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Secretary's Letter

The Global Pathologist Shortage: Why International Education Has Never Been More Important

And Why The World Needs IAP

Pathologists, more than many other medical specialists, realize today that pathology is the foundation of modern medicine. Nearly every diagnosis of cancer, and many diagnoses of infectious, inflammatory, and genetic diseases, ultimately depends on accurate pathological evaluation. Yet despite its central role in healthcare, pathology remains one of the world's most underserved medical specialties. The disparity in access to pathology services between high-income countries (HICs) and low- and lower-middle-income countries (LLMICs) is profound,



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representing one of the greatest inequities in global cancer care.

In many high-income countries, there is approximately one pathologist for every 15,000 to 30,000 people. In contrast, many regions such as sub-Saharan Africa, Central Asia and Southeast Asia have fewer than one pathologist per one million inhabitants, with some nations served by only a handful of practicing pathologists nationwide. This difference is measured not simply in percentages but in orders of magnitude. Such disparities inevitably lead to delayed diagnoses, limited access to specialized testing, prolonged treatment decisions, and poorer patient outcomes.

The shortage extends beyond workforce numbers. Many laboratories in resource-limited settings lack reliable immunohistochemistry, molecular diagnostics, digital pathology infrastructure, quality assurance programs, and opportunities for continuing professional development. Even when tissue specimens are obtained, timely and accurate diagnosis may be delayed by shortages of equipment, reagents, or trained personnel.

Without accurate pathology, precision medicine simply cannot function. An incorrect or delayed diagnosis may lead to inappropriate therapy, unnecessary surgery, ineffective chemotherapy, or failure to administer potentially life-saving targeted treatments. Investments in cancer therapeutics cannot achieve their intended impact unless supported by equally strong investments in diagnostic pathology.

Bridging this global diagnostic divide requires more than increasing workforce numbers. Sustainable progress depends on education, mentorship, international

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collaboration, quality assurance, standardization, and lifelong professional development. This is precisely where international professional organizations assume a critical role.

This is exactly where the International Academy of Pathology (IAP) comes in; since its founding, it has occupied a unique and indispensable position. It has been dedicated to advancing the science and practice of pathology through education. Its mission—to advance pathology knowledge worldwide by sponsoring educational programs, scientific exchange, and professional collaboration—has become increasingly important in an era characterized by rapidly evolving diagnostic technologies.

Through international congresses, regional meetings, educational courses, online learning, visiting faculty programs, and collaborations with national divisions, the IAP provides access to high-quality pathology education for practitioners across diverse healthcare environments. For many pathologists practicing in resource-constrained settings, these educational opportunities represent their principal avenue for exposure to evolving diagnostic criteria, new disease classifications, and emerging technologies. By fostering education, collaboration, scientific excellence, and professional development, the Academy helps ensure that advances in pathology benefit patients regardless of geography or economic status. In an increasingly interconnected world, support for organizations dedicated to advancing pathology education should not be viewed as optional philanthropy but as an essential investment in global health equity and the future of precision medicine.

To those who are current IAP members, thank you for your continued support in this global effort and I invite and urge others to join us in this campaign forcefully led by IAP to narrow the gaps in pathology services and enrich opportunities for better and more healthy communities worldwide.

Ghazi Zaatari

Secretary, International Academy of Pathology

Submit Your Councilors for IAP2026

Divisions, please [review your Division's Council representatives](#) currently on file. If you will have different representatives, please share their names and contact details via the button below if you have not already— this ensures they receive important materials ahead of time.

The IAP International Council meeting will be held during the Fukuoka Congress on Thursday, October 8th with virtual attendance available for those who can't join in person. Please also pass along the date to your Councilors so they can plan ahead, and note that your divisional dues need to be current for them to take part in upcoming elections — reply if your division needs help squaring that away.
Due September 3rd.

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European Congress of Pathology 2026

September 12th - 16th, 2026

You are welcome to attend the joint IAP/ESP session in Stockholm if you will be at ECP2026!

Joint Special Session ESP & IAP: The Global Pathologist: Adventures and Trials from Scholarship to Mentorship

Sunday, September 13th, 8:30AM – 10:30AM

- [Chair: Catarina Eloy \(Portugal\)](#)
- [Chair: Angela Chong \(Singapore\)](#)

[001 A Path Around Adversities – the Mentorship that Changed My Life](#)

[Speaker: Joe Yeong \(Singapore\)](#)

[002 When the Internship Turns Out to be a Surprise](#)

[Speaker: Antonia Syrnioti \(Greece\)](#)

003 Learning Today to Teach Tomorrow

[Speaker: Federica Pezzuto \(Italy\)](#)

004 Alternate Training Pathways

[Speaker: Eyas Hattab \(USA\)](#)



Don't Miss:

**38th European Congress of Pathology Global Pathology Without Borders:
Building the Next Era of Collaborative Diagnostics, Education, and Innovation**

September 12, 2026 | 1:00 - 3:30PM

Featuring Ghazi Zaatari, MD, IAP Secretary

[Register for ECP 2026](#)

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](#).

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](#)

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