Message from the President

It’s indeed an honor and privilege to have been selected to serve as your President in the coming year. I feel extremely fortunate to assume this position during this especially exciting, transformative period in our Academy.

Our Annual Meeting remains the consummate destination and platform for showcasing cutting edge developments in diagnostic pathology (and related translational research) that impact the daily life of practicing pathologists and also shape our understanding of the basis of disease. We continue to astonish our colleagues from other medical disciplines by spending six 14-hour days in active pursuit of knowledge and exchanging ideas while strengthening our camaraderie. The energy and dedication shown at each Annual Meeting are really beyond compare.

With an incredibly creative and energetic EVP, our Academy has entered into a brand new era during which we will bring you education and research in new and exciting ways while maintaining the paths that have become the Academy’s hallmark, such as the Annual Meeting.

In our upcoming meetings and courses, I would strongly encourage you to meet with and get to know Dr. Kaminsky, if you’ve not already had an opportunity to do so. You will be amazed by his vibrant personality and unwavering enthusiasm in helping you and our Academy become even greater.

Your Academy is taking continuing education in pathology to a whole new level: you have told us that you also want to have, in addition to our conventional offerings, the option of educational materials at your fingertips, on your mobile devices, and in the convenience of your home or office. Dr. Kaminsky and USCAP’s administrative staff are working tirelessly to make this happen, and you will begin seeing some of this accessibility in the coming year.

You have also told us (as have our pathologists-in-training) that the best way to learn AP diagnostics remains the one-on-one teaching conducted at the microscope. Many of us have often mused, while tackling some challenging cases at the microscope, how awesome it would be to spend a few days at the microscope with, for example, soft tissue gurus Chris Fletcher or Sharon Weiss, learning soft tissue pathology from them. Now that dream has become a reality at the USCAP Powers-Sanchez Interactive Center in Palm Springs, California, where you can have this experience in virtually every subspecialty of pathology. These metaphorical “mini fellowships” provide the ultimate in personalized learning. Please visit the website at www.USCAPInteractiveCenter.org for complete course information. I’m sure you’ll be as excited as I am with these incredible opportunities, and you will probably say, like many who’ve already attended these microscopy tutorials, “Why didn’t we do this before?”

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for creating this phenomenal community and camaraderie that your Academy personifies, and for all your contributions to our educational and research activities. I would also like to thank our previous leaders and Past-Presidents who have revamped and shaped this fantastic organization, the members of our Committees who design our agenda, our EVP, Dr. Kaminsky, who is executing the incredible and exhilarating transformation your Academy is undergoing, and last but not least, the back-stage heroes at our USCAP offices in Augusta and Palm Springs who continue to make this all happen so seamlessly.

–Volkan Adsay, M.D.
USCAP Foundation Welcomes Pathologists from Around the World

By Paul Lewin, Director of International Development

The 2016 USCAP Annual Meeting in Seattle was outstanding on all levels, but in a quiet room on a Tuesday night, something very special happened: 40 pathologists from some of the most underserved nations in the world gathered for a reception, hosted by USCAP Executive Vice President Dr. David Kaminsky, members of the USCAP Foundation Committee and major donors to the Foundation. This group of 40 pathologists, affectionately known as the “G40,” were invited to the USCAP Annual Meeting as guests of the USCAP Foundation because USCAP values its global partners and because the USCAP Foundation knows that attending the Annual Meeting can be a life changing experience.

More than 150 pathologists applied for the travel grant, and the recipients were chosen by a set of criteria developed by the USCAP Foundation Committee. Many of the final 40 had to overcome enormous obstacles to attend this meeting – including rigorous visa interviews at US embassies, political unrest at home, long journeys over land and air, and financial hurdles – such as countries whose banking systems do not interact with our own.

Although this group of 40 came from widely diverse nations, such as Nepal, Botswana, Algeria, Paraguay, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Armenia, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Haiti, India and Côte d’Ivoire (to name just a few) – there was a true spirit of camaraderie and warm respect in the room that night. Each pathologist was present because she or he had a personal drive and ambition to attend a USCAP meeting and broaden their base of knowledge.

