



President's Message

Winter-Spring, 2013

ASCP Affiliation

The last six months have been very busy for the Society for Hematopathology (SH). Last fall, the SH and the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP) signed a memorandum of understanding whereby the SH became an affiliated organization with the ASCP who formally took over the Society's management activities on January 18, 2013. This alliance brings in-depth professional management and membership services and extensive support for our educational activities. Importantly, the alliance brings collaborative vitality to both organizations expanding opportunities to improve healthcare and education in our field both nationally and internationally. ASCP staff most involved in support for SH are: E. Blair Holladay, Executive Vice President; Nancie Noie Thompson, Director of Affiliated Societies; Diane Ray, Grant Administrator; and Barbara Kasallis, Executive Assistant.

ASCP Collaborative Efforts

Magdalena Czader has been appointed to the Steering Committee that is developing a comprehensive MDS directed educational curriculum titled, "The Diagnosis, Classification and Clinical Care".

Planning has begun for our 2015 Workshop, which will be hosted by Yaso Natkunam and others from Stanford and will be held in conjunction with the ASCP Annual Meeting in Long Beach, CA, October 28-31, 2015. The topic will be "Lymphoproliferative Disorders Related to Immunodeficiency and Dysregulation". Registration for the combined ASCP meeting and the SH/EAHP Workshop or the SH/EAHP workshop alone will be available. More to come in the next six months.

New Website

In March 2013, the SH and the European Association for Haematopathology (EAHP) launched a new joint website at: www.sh-eahp.org supported by Cantrijn in the Netherlands. Many thanks go to Norm Levy and Frank Kuo from the SH, Daphne de Jong from the EAHP, and Nancie Noie Thompson and Dan Kotheimer from the ASCP who made this possible. Please cruise the website where you will find updated information on the organization of both Societies.

In particular I would ask that you go to **About SH—Resources** tab where you will find updated SOPs for our committees and other activities; information targeted toward hematopathology fellowship training program directors, and to the **Meeting Minutes**, where you can catch up on the General Business, Program Directors, and Education Committee meeting activities.

Likely due to the transition in management services and the website, SH membership renewals have decreased, and I would encourage you to renew, if you have not done so. Please go to the website **Membership** tab and follow the instructions. If you have any questions, please call ASCP Customer Service at 1-800-267-2727, option 2.

Berard-Dorfman Founder's Award

Sadly, during the last year the SH lost its two founders Costan W. Berard, MD (President 1982-1984) and Ronald F. Dorfman, MD (President 1984-1986) who had recognized the need to have a forum for American hematopathologists to exchange ideas and promote investigation and education and classification of disease (see website **Homepage** and **In Memoriam**). During the SH Scientific Symposium at the USCAP, Elaine Jaffe and Roger Warnke paid homage to their mentors and our leaders. In recognition of the important contributions to our Society and the field, the SH executive committee established a new award in honor of Drs. Berard and Dorfman. The Berard-Dorfman Founder's Award will recognize an individual with 5 or more years of experience and demonstrated excellence in any or all areas of research (basic or translational), teaching, humanitarian efforts, or leadership in the field. Members are encouraged to contribute to this award and more information will be forthcoming.

Pathologist-in-Training (PIT) Award:

The 2012 award certificate was presented to Alejandra Carvajal-Cuenca for her work with Elias Campo, her mentor, along with additional authors Itziar Salaverria, Cristina Royo, Guillem Clot, Alba Navarro, Elena M Hartmann, Nicola Trim, Renata Woroniecka, Wendy Erber, Philippe Gaulard, Iwona Wlodarska, Grzegorz Rymkiewicz, German Ott, Andreas Rosenwald, Armando Lopez-Guillermo, Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, Judith A Ferry, Nancy L Harris, Elaine S Jaffe, Reiner Siebert, and Silvia Bea at the SH Scientific Symposium at the USCAP for the abstract "Clinicopathologic Characterization of Cyclin D1-negative Mantle Cell Lymphoma"

The PIT award committee (Sherrie Perkins, Beverly Nelson, and Kaari Reichard) reviewed 57 abstracts for the 2013 PIT award and congratulations go to Ben Buelow, University of California, San Francisco for his project "Flow Cytometric Measurement of Mutation Frequency in a Murine Model of Acute Promyelocytic Leukemia". His collaborators include Sushma Umesh, Elaine Garcia and Scott Kogan. He will be awarded his certificate at the 2014 SH Scientific Symposium at the USCAP meeting.

Meetings:

ASCP Companion Meetings

Many thanks to John Frater, Larry Weiss, and Yi-Hua Chen for weathering hurricane Sandy to speak at the SH companion meeting at the ASCP meeting in Boston, October 31-November 3, 2012. This year, the meeting will be in Chicago on September 19th at 2:15-5:15 pm; the topic is "Diagnosis of Lymphoma--Selected Diagnostically Challenging Entities" which will be presented by Yi-Hua Chen (moderator) and speakers Anthony Subtil, Amy Chadburn and Russell Higgins.

