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FEBRUARY SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

Tuesday, February 12, 2008

6:00 – 7:00 pm Pre-program Reception

7:00 – 8:30 pm Scientific Program

“Microscopic Patterns helpful in the Classification of Placental Lesions, with Emphasis on Clinical Correlations and Medical-Legal Implications”

featuring

Stephen Romansky, M.D.

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center/Miller Childrens Hospital

Clinical Professor, Pathology

University of California, Irvine

The desired outcome (objectives for) from the educational program will be:

1. Emphasis and provision of the best sources of clinical information for the pathologist as a guide to appropriate gross and microscopic placental examination.
2. Illustration of microscopic patterns of diagnostic significance.
3. Provision of valuable pathological findings that explain and illustrate clinical outcomes to include: premature delivery, ischemic injury, fetal hydrops, fetal demise and recurrent pregnancy programs (SGA, IUGR, spontaneous abortion and still birth).
4. Exposure of the audience to the latest diagnostic terminology with emphasis on improved communication between pathologist, obstetrician, and perinatrician.

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**Roger Terry, M.D.
May 1917 – January 2008**

Roger Terry, a long time member of the LASOP, recently passed away after a long battle with cancer.

Dr. Terry only fairly recently retired from active practice in pathology in 2003. A past president of LASOP back in 1974, he received a lifetime achievement award in 2006. He graduated from the University of Rochester School of Medicine in 1944. After his internship and residency there, he did a fellowship at the AFIP in Washington, D.C. and returned to Rochester as associate professor and then professor of pathology from 1956-1969. He then moved to California and served as professor of pathology at LAC/USC Medical Center from 1969-1982. Undeterred by the mandatory retirement age of 65, he then went on to work part time another 21 years at San Gabriel Valley Medical Center. He contributed to many articles in professional journals over the years and maintained memberships in many academic societies besides LASOP.

He held many positions of distinction including time spent as:

- Executive Director of the California Tumor Tissue Registry in LA 1969 – 1984.
- Captain in the US Air Force 1954-56
- Fellow in the American Society of Clinical Pathologists

Dr. Terry also belonged to the:

- American College of Pathologists
- International Academy of Pathology (councilor 1973 – 1976)
- American Society of Investigative Pathology
- American Society of Cytopathology
- International Society of Dermatopathology
- Phi Beta Kappa
- Alpha Omega Alpha
- Sigma Xi

Dr. Terry had a deep and unending enthusiasm for all aspects of surgical pathology, hence the often seen “perpetual” smile on his face. He will surely be remembered by many past students and residents who studied with him at the University of Rochester and LAC/USC residency programs. Despite his numerous academic awards and

achievements, he was an extraordinarily kindly, humble and patient man. I never knew him to ever do anything in anger or haste. One of his favorite sayings was that “the success of a professor is best measured by the accomplishments of his students”.

He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Eleanor – his devoted partner both in life and on the dance floor, son Orrin and his beloved granddaughters Jennifer and Allison.

Orrin Terry, M.D.



January 19, 2008 Scientific Program

125 attended the 11th Annual "Current Topics in Practical Pathology" All Day Program which featured Dr. M. Kathleen Washington from Vanderbilt University as well as our own Dr. Charles Lassman, who had invited two fellow UCLA physicians, Dr. Francisco Durazo, an Internist and Dr. David Lu, a Radiologist, to advise on specific aspects of interest to the Pathologist related to the liver and its treatment.

Following the morning presentations, Dr. Victoria Cortessis, Assistant Professor, Keck School of Medicine, presented a short S.E.E.R. research update as is customary. Her presentation was entitled "Epigenetic disruption of the germline: Possible cause of male subfertility and insight into testis cancer etiology".

Of great import was the presentation at lunch of the Annual Lifetime Achievement Awards to Drs. Nora Sun and Thomas Noguchi, both of whom spoke of each's educational journey, challenges, loves and rewards which have resulted from their choice of Pathology as a career. Each thanked the Society for their receipt of this Lifetime Achievement Award. Drs. Lakschmanan and Brynes introduced each with a fanfare and presented each with their plaque.

