Activities in brief, 2006.

ADASP has been busy on multiple fronts throughout 2006. The annual meeting of the membership in Atlanta concerned residency education and the perception of pathology as a subspecialty by peers and lay persons (see attachment A). As usual, the annual meeting was well attended and received.

ADASP has been active as a participating organization in many multi organizational venues. Specifically (and not inclusive of all activities):

1. The American Board of Pathology (ABP) held its participating society meeting in the spring to discuss the early versions of maintenance of certification (MOC) and recertification for new residency graduates with time limited certificates as well as pathologists holding time unrestricted certification. As a result of this meeting, the ABP has enlisted representatives from ADASP to join an ad hoc committee to assist in the formulation of examination questions and self assessment modules for MOC and recertification.

2. The College of American Pathologists has continued to work with ADASP on several committees ranging from governmental affairs to residency training. The latter has resulted in the organization of a new subcommittee to address residency training (so named the Graduate Medical Education Committee, GMEC). ADASP is represented by its current President (CN Otis). A major on going initiative involves the multiorganizational group- The Future of Pathology (FoP). A white paper is in preparation representing the opinions and insights from the participating societies.

The practice guidelines and checklists for reporting tumors of major organ systems continue to be updated. Practice guidelines and checklists for Colorectal Carcinoma, Mesothelioma, and Fallopian tube have been completed (published in the American Journal of Clinical Pathology, Human Pathology, and Virchow’s Archives). The Prostate and Gastric guidelines and checklist are currently in final draft from to be submitted for publication. As this process goes forward, a compendium of guidelines and checklists will be published as a benchmark representing the work of experts in all the respective major tumor types.

In addition to practice guidelines and checklists, ADASP has published position papers on Quality Assurance/Quality Improvement in Anatomic Pathology, Critical Values in Anatomic Pathology, and Pathology Assistants in Anatomic Pathology. (Each included as an email attachment to this document ). These are timely and important papers on difficult subjects.

The ADASP website continues to expand its scope to include the above activities and may be found at http://www.adasp.org

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Attachment A
Agenda of ADASP annual meeting

11 February 2006 Meeting
Cairo Room
Hyatt Regency Hotel
Peachtree Street
Atlanta, Georgia

0730-0800 Continental Breakfast

Educating others about Pathologists/ Pathology.

0800-0805 Introduction and Welcome Dr. Fletcher
0805-0835 Perceptions of pathologists by others. Dr. Fletcher

0835-0905 Patient’s perceptions of pathologists.
Judi Hirshfield-Bartek, R.N., MS, O.C.N.

0905-0920 Discussion
How do we educate medical students in pathology?

0920-1000 Overview Dr. Aretz
1000-1010 What is pathology? Dr. Wick
1010-1025 Experience from a second year course. Dr. Simpson
1025-1055 Discussion/Break Membership

1055-1115 How do we educate other physicians about pathology? Dr. Compton

1115-1135 How we (can we?) educate administrators about pathology?
Dr. Myers

1135-1200 Discussion Membership

1200-1330 Lunch: Montreal/ Vancouver Rooms

Resident Education

1330-1410 Are RRC requirements Appropriate? Yes: Dr. Grimes
No: Dr. Otis

1410-1435 How do we provide graduated responsibility? Dr. Pfieffer

1435-1500 Is slide preview important or realistic? Dr. Lamps

1500-1525 Resident work hours: issues and solutions. Dr. Winters

1525-1550 DISCUSSION

1550-1610 BREAK

1610-1635 How do we best teach lab administration/ management?
Dr. Wagar

1635-1700 The problem of the failing resident. Dr. Simpson

1700-1720 Discussion Membership

1720-1730 Business Meeting Dr. Fletcher

1730-1930 Reception
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