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Lung Pathology Course

16-18 January 2015

Amman, Jordan

IAP-Arab Division 27th Congress

Dubai, UAE

International activities

USCAP 104th annual meeting

21st -27th March 2015

Hynes Convention Center

Boston, MA, USA

The 27th European Congress of
Pathology

5th – 9th September 2015

Sava Centar, Belgrade, Serbia

Message from the President



Ismail Matalaka, M.D. FRCPATH
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Dear Colleagues,

I am very honored and privileged to be appointed as the president for the years 2013-2015. The division is witnessing a turning point where it has become one of the leading divisions in our international organization, the International Academy of Pathology (IAP). Our Division is now regarded by the leaders and pioneers of the IAP as one of the "Big Brother" divisions. This reflects our significant contribution to pathology education, training, and continuing professional development and our commitment to fulfill the objectives and goals of IAP to help newly established divisions and reaching remote and under-served countries.

Last year we celebrated our Silver Jubilee in Amman at the 25th meeting of our Division. This meeting was rather special in its scientific content and atmosphere. Most of the pioneers and friends of the Division made the journey from far off destinations and joined us. Their efforts and contribution were acknowledged at the opening ceremony. We enjoyed also a special Gala Dinner at the Marriot of Dead Sea and a comprehensive attractive edition of the newsletter was distributed. As usual, Amman hospitality for the sixth time of the Division's meetings continues to offer the best welcoming, organization, and perfectionism.

Dr. Samir Amr and as an IAP president (2012-2014) has exercised his duties participating in different regional and international activities and made great efforts to leave unforgettable touches during his tenure of presidency. No doubt that having Dr. Amr, one of the founding members of the Arab Division in this post speaks for itself on the active role of the Division and the recognition of our IAP >>>

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>>> central organization of the Division and its members. The Division has also crowned this high profile achievement by winning the bid to host the 2018 IAP congress in Jordan, Dead Sea. Last October and in the IAP 2014 Congress in Bangkok, Thailand, our booth to promote our future congress was very well received by excited people who were looking forward to be with us at the Dead Sea.

Despite all the unstable political turmoil in our area, the division business continued without significant interruptions. We kept on the momentum of the Division against all such odds, as our energetic Secretary Dr. Ghazi Zataari stated at some point. Nevertheless, we have done even much better than previous years.

The Arab School of Pathology workshops on soft tissue in Oman (March 2014) and Algeria (May 2014) were accomplished successfully with very enthusiastic positive feedback from participants. The division went beyond expectations and gave hand to the newly established Malaysian division through Dr Samir Amr and Dr Fouad Al-Dayel who conducted a workshop on bone pathology (September 2014).

Beirut managed to host two outstanding Arab School of Pathology activities, one of which on Haemtopathology (June 2014) and the other on Genitourinary pathology (September 2014).

Dr Amr and I got the chance to participate in the first meeting of the Turkish Division in Istanbul (June 2014). The Turkish colleagues were very keen on future collaboration and even joint meetings with the Arab Division.

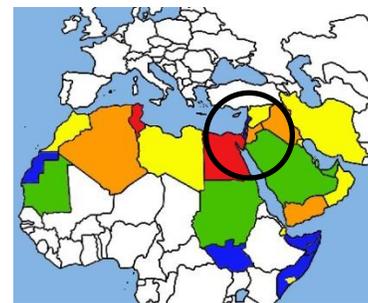
In November 2014, the Arab Division and through the efforts of our distinguished Ambassadors Dr Amr and Dr Sheikh, conducted a workshop on soft tissue tumors for our Indonesian colleagues at the meeting of the Indonesian Division in Padang in the Island of Sumatra.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to our 26th congress of the Arab Division in Sousse, Tunis. This meeting is taking place in this nice and beloved country for the fourth time and for the second time in Sousse and I wish all a fruitful and enjoyable meeting.

I certainly feel so proud of being a member of this flourishing and highly respected division and pray to Allah to keep our countries and families stable, safe, and full of love and peace.



