



International Academy of Pathology

# NEWSLETTER



## Division Secretaries

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## Secretary's Letter

I am very excited about the prospect of visiting Japan for the fourth time later this year; but this will be my first to Fukuoka where IAP2026 will be held. Japan is perceived by many as an intriguing country probably because of its distant geographic location and limited knowledge by people of its rich culture and heritage. Japan's religious and cultural heritage is distinguished by a remarkable blending of ancient indigenous traditions, imported philosophies, aesthetic refinement, and strong social continuity. It reflects a unique fusion of Shinto reverence for nature, Buddhist spirituality, samurai ethics, and refined artistic traditions. Across centuries, Japan developed a culture centered on harmony, discipline, beauty, respect for impermanence, and preservation of tradition while successfully embracing modernity.



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All these can be experienced in Fukuoka which sits on the northern shore of Japan's Kyushu Island facing the Korean Peninsula and China across the sea. Its defensive stone walls built along the coast rebuffed many invasions most notably that by the Mongol in the 13th century. Repelling that invasion became part of Japanese national identity through the story of the "divine winds" — kamikaze — typhoons that destroyed much of the Mongol fleet.

The geography and history of Fukuoka made it an outward-looking city and turned it into a trading center, a meeting point between Japan and continental civilizations, and a conduit for Buddhism, Chinese writing systems, arts, ceramics, and political ideas. These stood along Shinto, Japan's native spiritual tradition which remains deeply embedded in Japanese identity and daily life with its emphasis on reverence for nature, purity and ritual cleanliness, ancestral respect, and the presence of sacred spirits (kami) in mountains, rivers, trees, and natural phenomena. It is thus no wonder that the Japanese culture is sensitive toward seasons, landscapes, gardens, and environmental harmony.

Therefore, what to expect when you travel to Fukuoka to attend IAP2026? You will be welcome in a distinctive cosmopolitan atmosphere with deep historical roots, openness to Asia, graceful religious shrines, relaxed outdoor and coastal culture, culinary riches, and modern entrepreneurial spirit. Its iconic open-air food stalls called yatai are particularly distinctive.

Add to all the above, a very rich scientific program of IAP2026 will be waiting for you and it is being offered by numerous distinguished pathology colleagues from across the globe. So, book your trip and join us at what appears to be a memorable event with promising rewarding experiences.

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## Call For Nominations

As we look towards our biennial Congress in Fukuoka this October, it is time to announce the call for **President-Elect** and **Vice President** nominations.

All Vice Presidents who are eligible for another term have been contacted and asked if they wish to remain on, or rotate off. All who are ineligible for another term have been notified and asked to suggest someone to step into their role. Divisions must provide a letter of support for any Vice Presidential nominees.

**Deadline:** July 31st, 2026

Submit a Nomination

## IAP2026 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." A program, travel details, and other resources can be found on the [IAP2026 website](#).

**Registration is now open!**

**Dates:** October 8th - 13th, 2026

**Host City:** Fukuoka, Japan

**Venue:** Fukuoka International Congress Center; Fukuoka Sunpalace

[Register Now](#)

## 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](#)

## 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
- Japanese Division
- Hong Kong Division

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## ICCR Report

The International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) has released its 2025 Annual Report. IAP publishes ICCR Datasets on our website as they are released.

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## Division Website Support

The IAP is pleased to offer website development services to support IAP Divisions and Assemblies in strengthening their digital presence, including the creation of streamlined, professional web pages for division or assembly websites and division or assembly-hosted meetings.

- Division or Assembly-Hosted Meeting Webpages
- Division or Assembly Website Development - Basic or Custom

[See Details](#)

## 2032 Congress Call For Bids

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.

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