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RE: Annual Report

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The American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP) held its annual meeting in Arlington, Virginia in June 2005 and will be meeting in conjunction with the International Society for Neuropathology in September, 2006, in San Francisco.

Registrations are now being accepted for the

XVI International Congress of Neuropathology
Hyatt Regency in San Francisco, California
10-15 September 2006

Please visit www.icn2006.org for more information and to register.
Over the next few years, the Professional Affairs Committee will be establishing educational objectives for three levels of competency in neuropathology: 1) neuropathology practice; 2) training of pathology and neuropathology residents and fellows; 3) training of medical students. The Professional Affairs Committee held a recent joint meeting in Jan. 2006 with the Neuropathology Committee of the College of American Pathologists. Strategies were discussed for how the two groups might cooperate in achieving these goals, in part by improving the Neuropathology Program mailings of the CAP, with better images provided on CD-ROM (rather than Kodachrome slides) and by doubling the numbers of cases mailed per year (from 2 mailings of 4 cases to 2 mailings of 8 cases). It is anticipated that use of this improved CAP-NP program could assist participants in meeting some of the 3 objectives listed above.

The AANP is also attempting to build online teaching materials that would provide:

1.) a reliable source of diagnostic information for pathology trainees and practicing pathologists as well as give links to other good neuropathology teaching programs.
2.) sample board-type questions at residency and fellowship levels
3.) interesting cases for self-study.

Finally, last year the AANP was actively involved in having its membership draft letters to their U.S. senators, representatives, or the members of the Base Closure and Realignment Commission (BRAC) to urge them not to close the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology. The Executive Council of AANP, and many members, sent letters and helped to make a difference in the decision of the BRAC.