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**Progress Report of the Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology**

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The Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology (PSC) companion scientific session will be held on the evening of Saturday March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the 106<sup>th</sup> USCAP annual meeting in San Antonio, TX. This scientific program will address new aspects and challenges that may lead to modifications in the diagnosis and classification of thyroid FNA specimens.. The session is titled "The Current State of Thyroid Fine-Needle Aspiration: Considerations, Discussions and Conclusions", and is moderated by Dr. Zubair Baloch, chair of the PSC scientific program. Presentations are given by Dr. Tarik Elsheikh who will address Cytomorphologic Thresholds for Classifying Thyroid FNA Specimens as "Suspicious and Positive for Papillary Thyroid Carcinoma"; Dr. Jeffrey F. Krane who will focus on understanding the Current ATA Guidelines for Thyroid Nodule Management and The Impact on The Bethesda System for Reporting Thyroid Cytology; Dr. Marina N. Nikiforova who will present an Update on Next Generation Sequencing and Thyroid FNA; and Dr. William C. Faquin who will cover Proposed Modifications and Updates for the Thyroid Bethesda System for Reporting Thyroid Cytology from an International Panel.

The International Relations Committee of PSC will also present an afternoon session at USCAP annual meeting (03/04/2017). The session is titled "Distance learning in diagnostic

pathology”, and is moderated by Dr. Eric Suba. The topics include: Fine Needle Aspiration Biopsy Tutorial: An Update, Distance Learning in Cytology, International Development of Laboratory Facilities, and Cytotechnologist Simulation Training in Low Resource Settings; presented by Drs. Andrew Field, Matthew Zarka, Amber Donnelly, Donald Simpson, and Stephen Raab, respectively.

The PSC continues to foster relationships with both national and international pathology societies. PSC has developed exciting sponsored educational events for the year 2017 with other societies which include American Society of Clinical Pathology, American Society of Cytopathology, International Academy of Cytopathology and European Federation of Cytopathology Societies. These cosponsored programs are designed to optimize contributions from the various societies with different strengths, needs and membership bases. Some of these presentations include slide seminars at the ASCP annual national meeting in Chicago (September 2017), entitled “Surprises and Conundrums during the Everyday Practice of Cytopathology”, and “The Current State and Future of Pancreaticobiliary Cytology”, at the ASC annual national meeting in Phoenix, AZ (November 2016). In 2016, PSC presented diagnostic slide seminars entitled “FNA of cystic lesion of head and neck”, and “Cytologic diagnosis of “atypical” at the International congress of cytology in Japan, and European congress of cytology in United Kingdom, respectively. Plans for participation in the 2018 European Congress of cytology are in effect, which will be held in Madrid, Spain.

PSC is also actively involved in the development of outreach programs in Africa and Southeast Asia. These educational programs include didactic lectures, FNA tutorials and live slide sessions. For example, cytology tutorials organized by Dr. Andrew Field were held last year in Nairobi, Kenya and Stellenbosch, South Africa. The local pathologists and technologists are actively involved in the development of these programs. We are determined for these relationships to be continued and fostered by the present and future officers of the PSC and its roster of vibrant members.

The PSC continues to fulfill its educational mission at both national and international levels, and has proven to be a leader in the field of cytopathology in developing guidelines/recommendations for challenging cytology specimens such as thyroid, pancreas, salivary gland and lung. This is all accomplished by establishing lasting partnerships with medical societies of similar interests. As officers of the PSC, we believe that the accomplishments of PSC will continue to grow and keep this society as a productive member among other pathology societies.

Respectfully submitted



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