For USCAP Foundation Committee members, such as Chairman Dr. Greg Fuller, or EVP Dr. David Kaminsky, the gathering of this special group of pathologists represented the culmination of months of work that included vigorous fund-raising, vetting applicants, and facilitating divergent needs.

“The philosophy of the USCAP Foundation is that USCAP can improve global health through philanthropy,” said EVP Dr. David Kaminsky. “The G40 pathologists will return to their communities invigorated with knowledge and technical skills that they can share with their colleagues.”

The USCAP Foundation exists to innovate education, foster the next generation of pathologists, and to promote global health. If you or your institution would like to do something amazing by supporting travel grants for pathologists from underserved countries to attend next year’s Annual Meeting please contact USCAP’s Director of International Development, Paul Lewin at: foundation@uscap.org or go visit our website at www.USCAPFoundation.org.
Thank you for being an important element of the sensational USCAP Annual Meeting in Seattle. The energy, connectivity, and learning experiences were infectious, and take-aways were memories, new knowledge, and invigorated friendships. You can’t help becoming better pathologists when you’re surrounded by peers with identical interests and aspirations and by mentors whose talents and visions are shared with all. Underlying the rigorous pace and the long days of interaction is a pervasive pride in being in our profession and being USCAP. Ride on your enthusiasm from Seattle to San Antonio, March 4-10, 2017, where the thrill continues.
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Dermatopathology in the Desert: Practical Dermatopathology recalls the historical sessions in dermatopathology given in Palm Springs by Dr. Bernard Ackerman, an annual event that attracted dermatopathologists and dermatologists to his charismatic personality and profound knowledge. Under the direction of Dr. Steven Billings of the Cleveland Clinic, a vibrant, modern and pragmatic version of dermatopathology offers the morphology of soft tissue and melanocytic lesions, adnexal tumors, cutaneous lymphoma and inflammatory skin lesions with molecular correlations. The faculty is pre-eminent and engaging. The setting is the unique USCAP interactive center where intimate mentoring reinforces learning at the microscope.

ADDITIONAL 2016 COURSES

DIAGNOSTIC PITFALLS IN UROLOGIC PATHOLOGY
JUNE 11-12

BLADDER TUMORS, RENAL MASSES, OVARIAN TUMORS & UTERINE NEOPLASMS
JULY 23 - 24, 2016

UPDATE IN HEMATOPATHOLOGY
OCTOBER 8-9, 2016

PRACTICAL UTERINE PATHOLOGY: ESSENTIAL ENTITIES AND INTERESTING CASES
NOVEMBER 19-20, 2016

For more information, or to register for courses | www.USCAPInteractiveCenter.org
Each year at the Annual Meeting, a group of USCAP pathologists does the unthinkable at a conference: they exercise together. Always a different activity, and open to everyone, these pathologists take part in what is known as “Miles for Mentors,” an annual fitness-oriented fundraiser to honor the role that mentors play in developing the next generation of pathologists. Participants pay $100 in honor of the mentor who influenced their life and career. Honorees are listed on the USCAP Foundation website and on a special commemorative T-shirt. This year, Dr. Christopher Fletcher of Harvard Medical School, Brigham and Women’s Hospital, was the most honored mentor, with $800 donated in his name. Thanks to the participants and our institutional sponsors, this year’s fundraiser generated more than $25,000 in donations for the USCAP Foundation. The USCAP Foundation, in turn, uses those funds to foster the development of pathologists-in-training – such as funding travel grants for 10 pathologists-in-training to attend the 2016 USCAP Annual Meeting. USCAP also collaborated with institutions like Yale New Haven Hospital and the Cleveland Clinic which generously established clerkships for up and coming pathologists from Paraguay, Haiti and Nepal.

The USCAP Foundation is the philanthropic arm of USCAP. Its mission is to innovate education, foster the next generation of pathologists and improve global health. Find out more about USCAP Foundation and Miles for Mentors at: http://www.uscap.org/uscap-foundation/miles-for-mentors/
Dr. Adeboye Osunkoya, is originally from Nigeria, West Africa and graduated from the University of Ibadan College of Medicine in 1998. Following his internship and national service years, he started his pathology residency training at the University College Hospital, Ibadan in 2000. Following the completion of his fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Dr. Osunkoya joined the distinguished faculty of the Department of Pathology at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta, GA. He is currently an Associate Professor of Pathology and Urology at Emory, where he directs the Urologic Pathology Service and the Surgical Pathology Fellowship Program. Dr. Osunkoya splits his clinical, research, teaching, and administrative roles between Emory University Hospital and the Atlanta VA Medical Center.

