Oral Pathology: Most Promising Career in USA?

Oral pathology is America's most promising career for 2010, according to CNN/CareerBuilder.com. A recent article by CareerBuilder.com reporter Rachel Zupek reports the average oral pathology salary rose from $159,759 to $188,577, ranking it first among the occupations studied. Her analysis is based on statistics provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and ongoing surveys conducted by SalaryExpert.com.

The other 10 top jobs which Zupek expects to have high salary growth in the coming year include:

- Social medical researchers, with average current salary of about $80,000, up 6.6%
- Pharmacologists, with average current salary of about $99,000, up 5.3%
- Toxicologists, with average current salary of about $70,000, up 5.3%
- Vocational training teachers, with average current salary of about $57,000, up 4.9%
- Academic deans, with average current salary of about $101,000, up 4.9%
- Social psychologists, with average current salary about $86,000, up 4.9%
- Early childhood development teachers, with average current salary about $37,000, up 4.8%
- Insurance agents, with average current salary about $53,000, up 4.7%
- Credit representatives, with average current salary about $46,000, up 4.5%
Dear Colleagues:

Council met in November 2009 at the Chicago Hilton. It was a busy meeting. The Councilors, ABOMP Liaison John Wright, AAOMP Staff, Janet Svazas and Karen Benton have worked tirelessly on behalf of the Academy.

Medicare rules will change on April 5, 2010 requiring that dentists and physicians who submit specimens for diagnosis to the oral pathologist will need to be registered on the PECOS system with Medicare. Val Murrah is spearheading the AAOMP effort, working with the ADA, our ADA lobbyists in Washington and AAOMS to try to get this fixed. Paul Friedman and the AAOMP Laboratory Service Committee are also working to identify a solution.

The Council and other AAOMP members are working on AAOMP’s submission to the ADA Council on Dental Education and Licensure regarding the 2011 Periodic Review of Dental Specialties for the House of Delegates. The last review was 2001. The 2011 periodic review focuses on changes occurring within specialty education, our scope of practice, program enrollments, and demographics. The review addresses the current environment as well as potential trends for the future and how these will impact the public and the profession. Dr. John Wright has updated information from CODA and the ABOMP. Our completed document is due by May 1, 2010.

The AAOMP has nominated Dr. Indraneel Bhattacharyya, a current AAOMP Council member, to serve on the ADA task force to study the feasibility of developing an examination for potential use in evaluating applicants for postgraduate dental education programs as outlined in Resolution 56H-2009 by the ADA House of Delegates.

The AAOMP Council has nominated Dr. Kitrina Cordell, member of Council, to serve on ADA committee SCDI 12.1 on Digital Imaging. AAOMP member Dr. Scott Benjamin will also be serving. AAOMP and American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology will be working with the ADA on interstate patient referrals with special attention to radiographic consults and oral pathology services to assure patient access to appropriate high level care, and to enhance the practice of both oral and maxillofacial radiology and oral and maxillofacial pathology.

Congratulations to AAOMP staff Janet Svazas, Karen Benton, and AAOMP members on the recent CERP recertification application. For the second consecutive renewal cycle, AAOMP has received 4 years, the maximum number of years allowable before we have to recertify again. Our next recertification will be in 2013.

Dr. Harvey Kessler, President-Elect and Janet Svazas, executive staff, represented the AAOMP at the National Roundtable for Dental Collaboration, January 9-10, 2010, at ADA Headquarters, Chicago. The goals of this meeting are to foster collaboration by helping the ADA to become acquainted with the key strategic goals and priorities of our respective associations. The goal was to develop a consensus on concrete objectives that our organizations should consider for joint action in 2010; to have our delegations commit to seek our organizations’ support for collaboration on these objectives; and to share our organizations’ top three issues or concerns for the upcoming year.

The Education Committee under the leadership of John Hellstein has developed a superb program of continuing education and continued competency assurance for the next annual meeting May 15 - 19, 2010, Tucson, Arizona at the Lowes Ventana Canyon Resort. Our Founder’s Seminarian is Thomas Krausz MD who is speaking on melanocytic lesions of the head and neck. Because of the small size of most melanocytic lesions, digital images will be provided to all registered members attending the Founder’s Seminar. No glass slides are available for this seminar. If you wish to present an oral or poster presentation at the AAOMP annual session, please submit your abstract online at www.aaomp.org no later than Monday, March 1, 2010. Details are available at the website and elsewhere in this newsletter.

