

Dear Colleagues,

We are having a busy year with many transitions, and I thought it would be helpful to further explain to all of the members what ISGyP is in the process of doing. As you may remember from the business meeting in March, ISGyP has entered into a collaborative relationship with the American Society of Clinical Pathology (ASCP); a move that we think will be of benefit to both societies. The assets of ISGyP have grown to more than \$800,000, and the management of the website, membership applications and renewal, bookkeeping and accounting exceed the capacity of our entirely volunteer Board of Directors. The ASCP will be paid to help us with each of these functions, which are vital to our continued existence and responsiveness, but are generally boring for most pathologists (myself included) to consider. In particular, at present, we are in the process of transferring accounts and membership lists to ASCP, so processing of memberships may be slower than usual. We are going to be making changes to the website, and I will also ask for your patience as this proceeds. We really would like to be able to have much better interactions of members with the Board of Directors and the newly formed committees.

More exciting is the potential for new initiatives in which the special skills of gyn pathologists might interact with the organizational resources available to a much larger organization. We are planning to present a second symposium each year at the annual ASCP meeting in the fall, and we are going to work with ASCP on projects that might include an initiative like cervical cancer screening and treatment in developing countries.

The ISGP Education Committee, chaired by Anais Malpica and Vinita Parkash, have put together a very interesting symposium for the annual meeting at USCAP, next March in Boston. I hope that you will be able to join us. The agenda is shown below:

**Topic: Emerging Concepts and Problematic areas in Lower Genital tract Pathology**

**Session 1: Squamous lesions of the Lower Genital Tract**

1: 30-35 Introduction Zaino/Parkash/Malpica

1:35- 2PM VIN and AIN: Diagnosis, Nomenclature, Ancillary Techniques - Teri Longacre

2-2:30 PM Vulvar Carcinoma: HPV and non HPV - Jaume Ordi

Short Presentations

2:30 – 2:45 PM Lichen in the Vulva: Diagnosis and Differential Diagnosis - Maria Angelica Selim

2:45-3:00 PM Sentinel Node Mapping and Ultra-staging in Vulvar Carcinoma Elizabeth -Euscher

## **Session 2: Glandular and Mesenchymal lesions of the lower Genital Tract**

3:30- 3:35 Introduction

3:35- 4 PM Recently Described Variants of Lower Genital Adenocarcinoma - W Glenn Mccluggage

Short Presentations

4-4:20 PM Patterns of Invasion in Cervical Adenocarcinoma Predict outcome - Andres Roma

4:20- 4:40 PM Proximal Epithelioid Sarcoma of the Vulva - Andrew Folpe

4:40 – 5 PM Embryonal Rhabdomyosarcoma of the Cervix - Dana Ashley Hill

I should mention that we had a very impressive response from the members who wished to participate in the Education Committee, and some of them now comprise the committee. In addition, we now have a list of individuals who may rotate onto the committee in the future. The Education Committee will next start working on the development of a list serve to address diagnostic problems or areas of controversy, which we think may also feed into the choice of topics for future symposia.

We also have a Finance Committee reviewing our fiscal policies and investment strategy, and an Administration Committee that will address a few more necessary changes to the bylaws.

I hope to send out newsletters of this sort more regularly in the future. Please let me or other members of the Board of Directors know of any concerns or suggestions that you might have to improve the function of the ISGyP.

With best wishes,

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