25th Congress of the Arab Division of International Academy of Pathology Amman, Jordan 7-9 November 2013



The meeting was held in Amman, Jordan on 7-9 November 2013 at the Le Royal Hotel in collaboration with the Jordanian Society of Pathologists. This special meeting marked the 25th anniversary of the AD-IAP journey. Dr Samir Amr, President of the IAP amused the attendees of the opening ceremony through the “Kamal Ishak” memorial lecture, which took place on the evening of the 6th November, by sharing with them the journey of success of the Division despite of all hurdles, obstacles and challenges. Many pictures of Arab Pathologists from the very first meeting of AD-IAP in Amman in 1988, until the 24th meeting in Khartoum, Sudan were displayed. The pioneer Arab and Jordanian Pathologists as well as all supporters of the Arab division were handled “Plaques of Appreciation”, delivered by HE Mr. Akel Biltaji, a friend and great supporter of the mission and the vision of the AD-IAP. The voices of the “University of Jordan” choir refreshed the opening ceremony session which concluded by an open reception.



The scientific program started on the 7th November and the morning session of the first day covered updates on breast and gynecological pathology, with lectures and slide seminar cases delivered by eminent speakers, including Prof. Sami Shousha (UK), Prof. Michael Wells (UK) and Dr. Fadi Abdul-Karim (USA). The afternoon session was dedicated for the special session, “Directly from Experts”. As the title implies, interesting cases were presented by renewed international experts including Prof. Kristin Henry (UK), Prof. Bharat Nathwani (USA), and Prof. Antonio Llombart-Bosch from Spain. The evening session was dedicated for quality and accreditation in surgical pathology, a unique session by Dr. Raouf Nakhleh. The second day started with updates on tumor pathology, which included updates on lung tumors by Prof. Ghazi Zaatari (Lebanon) and Prof. Fouad Al Dayel (KSA), as well as updates on liver tumors by Prof. Annette Graeff (Germany). This was followed by an extended session on hematopathology that spanned through the afternoon and evening sessions. Dr. J. Khoury (USA), Dr. Nayef Aqel (UK), Dr. Teresa Marafioti (UK) and Prof. Annette Graeff (Germany) covered various updates and shared many interested cases with attendees.

The morning session of the third day focused on updates in immunohistochemistry in renal and genito-urinary pathology and Prof. Jae Ro (USA) and Prof. Eyas Hattab (USA) shared their experience and presentations with the attendees. Prof. Mostafa Fraig (USA) covered the cytology of pancreatic tumors in the afternoon session. The last session on the third day was delivered by Dr. Ibrahim Nawroz (UK), who dedicated this session for the junior pathologists in training through a session entitled “Grossing and reporting for Junior Pathologists”.

H.E. Mr. Akel Biltaji, Dr. samir Amr and Dr. Ismail Matalka at the opening ceremony

Throughout the meeting, junior pathologists from around the Arab world participated with oral presentations that enriched the sessions. There were in total 14 oral presentations, including 2 sessions of “Pathology Across Arabia” as well as 66 poster presentations displayed throughout the days of the conference.

For the first time, meetings of the working groups of the Arab Division took place on the afternoon of the third day, where interested delegates attended the introductory meetings of each working group including gastro-intestinal, soft tissue and bone, neuropathology, Hematopathology groups, and others.

The council meeting took place on the afternoon of the second day. It addressed many topics including the announcement of an award by Prof. Teresa Marafioti for young Arab pathologist to attend one of the international pathology meetings. The President of the Congress >>>

>>>Dr Ismail Matalka, and Dr. Maysa Al-Hussaini, the Chair of the Scientific Committee, briefed the council on the progress of the meeting.