Dr. Osunkoya has assumed several leadership roles in national and international organizations and is currently Chair of the Excellence in Urological Pathology Resident/Fellow Research Award Committee of the International Society of Urological Pathology, Chair of the F. Stephen Vogel Award Committee of USCAP, Member of the Education Committee of the USCAP, USCAP Ambassador, and also prior member of the Stowell-Orbison Award Committee of the USCAP and Abstract Review Committee of the USCAP. Dr. Osunkoya has presented several lectures and conferences in the United States and abroad, including IAP meetings [Cape Town, South Africa (2012); Bangkok, Thailand (2014)- Session Chair], APIAP meetings [Busan, South Korea (2013); Brisbane, Australia (2015)], and European Society of Pathology (ESP) meeting [London, United Kingdom (2015)]. He has also been a Visiting Professor/Grand Rounds Speaker at Massachusetts General Hospital/Harvard Medical School and Stanford University School of Medicine. In addition, he is the Director of the Diagnostic Challenges in Prostate Pathology Short Course (2015-2017) and the Interactive Microscopy Course on Prostate Pathology in 2015 (Boston and St. Louis) and 2016 (Seattle and Palm Springs). He has won numerous institutional and national awards including the very prestigious Benjamin Castleman Award in 2010 and most recently the 2015 Arthur Purdy Stout Prize. Dr. Osunkoya has been involved in several major research grants over the years and has published over 100 manuscripts and over 20 book chapters related to Urologic Pathology.

He serves on the Editorial Board of well-known Journals including Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine (Section Editor: Urologic Pathology), Human Pathology, International Journal of Clinical and Experimental Pathology and Pathology.
In less than two weeks we’ll kick off Practical Pathology Seminars, USCAP’s outrageously jazzy update on what you need to know, from the people who know best.

Earn up to **16 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™/16 SAMs Credits** and review the latest updates in morphology, ancillary studies, molecular pathology and relevant genomic information.

This course will coincide with the famous New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival which will showcase the cultural flair, jazz and culinary appeal of the Big Easy.

Talks are smooth and cool, info is upbeat, approach is fresh and rhythmic.

Improvise. Resonate. Learn.

Get on the horn. Register today.

Learning in a family-friendly resort destination is a core benefit of USCAP’s annual Diagnostic Pathology Update course scheduled for Jackson Hole, Wyoming.

Located in proximity to Yellowstone National Park, USCAP’s Diagnostic Pathology Update is ideal for the whole family to enjoy the park’s dramatic canyons, alpine rivers, lush forests, hot springs and gushing geysers, including its most famous, Old Faithful.

Earn up to **34 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™/25 SAMs Credits** during this six-day course that offers informal mentoring contact with experts in a panoramic survey of hot topics and practice changers. It is a pragmatic approach to daily practice issues using didactic and interactive techniques (Audience Response System and Virtual Slides) presented by career educators highly respected for their subspecialty expertise.

Register today and take advantage of discounted Early Bird Registration pricing now open through May 31, 2016.
Medical Student’s Experience at USCAP Seattle

Cameron Wales, M.D. Candidate, from the University of Central Florida College of Medicine Class of 2017, was first author on an abstract accepted for the 2016 USCAP Annual Meeting:

[2083] Hepatitis C Virus Genotyping Using Next-Generation Sequencing—An Efficient and Cost-Effective Alternative to Sanger Sequencing in the Hospital Laboratory Setting

Cameron Wales, George Corpus, Dimitri Gonzalez, Chalom Sayada, Chung-Che Chang. UCF, Orlando, FL, United States; ABL SA, Luxembourg, Luxembourg; Florida Hospital, Orlando, FL, United States

USCAP supported his attendance at the Annual Meeting. Here is his gratifying message:

Hi Dr. Kaminsky,

I just wanted to say thank you for all your help. I had a phenomenal time, USCAP was incredibly inspiring. It definitely helped to cement my plans to become a pathologist.

