers that serve to influence and inform clinical practice.

I am passionate about *Histopathology* having a very strong international presence. To this end I appointed three regional editors: Dan Berney; Gary Tse and Jason Hornick. This arrangement has worked incredibly well already and I am most grateful for their enthusiasm and hard work. We also have a new and enlarged International Editorial Advisory Board which should further lead to greater global reach. This is being complimented by a renewed boost to marketing with a high profile for the journal at key international meetings such as USCAP and IAP.

Some will have noticed that the impact factor of the journal dropped again this year. This of course is disappointing but to some extent was a reflection of the large number of papers that had been accepted over the previous two years. Impact factors are important for journals. Like it or not, success breeds success and journals are likely to get the very best papers submitted to them if they have outstanding citation metrics. However impact factors can be somewhat fickle; this is amply illustrated by the ever changing annual league tables of scientific journals in most categories in the ISI. Furthermore, although as Editor in Chief I clearly need to keep my eye on the impact factor I am as focussed on impact itself. In other words I want to see *Histopathology* publish papers that make a real difference for patient management even though they may not be cited hundreds of times!

The Annual Review issues continue to be well received. The 2012 ARI on Prostate Cancer was a *tour de force* and has been followed by an outstanding ARI on Gynaecological Pathology. These have been contributed to by some of the best histopathologists in their fields. One of the key aims has been to include state of the art reviews that bring the readership up to date with the science behind the topic but with very clear messages for pathologists in practice. We intend to make more of an educational slant for the journal in future with the incorporation of additional materials on the revamped journal website and where appropriate in printed issues of the journal.

I want to see *Histopathology* with a reputation for delivering a fair, responsive and efficient peer review process with decisions being made for authors in a timely manner and papers being published (on line and in print) as quickly as is reasonable. We have implemented a number of changes which are addressing these key points and already there has been a substantial reduction in turnaround times which has been welcomed by authors. Within a matter of days of a paper being accepted for publication, a preliminary version of the manuscript now appears as an Accepted Article on line and at this stage counts as a formal citable publication. I am not suggesting that we have got the whole publication process completely cracked (and there will be a few more initiatives in 2013 to hopefully further improve our position) but I am delighted with the progress that has been made thus far.

Some of you will know that the beginning of 2013 also heralds in personal change for me. I have now taken up the job of Dean of Medicine at the University of Adelaide in South Australia. We arrived to a heatwave and as I write this piece for the newsletter the temperature outside is around 36 degrees! My relocation will not have any adverse impact on my job as Editor; indeed it further underscores the international reach of *Histopathology*! I am delighted with the enthusiastic support I have received from both Wiley Blackwell and the BDIAP Council to continue in this role. I look forward to many more stimulating and fulfilling years ahead in this position.



PRESENTATION OF THE BDIAP CUNNINGHAM AND PRESIDENT'S MEDALS AT THE DINNER DURING THE MEETING ON "BREAST PATHOLOGY", NOVEMBER 2012

THE CUNNINGHAM MEDAL

Presented by the President to Professor Claude Cuvelier, IAP European Vice President, in recognition of his service to the BDIAP and flowers presented to Marianne Cuvelier (right)



THE PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

Presented to Professor Mary Leader for her long and distinguished service to education in Pathology.

REPORT OF XXIX INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY OF PATHOLOGY HELD ON 30 SEPTEMBER TO 5 OCTOBER 2012 IN CAPE TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA BY DR FRED JOHN NNAEMEKA OBJAJULU

With gratitude to the BDIAP for the award of a bursary of the sum of 2500 pounds to attend the IAP congress in Cape Town South Africa, I wish to present my report.

I left Nigeria on the 29th of September and arrived in Cape Town on the 30th of September after a one stop journey through Johannesburg airport. I checked into my hotel - Harbour Bridge and Suite, Roggebaai canal, Lower Long Street, Cape Town, with a warm reception from the staff.

I attended the opening ceremonies and submitted my poster which was displayed throughout the duration of the conference. Also I was refunded the sum of 2500ZAR by the IAP at the Venue of the conference. I attended the dinner with all its serenity and ambience.

Throughout the conference, I applied myself diligently to all the conference had to offer. It also afforded me the opportunity to make friends, meet and interact with the president of the IAP, Professor Kristin Henry, some of the members of BDIAP, including Professor McMahon and Carol Harris, as well as other pathologists from other divisions and some students, who I encouraged to continue to show interest in pathology. I established contact in anticipation of working with them in the future.

I registered for and attended one long course on GIT pathology and a short course on molecular pathology of the breast. These are the two areas of special interest to me, on which my fellowship dissertation is based.