The closing ceremony updated the participants on the progress of the Arab Division. Ibn –Al Nafis Awards for the best poster presentations were awarded to Dr. Azza Zulfu from Sudan for the poster entitled “The role of image guided biopsy in ovarian cancer”, the second award went to Dr. Shaymaa Alloh from Jordan for the poster entitled “Central neurocytoma, experience from Jordan”, and the third award went for Dr. R. Hamrouni from Tunisia for the poster entitled “Benign mediastinal cysts. Study of 49 cases”.

The social activities included a special Gala dinner on the evening of the second day at the Marriot Resort at the Dead Sea. This was accompanied by a show of traditional performance.



Dr. Raouf Nakhleh handing plaque of appreciation to Prof. Eyas Hattab



Prof. Teresa Marafioti during the presentation at the Hematopathology workshop



Group photo of participants of the 25th Congress of the AD-IAP at the main hall, La Royal Hotel, Amman- Jordan

The meeting attracted around 400 participants from all around the Arab world including Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Libya, Algeria, Sudan, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Bahrain, Sudan, Oman, Palestine, Yemen, Morocco, and Tunisia. Participants from other countries included South Africa, UK, USA, Canada, France, and Germany. The congress included parallel sessions in Laboratory Medicine that covered several timely topics in clinical hematology, clinical immunology, clinical chemistry, clinical microbiology and quality assurance.



UP: Group photo of the council members meeting. **Down:** handling of Ibn –Al Nafis Awards to Dr. R. Hamrouni(right), Dr. S. Allouh (middle) and Dr. A. Zulfu (Left).



Dr. Isam Francis (middle) handling Dr. Jae Ro (left) a plaque of appreciation, with Dr. Nidal Al-Masri on the right.



Dr. Salah Jitawi (right) handling a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Josef Khouri (left)



Traditional entertainment at the Gala dinner.



Upper row; Dr. Mousa Abbadi (right), Dr. Annette Graeff (left)
Lower row; Dr. Eyas Hattab (right) and Dr. Salwa ElHaddad (left)

A pre-congress cytopathology workshop was organized by Dr. Mousa Al Abbadi (King Fahad Specialist Hospital, Dammam, Saudi Arabia), which took place on the 5th and 6th November. Two speakers from USA assisted Dr. Abbadi, namely Dr. Fadi Abdul-Karim (Cleveland Clinic) and Dr. Issam El Tom (University of Alabama). The workshop covered gynecologic and non-gynecological cytology. This was a very successful educational activity and was attended by 85 pathologists.

Cytopathology workshop. Speakers: Up: Dr. Fadi Abdul-Karim (left), Dr. Issam El Tom (right) and down-right : Dr. Mousa Al Abbadi. Down left: Group photo of attendees.



Plaques of Appreciation distributed by Prof. Kamel Alajlouni, Dr. Samir Amr and Prof. Ismail Matalka at the Opening Ceremony to supporters of the AD-IAP as well as to pioneer Jordanian Pathologists



Prof. Kristin Henry (UK)



IAP Secretary Dr. David Hardwick (Canada)



Prof. A. Llombart-Bosch (Spain)



Prof. Michael Wells (UK)



Prof. Annette Graeff (Germany)



Dr. Nayef Aqel (UK)



Prof. Musleh Tarawneh (Jordan)



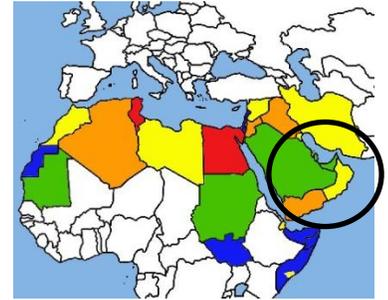
Dr. Khalid Zidan (Jordan)



Dr. Salah Jitawi (Jordan)

Workshop on Soft Tissue Tumor Pathology

Muscat, Oman,
22-23 March 2014



Oman Medical Specialty Board (OMSB) organized a workshop on "Soft Tissue Tumor Pathology" in association with Arab School of Pathology on 22-23 March 2014 at Crown Plaza Hotel. The event was held under the auspices of H. E. Dr. Abdullah Al Futaisi, Executive President of Oman Medical Specialty Board, who inaugurated the event and handed over the mementoes to the invited speakers.