Following these presentations, Dr. Drachenberg announced that the Society would sadly be saying goodbye to two longtime Board Members in 2008 – Dr. John Craig, Secretary-Treasurer to the Society for 16 years and Mrs. Georgia Froberg, Society Administrative Support for over 20 years. Dr. Stephen Romansky presented a wine decanter to Dr. Craig upon which was engraved a Special Thank You and Dr. Drachenberg presented flowers and a special "Tiffany's" gift to Ms. Froberg.

Dr. Craig took a short time to express his grief at the passing of Dr. Roger Terry, another of Pathology's Great Ones, within the past two weeks (specific announcement printed on page 2).

In closing, Dr. James Keefe, the Society's CAP/LASOP International Exchange Educational Program facilitator, spoke of past achievements and future plans which have resulted from the Society's support of this program.

If you wish a copy of any of January 19 program handouts, please fax request to 323 881-8601. Handouts available include:

- David Lu, M.D. Interventional Oncology: Tumor Ablation
- Francisco Durazo, M.D. Treatment of Hepatitis C/Chronic Hepatitis B
- Charles Lassman, M.D. Chronic Hepatitis, Diagnosis, Grading and Staging/Steatohepatitis Update
- Kay Washington, M.D. Hepatocellular Carcinoma and Precursor Lesions: Approach to Diagnosis/Distinguishing Hepatocellular Carcinoma from other Hepatic Primary Tumors and from Metastases.

Finally, it is important to thank Dr. Lawrence Weiss and Dr. Peigui Chu, both of whom were instrumental in making the arrangements to hold the All Day Program at City of Hope National Medical Center, Cooper Auditorium and Platt Conference Center. The facilities were wonderful, the lunch was fantastic and the support provided by that institution enviable.

Thank you City of Hope National Medical Center for the space, support and easily accessible parking.

The following companies provided the support that helped make this program possible:

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OK. These Are My Final Words – Georgia Froberg

As I promised last month, those words were “almost” my last as Dr. Craig’s administrative support person. I will try to keep this short and of course sweet as I have many people to thank for my many years of interesting interaction with the Men and Women of Pathology, not only in Southern California but throughout the US and in a couple of instances the World.

I wish to thank –

George Kypridakis, M.D., who left me alone with all of you in 1990 – Yes Dr. Kyp, it worked out just great.

White Memorial Medical Center and its wonderful administrators, who have chosen to support the LASOP in so many ways during the more than 45 years that the Society has used their address, their telephones, their copiers/graphic center and their mail room without expectation of reimbursement. Heck, they even included me on their E & O Insurance listing as being a member of a non-profit community society. Thankfully, I never had to use it.

All of the past board members, who have managed not to smile, while I asked how to spell those unbelievably long Pathology words – as with any language not yet mastered, I have over the years, learned to recognize most of those words when misspelled but still do not “speak” it fluently. A special thanks to Dr. Craig, who was always there for consult, to Dr. Drachenberg who forgave me for calling him Juan instead of Milton (I knew his father) and to Dr. Burke, a long time South Pasadena friend who happened to turn up later as a Pathologist on the LASOP Board. As she recently stated “See you at Costco”.

And of course to all of you long and short time members, with whom I have spent time and conversation at one time or another. Thank you for a wonderful experience.

A really well qualified individual, Lynn Taylor, will be taking my place (you may see me in the background now and then for training support). Her contact information will be forthcoming shortly.