I also had time to tour the beautiful city of Cape Town at the end of the conference.

I was able to bring back some academic materials, including books for use in my department.

I returned safely to Nigeria on Tuesday the 9th of October, 2012.

The experience I had was simply awesome!

I promise to apply this wonderful experience and the knowledge I gained from the conference in the discharge of my duties.

Once again, I thank the British Division of the International Academy of Pathology for this great opportunity. I will also not hesitate to give back to the division in any area they may need my services as a junior member of the Noble Association.

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**DR OBJAJULU WITH PROFESSOR KRISTIN HENRY AND DR ROBIN COOKE (top right),
PROFESSOR RAY McMAHON (centre) AND CAROL HARRIS (bottom left)**

FROM THE DIVISIONAL EDITOR

Dr Stephen Wells



As brother Michael takes on the role as President of the BDIAP from November 2012, I embark on my sixth and last year as Divisional Editor and Webmaster. Like Michael, I believe that six years in post is long enough to achieve things and not long enough to become stale and next November I will hopefully hand over to someone new with fresh ideas on how best to run the various bursaries, through which the BDIAP has expressed its generosity over several years. Last year (from the AGM in November 2011 until the one in 2012) was a record year regarding bursaries agreed by the Education and IT Subcommittee, chaired by me, namely 5 elective scholarships, 13 BDIAP bursaries, 13 bursaries to attend the IAP meeting in Cape Town (including 4 Nermin Durakovic bursaries for Bosnian pathologists), 7 travel bursaries, 5 BSc scholarships, 1 BDIAP fellowship and 2 bursaries for the 5th Junior Academy. This is something we can be justly proud of and it gave me, and other council members, great satisfaction to meet some of the bursary recipients at our two UK based meetings in Oxford and London as well as in Cape Town. For many of these recipients, it is the only way that they can possibly attend a meeting outside of their own country. The gratitude which they all, without exception, express is overwhelming and humbling! I am grateful to my colleagues on council and colleagues mainly in academic centres around the UK for hosting recipients of BDIAP bursaries for short attachments in their departments to enhance their experience of attending our UK meetings.

There has been much discussion around the future of the website in council over the past year. My role over the past five years has been to keep it up to date and my greatest innovation has been to introduce a password protected area so that BDIAP members can access a wealth of educational material in the form of presentations from past meetings, mainly in the form of powerpoint presentations saved as pdf files, whilst assuring contributors that these will not be accessible to the general public. This is working well. However, I am only too aware that the website, whilst functional, needs a facelift and therefore requires professional input which is beyond my limited IT skills (obtained from a two year web designer course completed in three months five years ago, with subsequent atrophy rather than further development of those skills). I don't apologise for my inability to take on that task. All of the work I do on the present website takes many hours of my time, particularly when there is a new meeting or bursary to set up and I have to ensure that links to Worldpay payment pages and various on line forms are functioning correctly. I am convinced that this should no longer be done by an amateur like me. I think other pathology organisations came to that conclusion some time ago! This is all under discussion, but I think and hope that you will see changes in the website within the next two years.

Meanwhile, I hope you find this issue of the Newsletter both interesting and informative.



Left: Bosnian recipients of the Nermin Durakovic bursary with Stephen Wells (Divisional Editor) at the opening ceremony in Cape Town and right (left to right): Adisa Chikha, Semir Vranic, Nermina Ibisevic, and Nuriya Bilalovic

The 29th Congress of the International Academy of Pathology, Cape Town International Convention Centre, South Africa. 30th September-5th October, 2012.

Anna Green, BDIAP Junior Councillor and recipient of a BDIAP Travel Bursary.



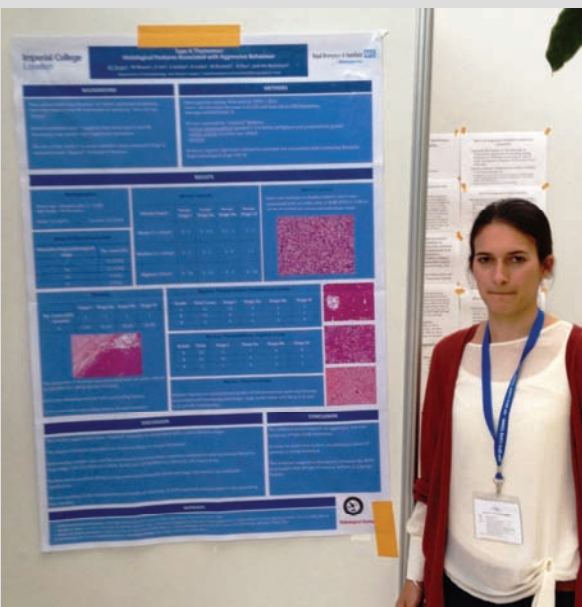
The 29th Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) took place at the Cape Town International Convention Centre, located against impressive backdrop of Table Mountain and near the Victoria and Alfred Waterfront. The welcoming ceremony opened the congress in style and the evening was completed by a South African buffet and local wine.