Best regards,
Cameron

2016 Annual Meeting
Deborah Waterhouse joined USCAP in June, 2015 at a time when the Academy was transitioning and reinventing itself with new ideas and concepts.

As part of this transition, the USCAP West office in Palm Springs, CA, opened its doors and in the following months the new vision for USCAP was actualized with the recent launch of the Powers-Sanchez Interactive Center and the planned May opening of the Linder Learning Center.

To continue a successful path of reinvention and positive change, Deborah was engaged to coordinate the Interactive Center, as well as the redesigned resident engagement/Ambassador Program.

Prior to this position, she was a commercial property manager with over 17 years’ experience managing office and retail centers in Connecticut and California.

Deborah has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology from Eastern Connecticut State University, and holds a California Real Estate license.

Deborah believes her work experience and management skills serve her well in this new position. As with her prior work responsibilities, success is achieved not only by hard work and setting goals, but by truly engaging, and believing in the purpose of her new role. Deborah is particularly excited about the reimagined Ambassador Program and believes that it is critical to develop solid relationships with each and every Ambassador. This type of hands-on approach encourages loyalty and the desire to work hand-in-hand to realize mutual goals.

A sincere, loyal partnership and mutual respect breed success. That is what Deborah envisions for the Ambassador Program. While it seems a lofty goal having over 100 Ambassadors (and growing), Deborah wants to get to know each individual Ambassador by communicating on a regular basis and when possible, meet in person, share ideas and brainstorm on how to improve the Ambassador Program. The goal of this program is to demonstrate to pathologists-in-training, why and how USCAP will make a difference during the journey through residency to retirement. Obviously a well planned set of goals is necessary, but it’s not everything.

A sincere partnership naturally achieves success.
Awards for Excellence in the Art of Advertising and Public Education

“The American Advertising Awards, formerly the ADDYs, is the advertising industry's largest and most representative competition, attracting over 40,000 entries every year in local AAF Club (Ad Club) competitions. The mission of the American Advertising Awards competition is to recognize and reward the creative spirit of excellence in the art of advertising.”

Ethan Kaminsky, President of Kaminsky Productions, is the recipient of five 2016 Awards. One is the Bronze ADDY recognizing the design of the USCAP Passport which signifies the modernization of the Academy’s Membership initiatives.

USCAP was featured on The Discovery Channel's INNOVATIONS program on March 7, 2016, representing the Academy's pivotal role in advancing diagnostics. Dr. David Kaminsky, writer and Senior Producer, and Ethan Kaminsky, cinematographer, were responsible for the production which was honored with the Silver Telly Award, the top award for broadcast public education. USCAP previously received a Bronze Telly in 2015.
THE NUMBERS ARE IN!

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Our dynamic Twitter Team united the USCAP community and celebrated its success at #USCAP2016.

Thank you for sharing the excitement and energy of the Annual Meeting in Seattle and making this year bigger and better than ever!

Keep the buzz going.

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New Orleans, Louisiana

Diagnostic Pathology Update
July 10-15, 2016
Jackson Hole, WY

2017 Annual Meeting
March 4-10, 2017
San Antonio, Texas

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Palm Springs, CA

Dermatopathology in the Desert: Practical Dermatopathology
May 13, 14 & 15

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June 11 & 12

Bladder Tumors, Renal Masses, Ovarian Tumors and Uterine Neoplasms
July 23 & 24

Update in Hematopathology
October 8 & 9

Unusual Lesions: Fixed and Frozen of the Genitourinary and Gynecological Tract
November 5 & 6

Practical Uterine Pathology: Essential Entities and Interesting Cases
November 19 & 20

Soft Tissue Tumor Pathology: An Anatomic and Pattern-Based Approach
December 10 & 11

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2016 Annual Meeting Attendance
+4720

Companion Meeting 7,009 attendees total
+27

Long Course attendees
+564

Attendees were from 84 countries other than the U.S. or Canada.
+1199

84 Countries represented
+3054

Scientific abstracts were submitted for evaluation
+59

Short Courses offered this year, 4,296 attendees
+19

Evening Specialty Courses with 4,214 total attendees

Possible CME Per Person= +55.5 HOURS

Total Possible CME= +446 HOURS

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