Future Educational Programs

March 11, 2008	Spring Slide Seminar Kaiser Permanente Medical Group
April 8, 2008	David Frishberg, M.D., Moderator Inflammatory Skin Panel
May 13, 2008	Resident/Fellow Case Presentations To Replace Previous Research Format
June 10, 2008	Summer Slide Seminar City of Hope National Medical Center
September 9, 2008	Marisa Rose Nucci, M.D. Brigham and Women's Hospital Women's and Perinatal Pathology Topic TBD
October 14, 2008	Alberto Marchevsky, M.D. Interstitial Lung Disease
November 11, 2008	Fall Slide Seminar UCLA Medical Center

Outside Educational Opportunities

#1

UCLA Grand Rounds

7rd Floor Auditorium, CHS 73-105 (Unless otherwise noted)

For Scheduling Information Contact: Sue Ellen Parsee – sparse@mednet.ucla.edu or Lee Goodglick, lgoodglick@mednet.ucla.edu

Date: Tuesday, February 5, 2008
Time: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm
Place: CHS 73-105
Title: TBD
Faculty: Craig Thompson, M.D.
Director, Abramson Cancer Center
Chair, Department of Cancer Biology
University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2008
Time: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm
Place: CHS 73-105
Title: TBD
Faculty: Jean Y.J. Wang, Ph.D.
Professor of Biology
University of California, San Diego

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 2008
Time: 12:00 Noon – 1:00 pm
Place: NRB Auditorium
Title: TBD
Faculty: Pat Brown, M.D., Ph.D.
Howard Hughes Medical Institute
Professor of Biochemistry
Stanford University School of Medicine

Date: Tuesday, February 26, 2008
Time: 12:00 Noon -1:00 pm
Place: CHS 73-105
Title: TBD
Faculty: Chancellor Gene Block, Ph.D.
Chancellor
University of California, Los Angeles

Full Annual Speaker Listing:

<http://www.pathology.ucla.edu/pathologyseminar.htm><<http://www.pathology.ucla.edu/pathologyseminar.htm>>

#2

USC Grand Rounds

For the 2007-2008 Academic Year, USC Grand Rounds will be held on the last Friday of every month, except as shown. For further information, contact Linda Huynh, USC Keck School of Medicine, 323.442.3320 or lhuyh@keck.usc.edu

Special Grand Rounds – Departments of Pathology and Radiology

Date: Tuesday, January 29, 2008
Time: 9:00 am
Place: Zilkha Neurogenic Institute, Herklotz Seminar Room 112
Title: Case Presentation: Adrenal Leukodystrophy (Lorenzo's Oil)
Faculty: Shoji Yano, M.D., Ph.D.
Arthur Partikian, M.D.
Andy Wong, M.D.

#3

South Bay Pathology Society

"Problems in the Diagnosis of Cutaneous Neoplasms"
Saturday, May 3, 2008
Hotel 480 (formerly Crowne Plaza Hotel)
480 Sutter Street, Union Square
San Francisco, CA

Faculty: Mark R. Wick
Scott Binder
Timothy G. Berger

For additional information and registration forms contact:
Ms. Anjali Kausar, 408.866.5227 ext. 135 or anjali@calpath.com

#4

Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine

“What’s New in Anatomic Pathology and Laboratory Medicine”

Featuring Three Microscope Tutorials: Gastrointestinal Pathology, Lung Pathology, Breast Pathology

Friday & Saturday, February 1 & 2, 2008

Harvey Morse Conference Center

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Beginning September 2007 , all scientific programs will be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. (Preprogram Reception 6:00 pm) with the exception of January, July, August and December as follows:

January: Refer to announcements as January is reserved for the Annual All Day Program. (Requires registration)

July/August: Summer Break = no programs available.

December: Annual Memorial Dinner and George Kypridakis Lecture. Usually held on the second Tuesday but with an earlier time schedule due to provision of dinner (requires pre-program reservation for dinner only).

All other months: Reception held between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Lecture will be held in the Main Auditorium beginning at 7:00 p.m. Location of reception/program is the first floor of the Moseley Salvatori Conference Center, 637 South Lucas Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90017, 213. 977.2555. Parking: \$3.00 per car.

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