

Appendix 1 – Summaries of Annual Reports 2010

Award Committee

The ESTP has again offered an award for a doctoral thesis or PhD-thesis in experimental pathology, toxicologic pathology or laboratory animal pathology, sponsored by Boehringer Ingelheim Pharma (5000 € for the best thesis, 3000 € for the second and 2000 € for the third). Although the number of applications was limited, three winners could be nominated.

'Guess What' Committee

The number of submitted diagnoses is again rather low. Case 13: cystic Echinococcosis in the lung of a Cynomolgus monkey. Case 13 (thymic lesion in a rat) is still open until end of September 2010.

Guideline Committee

An important topic where the committee is involved is the discussion around the pathology peer review process, including input to publications, presentation at the STP Town Hall meeting and evaluation of the OECD draft guidance document. Other achievements were collaborations with IFSTP, STP-SPRC, ASVP for publications and the committee reviewed/provided input to several guidelines.

Membership Committee

The main task was to check the membership database with regard to the high number of non-paying members, which resulted in 32 resignations (mainly retired colleagues) and 54 exclusions (according to § 5.7 of the constitution) until to date. In order to prevent such a situation in the future, a proposal to change the constitution was made, which would allow the exclusion of non-paying members already after one year of non-payment of membership fees. ESTP gained 14 new members and has currently 292 members.

Work is ongoing to offer the possibility to pay membership fees with credit card 'online' through the website.

Councillor for the Journal

There were interactions between the journal, journal councillor and the ESTP board concerning ethical standards in manuscript submissions and it was agreed that papers with concerns are sent to the ESTP chairman and discussed in the executive committee, and the ethical standard requirements for submissions were modified.

There were discussions between GESC and the Tox Path Journal to get a comparative offer for INHAND publications in ETP and discussions are ongoing for the publication of the CNS in ETP.

Councillor for the Younger Generation

The main topic was to get in contact with pathologists in Europe to collect information regarding training and education of young pathologists. Education and training is not uniformly regulated in European countries. Many courses are organized by societies of veterinary and toxicologic pathology. For the future these cooperations need to be further developed, especially by establishing better contacts to Eastern European countries. A poster was presented at the STP Symposium in Chicago and also at the ESTP Congress in Budapest. The meeting calendar on the ESTP website is regularly updated.

IFSTP Councillor

IFSTP had a total balance of 69.712 € in May 2010 and sponsored a travel award for the South American Latin Toxicology Societies. The new IFSTP website is at <http://ifstp.org>

A letter of agreement will be jointly written by the presidents of IFSTP and IATP to define the relationship between the two societies regarding global recognition and education in toxicologic pathology.

The Regulatory Interaction Committee provided input to publications on peer review and published a commentary on this topic.

Educational support included sponsoring STPI for speakers, best practice paper on training and education in toxicologic pathology, proposal for a training program in emerging countries (see also 15.2.), Town Hall meeting during the STP Symposium to present existing veterinary pathology training programs across the world.

ESTP Newsletter in Experimental & Toxicologic Pathology

Since 2006 the ESTP publishes a newsletter section in the journal, which includes letters from the chairman, announcements and summaries of activities and opinions on various subjects. Recently the creation of a Newsletter Committee was proposed to look into ways of making the newsletter more interesting. Members are asked to provide ideas and are encouraged to notify Zuhall Dincer zuhall.dincer@pfizer.com if they would like to be part of the committee.