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Message from the President



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Dear colleagues,

IT has been a year since the dream of the Arab Division of the International Academy of Pathology (ADIAP) came true. Precisely on the 14th -18th of October 2018, the Dead Sea in Jordan held with pride the XXXII Congress of the IAP, and the 30th Congress of the AD-IAP, leaving a landmark on the ability of the AD-IAP, through the restless support of its members, to organize and hold such an international Congress.

Since winning the bid in Cape Town, South Africa during the 29th Congress of the IAP in 2012, the Organizing Committee of the XXXII Congress of the IAP worked hard to ensure the delivery of an outstanding, rich and edge cutting scientific program. More than 400 international speakers delivered their talks over the various sessions, including symposia, long courses, short courses, slide seminars, and special sessions. There were four keynote lectures. More than 500 abstracts were submitted, reviewed, and distributed between free oral presentations and poster presentations. Additionally, more than 1500 participants registered and attended the Congress.

The social activities were as rewarding as the scientific ones. From the Dead Sea unique venue, the delegates took some time off the busy schedule to wander around Jordan. Visiting Jordan's historical places including Petra, Jerash, and Madaba left many delegates with unforgettable memories. Testimony of the IAP Officials, many of the attendees and speakers was consistent; the XXXII Congress of the IAP was ASTONISHING!

From here, the ADIAP carries on with its mission. The Arab School of Pathology held a workshop in Beirut, Lebanon, attracting many residents and juniors pathologists in the region. Moreover, we are gathering at the beautiful seaside city of Hurghada in Egypt to indulge in more updates on the fascinating science of pathology, proving over and over, that our division, the Arab Division, can, and will, carry on with its mission of reaching out to Arab pathologists all over the Arab World.

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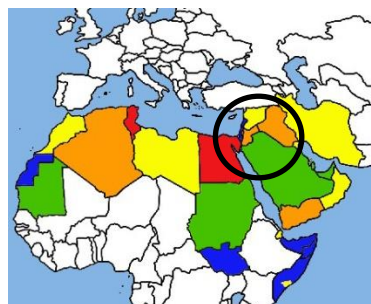
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XXXII Congress of the International Academy of Pathology

30th Congress of the Arab Division of the IAP

Dead Sea, Jordan

14th -18th October 2018

Under the Patronage of the Prime Minister of Jordan, Dr. Omar Razzaz, and on behalf of the Arab Division of the International Academy of Pathology (ADIAP), the XXXII Congress of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) was hosted at the King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Centre in the Dead Sea-Jordan, on the 14th – 18th of October 2018. It was an unbeatable chance to update your knowledge on all aspects of diagnostic and molecular pathology, along with getting the chance to visit and enjoy science at the lowest point on Earth; the Dead Sea.

Throughout its relatively short journey spanning slightly more than 25 years, the Arab Division has become an active member in pathology education and continuing professional development both for practicing and trainee pathologists in the Arab world and the region.

The organizing and scientific committees worked restlessly to ensure the delivery of an outstanding Congress. Led by Dr. Ismail Matalka; President of the Congress, Dr. Samir Amr; Past President of the IAP, Dr. Ghazi Zaatari; Secretary of the AD-IAP, Dr. Hassan Annab; Treasurer of the ADIAP, and Dr. Maysa Al-Hussaini; President of the ADIAP, worked jointly to ensure the delivery of an unforgettable Congress. An international board of Conveners that consisted of 28 international pathologists, and 17 Arab pathologists who constituted the Board of Conveners on behalf of the ADIAP, worked hand-in-hand along with 20 Jordanian Pathologists representing the local Facilitators, to plan the sessions, communicate with speakers and guide the final layout of the scientific program. In addition the Jordan Board of Tourism fully supported the Congress, to ensure that its delivery was outstanding.

Through 56 sessions over 4 full days, review of all the various disciplines of pathology was delivered by 400 speakers from 92 nationalities to over 1300 pathologists. This included Breast pathology, Bone and soft tissue, Cytopathology, Dermatopathology, Hematopathology and Flowcytometry, Gastrointestinal and Hepatobiliary and pancreas pathology, Gynecological pathology, Head and neck pathology, Infectious pathology, Neuropathology and Ophthalmic pathology, Nephropathology, Pediatric pathology,>>>



Upper; The opening ceremony of the 32nd Congress of the International Academy of Pathology.
Lower; The Organizing Committee members at the conclusion of the Congress with a "thumbs up."





Left; Dinner with the President of the Royal College of Pathologists, Professor Jo Martin.
 Right; Lina Alnahr, Jo Martin, Ismail Matalka, Samir Amr, and Maha Shomaf.



Left: Samir Amr, Dietmar Schmidt, Kristin Henry, George Kontogeorgos, Antonio Llombart-Bosch, and Robert Osamura. Right: Ray McMahon receiving the IAP flag from Ismail Matalka.



Group photo for (left) pathologists from Sudan, including some bursary awardees and group photo (right) from different other countries, with Ismail Matalka.