The workshop started with an introduction about the course and a welcome speech by Dr. Ibrahim Al Haddabi, the Chairman of the Organizing Committee and Pathology Consultant at Sultan Qaboos University Hospital. Dr. Ibrahim mentioned the value and vitality of the participation of different pathologists all over Oman and other different Arab countries that gave great opportunity to share our experience and knowledge in the area of scientific research. This was followed by Dr. Samir Amr's talk on the role of IAP-Arab Division of Arab School of Pathology in promoting education in pathology. Several lectures, slide seminars and Q & A sessions that covered most aspects of the >>>

>>> soft tissue tumors and mimics were conducted over two days and delivered by three distinguished speakers including Dr. Samir Amr (KSA), Dr. Angelo Paolo Dei Tos (Italy) and Dr. Tariq Al Zaid (KSA).

A total of 62 participants attended from all over Oman, different Arab countries and India. The participants were given a CD containing many presentations on various topics offered at meetings of the United States-Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) as a gift from Dr. Samir Amr, the President of IAP.

As the meeting concluded Dr. Hunaina Al-Kindi, the Programme Director of OMSB and Council member Arab Division of IAP proposed the vote of thanks to all speakers, participants and the organizers.

The social program included the Gala dinner at Fulk Al-Salama, a luxury yacht in Muttrah, with a short cruise. The workshop was very successful with rich academic activities and an opportunity to interact with several pathologists and the distinguished speakers. Following the success and positive feedback we are now motivated towards holding similar workshops in the future.

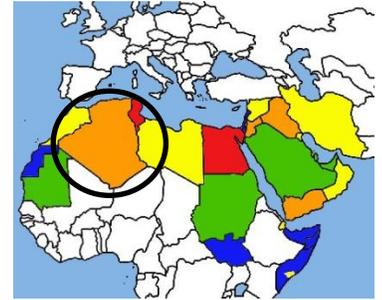


Group photo of the speakers and participants of the workshop

Workshop on Soft Tissue Tumor Pathology

Algiers, Algeria

29-30 May 2014



As an activity of the Arab School of pathology, a 2-days workshop on the difficult subject of soft tissue tumors was conducted in Algiers, Algeria, prior to the Algerian Academic Society of Anatomic Pathology and Cancer meeting. The workshop was organized through the joint efforts of Prof. Kheira Bouzid, >>

>> Prof. Fatima Ben Serai and Dr. Assia Slimani. Both Dr. Samir Amr and Dr. Hatim Khoja contributed equally to the workshop, which was well attended with more than 130 participants from various parts of Algeria.

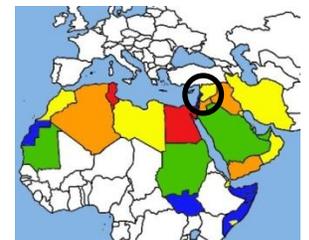


Group photo for participants, organizers and speakers at the soft tissue tumors workshop in Algeria

Workshop on Hematopathology

Beirut, Lebanon

19-20 June 2014



"I am glad to report to you that despite the unsettled political climate in the region and the recent tragic events in Syria and Iraq, the Hematopathology Workshop of the Arab School of Pathology proceeded as scheduled". With these words, Prof. Ghazi Zaatari started his report on the Hematopathology Workshop that took place on June 19-20 and attracted 42 registrants from various Arab countries including Syria, Iraq, Bahrain, Tunisia and Lebanon. >>>

>>>The two day workshop was very instructive and was well reviewed by the attendees. The program consisted of didactic lectures and case discussions with emphasis on the latter. The work of the guest speakers, Dr. Nayef Aqel and Dr. Teresa Marafioti must be acknowledged and the local team, Dr. Rami Mahfouz lectured on molecular pathology of lymphomas and Dr. Zaher Chakhachiro and Dr. Samer Nassif gave outstanding case discussions sessions that complemented the lectures and the case discussions by the guest speakers.