The scientific programme, which started on Monday morning, was wide ranging. With up to 11 sessions, comprising symposia, short courses, long courses, slide seminars and workshops, available at any one time, it was almost hard to choose which sessions to attend. I started the week at the pulmonary pathology short course on Mediastinal pathology, which was of particular interest as one poster of the three posters I had accepted, was on "A Thymomas: Histological Features Associated with Aggressive Behaviour". This early morning session provided a concise overview of Mediastinal pathology, including a presentation on thymic tumour classification by Professor Marx from Mannheim, with whom we have recently collaborated to expand the work on which my poster was based.

The symposium presentation by Professor Asa and Professor Chetty on the 2010 WHO classification of pancreatic endocrine tumours was delivered in the format of a debate. This provided a detailed discussion on the changes in the classification system and their key differences, which was of interest in relation to my current job in a centre reporting many gastrointestinal endocrine tumours.

After attending two of the cardiovascular symposia on the Monday, it was my turn to contribute, with an oral presentation in the cardiovascular slide seminar entitled "what is it." As my first oral presentation at a conference, it was a great experience, with a friendly and engaging audience who contributed to an interesting discussion on distinguishing cardiac sarcoid and giant cell myocarditis.

Tuesday's symposium on gestational trophoblastic neoplasia, chaired by Professor Wells, spanned a logical approach to the pathology of miscarriage to a very clear presentation on molecular pathology in the context of gestational trophoblastic disease. I followed this up with the pulmonary pathology symposium on interstitial lung disease, which was an excellent revision of the type of cases I had seen while working at the Royal Brompton. On Thursday, I spent the day at the hepatobiliary long course, covering a range of topics, from the macroscopic examination of pancreatoduodenectomy specimens to biliary precursor lesions.



ANNA WITH HER POSTER



VIEW OF DOCKS AND THE CONFERENCE CENTRE FROM TABLE MOUNTAIN

Other highlights of the week for me included the update on colorectal neoplasia, the two part symposium on salivary gland pathology, and an excellent session on oral pathology, a subspeciality to which I haven't had much exposure, but for which I now feel I have a logical approach. The evening workshop on authorship, chaired by the editors of the Histopathology and Journal of Pathology, Professor Burt and Professor Hall, was an invaluable lesson on preparing and submitting papers for publication.

Attending an international conference also gave me a perspective on pathology outside the UK, and the similarities and differences in both the cases reported and the challenges to providing this service around the world. For example, I was fascinated to learn in the cardiovascular session, of the significant contribution that Chagas disease makes to the incidence of myocarditis in Brazil, a disease that is rarely, if ever encountered in our practice. It was also very inspiring to hear of the work presented by Dr Lukande in Uganda, who through his work in autopsy practice, reports regular autopsy CPC meetings for up to 200 people, attended by SHOs, most of whom had requested and attended an autopsy on one of their patients in the preceding 6 months.

Cape Town was a welcoming and amazing city to spend a week in. The social programme culminated with the gala dinner attended by several hundred conference attendees, which was a very enjoyable evening, and there was just time to take the cable car up table mountain, sample the incredible seafood served at the waterfront and take a guided tour around the city. In conclusion, I am very grateful to the BDIAP for their bursary, which enabled me to attend and present at this incredible conference and I'm looking forward to the next IAP congress which will take place in Bangkok, Thailand in 2014.



LEFT: A DASSIE ON TOP OF TABLE MOUNTAIN

**BELOW: THE CASTLE WITH TABLE MOUNTAIN
IN THE BACKGROUND**



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DERMATOPATHOLOGY, Oxford 13-14th April 2012

BREAST PATHOLOGY, London 23-24th November 2012





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The British Division of the International Academy of Pathology covers:

- The United Kingdom
- The Netherlands
- Belgium
- The Republic of Ireland.

Its aim is the advancement of pathology, through:

- Improvement of methods of teaching pathology
- Coordination of pathology with allied sciences and techniques
- Promotion of research in pathology and pathologic techniques
- Publication of reviews and the results of work in pathology and related fields
- Convocation of meetings and congresses for exchange of scientific information and ideas.

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Richard Scolyer, Eduardo Calonje, Thomas Brenn, Werner Kempf, Richard Carr, Bernhart Zieger

Right: 106th Symposium on Breast pathology, November 23-24 2012, Royal Institute of British Architects, London.

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