



International Academy of Pathology

NEWSLETTER



Education Committee Chair's Letter

The International Academy of Pathology as we all know had its roots in the 1906 International Association of Medical Museums (IAMM), survived through several wars (despite having a close shave with dissolution in 1951) and in 1952, evolved into the International Association of Pathology. The committee in charge at that time noted that according to Webster's Dictionary "academy" is defined as "a society of learned men united for the advancement of the arts and sciences and literature or some particular science as the French Academy." ⁽¹⁾

Over the next year, our committees hope to design and use programmes that promote pathology education globally. We also hope to bring a little about the history of the IAP and the people who have made it what it is today.

One statement that stood out for me was in the introductory remarks of the first bulletin of that early IAMM which lamented on the "poor state of Medical Museums" and how "a wealth of pathological material goes its way unused" ⁽²⁾

Whilst these sentiments may still exist in our time, changes in cultural practices, evolution of ethical principles and advances in scientific



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knowledge (including digitisation and artificial intelligence) have radically changed our profession and approach.

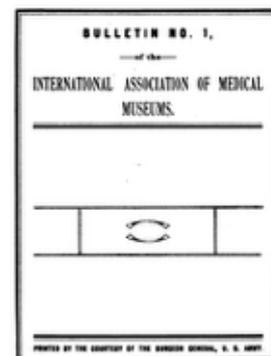
The underlying *raison d'être* of this original 1906 group, however remains. They saw museums as a means to – to further scientific knowledge, to use the material they had to teach future generations and to encourage the collection of “scientific fact” We hope to fulfil those long-ago dreams in our own way, not only through museum specimens.

So from the thoughts of the founding fellows in 1906, to the present day IAP, we would like to think that even in Pathology, we could apply Nelson Mandela’s wise and peaceful words – Education is the most powerful tool which you can use to change the world.

We would like to invite all our members, all our divisions, to contact us with any suggestions for projects, topics for discussion and generally to communicate with us on how we can contribute towards supporting education in pathology.

We now have a social media subcommittee with an active administrative arm, and we welcome you to follow us and offer comments in our social media streams (see links in newsletter footer).

P.S. I would also like to offer a little postscript trivia from the IAMM bulletin.



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IAP2026 Congress Abstracts
Open

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2023 Congress: Call for Bids

Division Events

Ref 1 - The International Academy of Pathology and the United States - Canadian Division

The First Seventy-Five Years, 1906-1981

by Kenneth M. Earle, M.D. President, United States - Canadian Division of the International Academy of Pathology, 1980-81

Presented in part as the Diamond Jubilee Lecture at the meeting of the United States-Canadian Division in Chicago, March 2-7, 1981, commemorating the 75th Anniversary of the International Academy of Pathology.

Ref 2 - International Association of Medical Museum. Bulletin. Baltimore [etc.]: International Association of Medical Museums,

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IAP at USCAP 2026

Visit us in San Antonio

IAP Education Symposium: Professional Development and Mentorship Across the Global Spectrum of Resources

Date: Tuesday, March 24th

Time: 3:00PM - 4:30PM

Session Chairs

Moderator Angela PY Chong, MBBS, Singhealth

Singapore, Singapore

Moderator Joseph T. Rabban, III, MD, MPH, University of California

San Francisco, CA, United States

Sessions

The Open Pathology Education Network (OPEN) as a Model for Global Equity in Education

Lewis A. Hassell, MD, Oklahoma University Health Sciences Center

Future Visions of the Role of the American Board of Pathology's Pathology Board Certification

Gary W. Procop, MD, MS, MEd, American Board of Pathology

Ensuring Standards in Genitourinary Cancers Diagnosis and Reporting Across the Globe

Gladell P. Paner, MD, University of Chicago

Developing the Eye of the Cytopathologist: The Interconnecting Worlds of Societies and Institutions

Esther Diana Rossi, MD, PhD, Fondazione Policlinico Universitario Agostino Gemelli IRCCS-Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore

Don't forget to visit the IAP booth in the expo hall!

[More Details on the USCAP Schedule](#)

Reminder - 2026 Membership Dues

2026 IAP membership dues have been distributed to all divisions.

To ensure your members receive member pricing for the 2026 IAP Congress, divisions must be in good standing, with all dues paid and membership status current. To be eligible to vote in the upcoming International Council Meeting, divisions must be in good financial standing.

We encourage division leadership to review their status and complete any outstanding requirements as soon as possible to avoid delays in Congress registration benefits. If you have not received your 2026 dues invoice, please ensure you have submitted your division information (below) as your first step.

[Submit Current Division Information](#)

IAP 2026 Congress

October 8th - 13th, 2026



We look with great anticipation to IAP2026, hosted by the Japanese Division. The theme for this year's congress is "Vision For the Future." Registration is expected to open in April. A program, travel details, and other resources can be found on the [IAP2026 website](#). Please circulate this information to your membership, especially abstract and bursary deadlines! Registration is expected to open in April.

Dates: October 8th - 13th, 2026

Host City: Fukuoka, Japan

Venue: Fukuoka International Congress Center; Fukuoka Sunpalace

IAP2026 Congress Bursary Contributions

Division Funding Request

Your generosity can make a difference! The IAP2026 Congress is committed to supporting pathologists from resource-limited settings through bursaries. Every contribution helps bring diverse voices to the conversation and strengthens our global community. Donate today and help us build a more inclusive future for pathology.

Thanks to those who have pledged so far:

- British Division
- German Division
- Vladimir Totovic Foundation
- Korean Division
- USCAP

[Learn More and Submit](#)

IAP2026 Congress Abstracts Open

Deadline: April 10th, 2026

Encourage your members to showcase their research on a global stage! The IAP2026 Congress invites pathologists, researchers, and professionals worldwide to submit abstracts for presentation at our premier event. Pathologists can share their innovative findings, connect with leading experts, and contribute to advancing pathology.

[Submit Here](#)

IAP2026 Congress Bursaries Available

Deadline: April 30th, 2026

Bursaries have been established to support early career pathologists from under-served countries to attend the International Congresses of the IAP. This has been supported by the Education Committee as well as by many IAP Divisions.

Please encourage your members to apply if eligible. Applicants must submit their abstract through the [Congress website](#) before applying for a bursary. To learn more about bursaries and the application process, anyone can visit our website.

[Learn More and Apply](#)

Call For Bids: 2032 Congress

The International Academy of Pathology is pleased to invite interested Divisions to submit bids to host the 2032 IAP Congress. Hosting an IAP Congress is a unique opportunity to showcase your region, strengthen collaboration within the global pathology community, and contribute to the advancement of education and scientific exchange. Divisions in good standing with the capacity and enthusiasm to host a world-class meeting are encouraged to express their interest. Detailed bid guidelines and timelines are available on the website, and the IAP leadership looks forward to working closely with prospective hosts to deliver a memorable and impactful Congress.

[Learn More About Hosting](#)

Division Events

Does your division have events or programs coming up that you want published on the new IAP website? Send them over via email to info@iapcentral.org, and we can publish them!

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