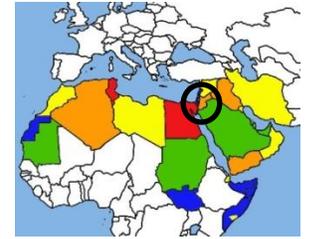


Group photo of the speakers and participants of the hematopathology workshop

Workshop on Urogenital Pathology

Beirut, Lebanon

29 September- 2 October 2014



On 29 September- 2 October 2014, the Arab a School of Pathology in association with the Department of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine at the American University of Beirut conducted a workshop on Urogenital Pathology including pathology of the Adrenal Gland. The guest speakers were Prof. Ridolfo Montironi and Prof. Martina Scrapelli from Polytechnic University of the Marche Region, Ancona, Italy. The workshop included daily up-to-date lectures followed by a thorough review of >>

>> numerous instructive cases that covered all subjects under discussion. These cases were made available to all attendees in advance utilizing virtual microscopy and images on a website set up for the purpose of this workshop, thanks to the great help and support of Dr. Issam Francis, Kuwait University. The 47 attendees came from Iraq, Jordan, Syria, Sudan, UAE and Lebanon and indicated their great satisfaction with this educational program and the knowledge of the speakers .



Group photo of the speakers and participants of the urogenital workshop

Collaboration with Other IAP Divisions

The German Division of IAP 22-23 March 2014

The winter course on Hematopathology hosted by the German Division of the International Academy of Pathologists took place at Headquarter of the German Division of the IAP in Bonn on 22-23 March 2014. The course aimed at updating the German pathologists on the various topics of bone marrow and lymph node pathology, through lectures and case presentations by world experts including Prof. Kristin Henry (UK) and Prof. Annette Schmitt-Graeff (Germany). Dr. Maysa Al-Hussaini from Jordan was hosted by the division and she presented “A Puzzling CNS Case” on the evening of the first day.



Group photo of speakers and participants including first row from right to left: Ms. M. Schmidt, Prof. H. Kreipe (Germany), Prof. C. Wichenhauer (Germany), Prof. A. Orazi (USA), Prof. K. Henry (UK), Dr. M Al-Hussaini (Jordan), Prof. A. Schmitt-Graeff (Germany), Prof. C. Beham- Schmid (Austria), Prof. L. Quintanilla-Martinez de Fend (Germany) and Prof. I. Gutgemann (Germany).

The Turkish Division of IAP 6-7 June 2014



Dr. Samir Amr, President of the IAP and Dr. Ismail Matalaka, President of the AD-IAP attended the first meeting of the Turkish Division of IAP in Istanbul, Turkey. Dr Sitki Tuzlali, Secretary of the Turkish Division and Dr. Ilhan Tuncer were the driving force behind organizing this successful meeting. There were speakers from Austria, Portugal, United Kingdom, as well as local speakers. In addition to Turkish pathologists attending the meeting, there were pathologists from neighboring underserved areas including Iraq, Macedonia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia, and Georgia. The Turkish host exempted these pathologists from registration fees. There is a huge potential for collaboration between this Division and AD-IAP, including organizing joint meetings and reach out for underserved areas in the Balkan, the Caucasus countries, and Central Asia.

