

Pathology Symposium Report

The Faculty of Pathology and Department of Health Sciences of the College of Medicine, Nursing & Health Sciences, FIJI NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, in collaboration with International Academy of Pathology hosted the “Second Pacific Regional Pathology Symposium” on Friday 25 and Saturday 26 April 2014.

The event was held at Pasifika auditorium on the college campus in Suva. Altogether 8 international speakers presented and they were:

1. Professor Claude Cuvelier, Professor and Head of the Academic Department of Pathology and Training Programme Director of Pathology at Ghent University, Belgium. Since 2009 he is Vice-President of the International Academy of Pathology. Since 2008 he is the President of the Section/Board of Pathology of the Union of European Medical Specialists (UEMS) and Chairman of the examination committee of the European Board of Pathology. He is a member of the Advisory Board of the European Society of Pathology.
2. Professor Sebastian Lucas, Department of Histopathology, St Thomas' Hospital, United Kingdom. He has extensively worked on infectious and tropical diseases, and has special interest in HIV AIDS.
3. Professor Aileen Wee, she is a Professor and Senior Consultant at the Department of Pathology, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore, National University Hospital, National University Health System.
4. Associate Professor Gamini Kumarasinghe, is a Senior Consultant in the hospital and an Associate Professor at the National University of Singapore.
5. Professor Jane Dahlstrom, currently Sub Dean of the Canberra Hospital Campus and Professor of Anatomical Pathology at the ANU Medical School. She is also the specialist in charge of the immunohistochemistry laboratory at the Canberra Hospital and is one of two pathologists who provide perinatal autopsy service to the region.
6. Dr Maya Cherian, is a senior staff specialist in Anatomical Pathology at The Canberra Hospital, Australia.
7. Dr Raghwa Sharma, is the staff specialist at the department of Tissue Pathology & Diagnostic Oncology from 2010 and has been a senior surgical and cyto pathologist at Westmead hospital since 2004. He has been a Clinical Senior Lecturer at University of Sydney from 2009.
8. Professor Yong-Koo Park, is a councilor member of Korean division of IAP. He is on the Editorial Boards of Human Pathology and also served two years on the Editorial Boards of Skeletal Radiology. He is a member of International Skeletal Society, US-Canadian Academy of Pathology, International Society of Bone and soft tissue pathology, American Society of Bone and Mineral Research, Korean Society of Pathologists.

Also, two professors from the college faculty and 5 trainee registrars presented during the symposium on various topics.

In addition, over 30 participants attended the 2 day symposium. Besides pathologists, symposium also attracted faculty and participants from across the disciplines. This included doctors, Public health staff, lab scientists, & Nurses. A senior pathology registrar from Kingdom of Tonga also attended this event.

During the presentations a range of topics were covered such as Approach to diagnosis of common infectious diseases in developing countries, Antimicrobial resistance in Gram Negative Bacteria, Clinical liaison in diagnostic microbiology, Inflammatory and infectious diseases of the terminal ileum/colon, Approach to renal biopsy interpretation, Pap smear, Algorithmic approach to liver biopsy interpretation of diffuse liver diseases, Lung cancer diagnosis: Recent advances & synoptic report, Internal Clinical audit, Obs/medical autopsies, Lung biopsy & interpretation, FNA biopsy of focal liver lesions: Glandular entities, mimics and pitfalls, Challenges in histologic diagnosis of Bone Tumors, How to approach a difficult perinatal autopsy: the macerated stillbirth, Autopsy findings in fatal Dengue cases, Aortic malformation as cause of death and Motor Vehicle Accidents.

Evening social event was hosted at the University's Tiri restaurant. This is located by the water front just outside of central Suva. Later at the end of the programme all the participants were awarded with certificates.

Organizing committee is grateful for the support from the Central International Academy of Pathology, both in monetary form and for circulating the symposium invitation far and wide. IAP notice attracted a number of international participants and speakers, which made this year's symposium an exceptional event. Support from IAP central faculty complimented generous support from IAP Australian faculty as well as Royal Australian College of Pathologists in the form of sponsoring speakers and wide dissemination of call for participation.

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