>>>Pulmonary pathology, Mediastinum and Thymic pathology, Renal and genitourinary system, Thyroid, endocrine pathology and neuroendocrine pathology. In addition; special sessions were held to address the more advanced approaches in modern pathology including Digital and Telepathology, Immunohistochemistry, and Molecular pathology and Bioinformatics.

"History of Pathology" also received special attention with a symposium dedicated to discuss the pioneers that set the stage for the modern pathology.

Due to its vital role in recent pathology, Quality in Surgical Pathology was addressed in special sessions that were heavily attended. Additionally, education in pathology including the undergraduate pathology curriculum and postgraduate training were addressed.

In addition, four eminent renewed pathologists delivered Keynote lectures. This included Dr. Alistair Burt, who talked about the "Progression in fatty liver disease: from microscope to bedside and to population", Dr. Günter Klöppel on "Pathology of the Pancreas and Neuroendocrine Tumors", Dr. Sherif Zaki on "Pathology of Infectious Diseases and Emerging Infections", and Dr. Klaus Kayser "Predictive diagnosis and microscopic image content information".

To be as inclusive as it could be, 123 bursaries has been offered to junior pathologists and pathologists in training from disadvantaged countries. This included 86 from ADIAP worth USD 1500/ each, 37 from central IAP including 5 from the British Division (BDIAP) and 4 from the German Division (GDIAP).

A total of 541 abstracts were submitted. These were sorted out, reviewed and scored by the "Abstract Review Committee" composed of Dr. Samir Amr, Dr. Nidal Al-Masri and Dr. Mousa Al-Abbadi. Eighty-nine abstracts were assigned to oral presentation, and 452 for poster presentations.

The ADIAP council meeting took place on the 18th of October, including representations from various member countries. Updates on the progress of the Congress; the successes and challenges were addressed. In addition, plans for the future Division's meeting were discussed.

Social activities included a dinner with the President of the Royal College of Pathologists from the United Kingdom, Professor Jo Martin. The Gala Dinner was held on Tuesday the 17th of October with a traditional and folklore show. A lot of attendees visited many of the historical places including Petra "the Rose City", Jerash; the Pompeii of the East, the Baptism site, Madaba and Mount Nebo, to mention only a few.



At the Gala Dinner which took place on the evening of Wednesday the 17th of October, where traditional folklore dancers performed, accompanied by participants from the Congress. Many of the attendees joined and gathered around the dancers, trying to imitate their moves.





The Council Members of the ADIAP at the conclusion of the Council annual meeting.

Obituary

It is with great sadness that I write this obituary on behalf of the Arab Division of the International Academy of Pathology (ADIAP) after receiving the news of passing away of an eminent pathologist, a colleague, a friend and an enthusiastic supporter of the ADIAP in particular and Arab pathologists in general, Dr. Nayef Aqel, a Consultant Histopathologist at London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust, who passed away on Sunday the 13th October 2019.

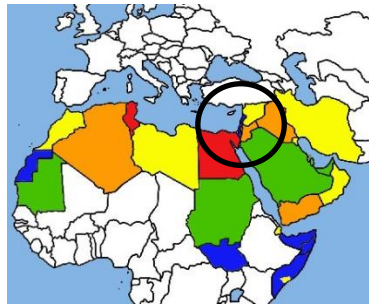
Dr. Aqel has been a prominent histopathologist and a close friend to many of us. In addition to his outstanding career in the UK, he has been an important asset for supporting pathology services and training in many other countries, especially Jordan, Palestine and Egypt. He has been an active member of the Royal College of Pathologists in the UK, and has supported many of its international outreaching programs; including the RCPATH International Diaspora Forum. He has been an asset to the ADIAP, and has always believed in and offered support to, the mission of the Division. His commitment to helping others will be his enduring legacy.

We offer a sincere condolences and sympathies to his family, friends, and ourselves at the ADIAP.



Upper: Dr. Nayef Aqel, as last seen and remembered at the Gala Dinner during the 32nd Congress of the IAP, at the Dead Sea. Lower: during a meeting at the Royal College of Pathologist at the Middle-East Forum.





Arab School of Pathology Breast Pathology and Cytopathology Beirut, Lebanon

11th -13th April 2019

The Arab School of Pathology and the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the American University of Beirut AUBMC held a cytopathology and breast pathology workshop entitled "Updates in Breast Pathology and Cytopathology" on the 11th – 13th of April 2019 at the American University of Beirut, Beirut, Lebanon. The program covered molecular markers and updates, diagnostic and prognostic microscopic features in addition to clinical correlations related to cytopathology and breast pathology.

The guest speakers included internationally recognized pathologists who selected an outstanding and unique collection of instructive cases for the purpose of this specialized workshop including; Fadi Abdul-Karim, Nour Sneige, Dina R. Mody, Asif Loya, Nina Salem Shabb, Fouad Boulos, and Ibrahim Khalifeh.

The educational programs of the Arab School of Pathology primarily target pathologists in training and junior/senior pathologists. Around 50 participants from multiple countries including the Gulf countries, Syria, Iraq, and Lebanon attended the activity.



Speakers, organizers and delegates of the workshop in front of the Collage Hall at the AUB.