UP: Group photo of organizers, and speakers with delegates from Macedonia (Former Yugoslavia), attending the first meeting of the Turkish Division of IAP. Shown also is Dr. Ismail Matalaka, President of AD-IAP and Dr. Samir Amr, President IAP. **Down:** Group photo of participants and speakers



The Malaysian Division of the IAP 24-26 September 2014



UP: Group picture of participants, Executive Council members and speakers at the first meeting of the Malaysian Division of IAP held in Selangor, Malaysia on 24-26 September 2014. **Right:** Dr. Amr handing Dr. Nor Hayati Othman, President of the Malaysian Division of IAP, a commemorative plaque on the inauguration of the Malaysian Division

On 24-26 September Dr. Samir Amr attended the first meeting of the newly established Malaysian Division held in Selangor, Malaysia at the Medical School of the Technical University of Malaysia (Universiti Teknologi Mara). Along with Dr. Fouad Al Dayel, Past President of the Arab Division, they conducted a Bone Tumor workshop. Under the leadership of Prof. Nor Hyati Othman, President of the Malaysian Division, and the members of the Executive Council including Dr. Norain Karim, Dr. Effat Omar, Dr. Wan Faiziah Wan Abdul Rahman, Dr. Lee Bang Rom, and Prof. Sabariah Abdulrahman. The Division has so far 120 members.



The Indonesian Division of the IAP 7-9 November 2014

The Arab Division of IAP contributed a two-day workshop on Soft Tissue Tumors, during the meeting of the Indonesian >>

>>Division of IAP, held in Padang, Western Sumatra on 7-9 November 2014. The participation of the Arab Division is in support of the global mission of IAP in education in pathology for pathologists all over the world. The workshop was conducted by



Dr. Samir Amr and Dr. Salwa Sheikh among participants of the workshop

Dr Samir Amr, President of IAP and Dr Salwa Sheikh, Chief of Pathology at Johns Hopkins Aramco Health Center, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia. The workshop included both didactic lectures and case studies covering various areas of this subject. There were about 350 participants at the meeting, 200 of them attended the first day of the workshop, and about 100 attended the second day of the workshop. There were parallel sessions on head and neck pathology and other topics both in English and Indonesian. The Governor of Western Sumatra inaugurated the meeting. >>>

>>>Dr Rini Handjari, Secretary of the Indonesian Division, and Dr Bethy Hernowo, President of the Division expressed their appreciation for the input of the Arab Division. There were participants from various cities in Indonesia coming from many islands. There was a session honoring new consultants and specialist.

The gala dinner was a very colorful event with pathologists and trainees wearing colorful traditional dresses with folklore songs and dances.

The Arab Division is playing a new role as a well established IAP Division extending its support for other Divisions.

Announcements

Dr. Samir Amr Rewarded the Gold Medal by the IAP

During the XXX IAP Conference that took place in Bangkok, Thailand, October 2014, the Executive Council of the IAP awarded Dr. Samir Amr through the decision of the Gold Medal Committee the gold medal of IAP, in recognition of his activities and service during his term of office as President and before that. Dr. Samir has been elected as the President of the IAP from 2012- 2014. He has worked hard to achieve his goal, namely, supporting the newly established and underprivileged Divisions of the IAP.



Dr. Samir Amr Awarded Certificate by Dr. David Hardwick, Secretary of IAP

Dr. Wael Sakr Receives an Appreciation Plaque

Dr. Wael Sakr has received an appreciation plaque from Secretary of the AD-IAP Dr Ghazi Zaatari at the reception of Friends of Arab Division of IAP in North America in March 2014 in San Diego. This reception is held regularly during annual USCAP meeting with Dr. Sakr as the driving force in getting Arab pathologists and their friends to meet and get updated on the activities of our Division.



Dr. Ghazi Zaatari handling Dr. Wael Sakr an Appreciation plaque

The booth of the IAP meeting in Dead Sea, Jordan 2018

During the IAP conference in Bangkok, Thailand, a booth for the IAP meeting that will take place in 2018 at the Dead Sea, Jordan was placed at the exhibition and was very well visited by the delegates and speakers, with great enthusiasm and excitement. Most of them have not visited Jordan before and were very keen to plan their next Journey to Jordan ahead of time. Jordan map with the main attractions was distributed along giveaways, which included a wrist band and a key chain, which were a prominent feature of the conference.



Representatives from the Arab Division with their Thai colleagues at the booth of the IAP 2018, Dead Sea, Jordan.