Thank you all for the time you give and effort you make to support the AAOMP. This is a good time to check that you have paid your AAOMP dues for 2010. When you pay your dues, you should get a willingness to serve form. Please fill that out and return to AAOMP. These forms are used to identify people to serve on the committees and other important opportunities to represent AAOMP.

Best wishes,

Susan Zunt
The Loews Ventana Canyon Resort, set in a pristine habitat, showcases a natural 80-foot waterfall with a distinctive exterior created from massive stone blocks that came from the land on which it was built. You can tee off at one of two Tom Fazio designed golf courts, perfect your backhand day or night at the lighted courts, or hike the Ventana Canyon Trailhead. And after all that exertion, you’ll appreciate the pampering dispensed by the sumptuous spa. In addition to the two pools, a main pool with mountain views and a lap pool with water aerobics classes, there is a croquet court, ping-pong and basketball.

Let’s not forget shopping! The Loews Ventana Canyon has its very own floral shop that offers fresh flowers from Kim Hau, the floral director. La Encantada, an elegant and upscale outdoor mall just minutes down the road, offers not only shopping, it also offers a variety of restaurants and night life opportunities. More shopping can be found at the Old Town Artisans in the historical Presidio area, Plaza Palomino, and 4th Avenue in the historical shopping district featuring over 100 restaurants and shops.

And at days end enjoy fine dining with evening views of Tucson’s city lights in the Ventana Room, or lakeside dining indoors with views of mountains and saguaros at the Flying V Bar and Grill. In addition to these two fares, there are the Canyon Café, Bill’s Grill and the Vista Barista coffee shop. The Cascade Lounge is open for afternoon tea with a harpist, happy hour with aperitifs and caviar, and evening cocktails. Weekend entertainment includes dance bands.

So come and enjoy the breathtaking sunrises and sunsets of the Santa Catalina Mountains at the Loews Ventana Canyon Resort while you meet and greet with old and new friends at this year’s even more exciting annual meeting and continuing education program.
This year’s continuing education line up features three exciting new speakers.

**Dr. Robert Robinson** will present 10 interesting *Tumors Of The Head And Neck*. These will include tumors from the thyroid as well as other tumors that can encroach on or originate in the oral and maxillofacial region.

**Dr. Rodney Miller** will present an informative seminar on *Immunohistochemical Testing* and how to best plan your battery of tests to reach the correct answer, in the most efficient way. His course has been recommended by a number of our members.

**Dr. Ernie Lam** will speak on *Cone Beam CT*. CBCT is becoming an integral portion of the dental practice. It is expanding as more general dentists and dental specialists acquire or use CBCT machines. He will discuss various idiosyncrasies associated with the cone beam CT interpretation data volume, in terms of oral and maxillofacial pathology.

Returning to our seminar line up is **Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith** who will speak on *Mesenchymal Tumors Of The Head And Neck*. Her seminar was extraordinarily well received last year and will continue again this year as well as in 2011.

**Dr. Marta Van Beek** will also be presenting again on advances in *Moh’s Surgery Of The Oral And Maxillofacial Region*. Dr. VanBeek provided a very interesting and informative presentation that was highly rated by participants last year.

**Dr. Henry Gremilion** also returns for his second presentation on *Diagnosis And Management Of Head And Neck Pain*. Dr. Gremilion’s presentation in San Antonio had numerous high marks and we again expect high participation in his course by our members this year. His style is conducive to interaction with the audience, and he presents a patient management plan for patients, which is both insightful as well as effective.

On Saturday morning, the **AAOMP Seminar** replaces the legendary AFIP Seminar. Challenging cases will be presented in a manner similar to the style presented by AFIP. We hope the members will enjoy this every bit as much as the remarkable long-running AFIP course.

On Saturday afternoon, **Dr. Sherri Bale** will anchor our symposium. Dr. Bale’s résumé is very impressive. The topic will center on *Genetic Diseases Of The Head And Neck*. Of particular note will be the availability and procurement of tests, and understanding of the sensitivity and specificity of such testing procedures. **Mr. Bud Caruso**, a “Gorlin Syndrome” patient, will give a short first person presentation on how important genetic testing could be for him and his family, and how the syndrome has affected his outlook on treatment, as well as genetic testing.