USCAP Meetings

Many thanks to Jim Cook and Leticia Quintanilla de Fend who moderated the SH Scientific Symposium at the USCAP meeting in Baltimore, March 2-8, 2013. The topic was "Advances in Small B-Cell Neoplasms: Bringing New Discoveries into Clinical Practice" and excellent talks were given by Carlo Croce, Andreas Rosenwald, Miguel Angel Piris Pinilla, Elias Campo, and Paolo Ghia. The 2014 SH Scientific Symposium at the USCAP meeting in San Diego, March 2, 2014 will focus on "Current Issues in the Diagnosis and Classification of Peripheral T-Cell Lymphomas" and will be moderated by Elaine Jaffe and Andrew Feldman.

SH/EAHP Workshops/Publications

The 2013 workshop on "Progress in Acute Myeloid Leukemia, Myelodysplastic Syndromes and Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia: Classification and Molecular Pathogenesis" will be October 24-26, 2013 at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston and hosted by Carlos Bueso-Ramos, Jeff Medeiros, and Francisco Vega-Vazquez. The scientific panel includes Marie C. Bene, Brunangelo Falini, Kathy Foucar, Attilio Orazi, Anna Porwit, and James Vardiman. For further details please go to <http://hematopathology2013.org>. Registration is limited, so please sign-up early to avoid being excluded from attending.

The 2014 EAHP meeting and EAHP/SH Workshop will be held in Istanbul, Turkey on October 17-22, 2014 at the Hilton Convention Center. The topic is "Redefining the Spectrum of Small B-Cell Lymphomas in Light of Current Technology".

The proceedings of the 2011 SH/EAHP workshop on Cutaneous Lymphomas have been published in the April 2013 issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*, volume 139, pp 466-551.

Other activities:

APC/Prods APC Fellowship Directors Ad Hoc Committee (FDAHC)

The Association of Pathology Chairs (APC), in cooperation with the Association of Directors of Anatomic and Surgical Pathology (ADASP), has formed a Fellowship Directors *ad hoc*

Committee (FDAHC) for the purpose of further exploring issues shared by the APC, ADASP, and fellowships and serving as a vehicle for communication between programs and the APC, as well as other pathology organizations. The SH was invited to appoint a representative to the committee, and Robert Lorschach will represent us on this committee.

Research Project on FNA/Core Needle Biopsies:

The SH EXCO was asked to address the increasing number of needle (in place of excisional) biopsy specimens that are being seen in everyone’s practice. Robert Hasserjian and Magdalena Czader are heading up a multi-institutional collaborative project, which will provide quantitative data regarding the adequacy of FNA/core needle biopsies and their impact on the quality and cost of patient care.

Education Committee:

The education committee is continuing to work on preparation of electronic teaching sets. A pilot project has begun to convert the Case of the Quarter and approximately 20 cases from the SH Workshop on Cutaneous Lymphomas at Marina Del Ray hosted by UCLA to scanned slides. Go to the Meeting Minutes under **About SH** for more information.

Committee Members who completed their terms in 2013:

The SH is greatly indebted to all its members who have served on committees over the last several years. Certificates of appreciation were given to the following individuals at the annual business meeting in Baltimore:

- Robert Hasserjian, Executive Member-at-Large
- Megan Lim, Case of the Quarter
- Steven Swerdlow, Constitutions and Bylaws Committee
- John Frater, ASCP Companion Meeting Committee
- Yasodha Natkunam, Chair, Education Committee
- Erik Ranheim, Member, Education Committee

Executive and Other Committee Members for 2013/2014:

<u>President</u> Marsha C. Kinney, M.D.	<u>Past President</u> Jonathan W. Said, M.D.
<u>Vice-President/President Elect</u> Sherrie L. Perkins, M.D., Ph.D.	<u>Secretary-Treasurer</u> Daniel A. Arber M.D.
<u>Members-at-Large</u> Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, M.D. Magdalena Czader, M.D., Ph.D. James R. Cook, M.D., Ph.D. Beverly P. Nelson, M.D. Kaaren K. Reichard, M.D. Robert B. Lorschach, M.D., Ph.D.	<u>Education Committee</u> Sophie X. Song, M.D., Ph.D. (Chair) Raymond E. Felgar, M.D., Ph.D. Christine Garcia Roth, M.D. Mohamed E. Salama, M.D. Sara A. Monaghan, M.D. Horatiu Olteanu, MD, PhD
<u>EAHP Representative</u> Leticia Quintanilla-Fend, M.D.	<u>Case of the Quarter</u> Scott J. Rodig, M.D., Ph.D.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Constitution & Bylaws</u> LoAnn C. Peterson, M.D.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Communications</u> Frank Chuan Kuo, M.D., Ph.D. (Chair) Norman B. Levy, M.D.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Membership</u> Geraldine S. Pinkus, M.D. (Chair) Eric D. Hsi, M.D. German A. Pihan, M.D.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Nominating Committee</u> Jonathan W. Said, M.D. (Chair) LoAnn C. Peterson, M.D. Roger A. Warnke, M.D.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Program - ASCP</u> Yi-Hua Chen, M.D. (Chair) Sophia L. Yohe, MD, FASCP Russell A. Higgins, M.D.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>SH Scientific Symposium-USCAP-2014</u> Elaine S. Jaffe, M.D. Andrew L. Feldman, M.D.</p>

Best wishes and enjoy the summer,

Marsha Kinney