While these are the courses run directly by the Education Committee we also look forward to the many educational opportunities provided by the Poster Boards, Abstracts/Essays and of course the always entertaining and insightful CPCs. Of particular note this year will be our Keynote speaker **Dr. Thomas Krausz**, who will present *Melanocytic Lesions Of The Head And Neck*. Dr. Krausz’s resume is impressive and the AAOMP continues to be blessed with world-class speakers at the Founder’s Seminar.

We look forward to seeing all of you in Tucson for this exciting line up.

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**Dues Payment**

If you haven’t done so, please send in your 2010 dues payments. And remember to turn in the Database and Website Update forms that were attached to your dues statements. Also, make sure that we have your correct email addresses as we send blast emails from time to time with important Academy news.
Emory's New Oral and Head and Neck Fellowship

Emory University is offering a new one-year Oral and Head and Neck Fellowship. A position will be available July 1, 2011. The program will be open to individuals finishing a residency in either oral and maxillofacial pathology or pathology. It is located at Emory Hospital and will include oral, oropharyngeal, larynx, sinonasal and ear pathology, at a present volume of over 8000 biopsy specimens/year. In addition, the fellowship entails participation in evaluating head and neck resection specimens including frozen section diagnoses. This would be a great opportunity for someone to get additional training and live in a great city. For more information please contact Steve Budnick at sbudnic@emory.edu.

By Mike Rohrer

2010 Gorlin Visiting Professors were Dwight (Ronnie) Weathers, eminent oral pathologist and professor of pathology and dermatology at Emory University Medical School, and Chester Whitley, professor of pediatrics and director of the gene therapy service at the University of Minnesota. Dr Whitley considers Bob Gorlin one of his most important mentors.

The weekend also featured case presentations by each of the 37 participants, which were provided on CD to participants at the close of the conference. After 3 years of attendance, a resident will have a library of about 100 outstanding cases for teaching.

Bob Gorlin’s widow, Marilyn, their children and grandchildren attended the Saturday evening banquet and program. The conference was created to honor the memory and legacy of Dr Robert J. Gorlin in the future members of the AAOMP. Oral pathology residents may attend the conference for up to 3 years of their post-doctoral training, with all expenses paid by the Robert J. Gorlin Endowed Visiting Professorship Fund.

37 Residents Meet & Learn at 3rd Gorlin Conference

Thirty-seven oral pathology residents from throughout the U.S. and Canada attended the 3rd annual Gorlin Conference at the University of Minnesota from October 16-18, 2009. The conference was created to honor the memory and legacy of Dr Robert J. Gorlin.
The Fall 2009 meeting of the Eastern Society of Teachers of Oral Pathology was held in Asheville, North Carolina at the historic Grove Park Inn Resort and was hosted by Valerie Murrah and Ricardo Padilla of the University of North Carolina.

The first day occurred on Halloween and participants had the opportunity to participate in the Halloween festivities at the Inn, including the judging of pumpkin carving.

Dr. Laurie Carter, Immediate Past President of the American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Radiology, and a member of our own academy, as well, was the speaker and gave presentations on “Differential Diagnosis of Soft Tissue Calcifications” and “Clinical Applications of Cone Beam Computed Tomography”.

The beautiful fall color of the area added to the ambiance of the weekend which saw over 45 participants. In keeping with the gorgeous autumn colors, participants were delighted to receive handouts from Dr. Carter which were in full color. The customary second day of case exchange was marked by excellent diversity of material and good discussion.

ESTOP 2010 will be held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and will be hosted by Denis Lynch of Marquette University.
Tobacco Dependency was the theme of the 2009 WESTOP meeting at the Four Seasons Hotel in Westlake Village, California.

The Welcome Reception, held in an art gallery, featured live entertainment by country and western vocalists Autumn Williams and Teri Bennett. Teri is a dental hygienist who works in private practice at Dental Faculty Associates in Loma Linda.

Monday’s scientific session was “Smoking Cessation in the Dental Setting: Essential Issues for Dental Educators,” that focused on nicotine addiction. Featured speakers were David P. L. Sachs, MD, director, Palo Alto Center for Pulmonary Disease Prevention, and Linda Hyder Ferry, MD, MPH, associate professor, LLU School of Medicine and School of Public Health, as well as chief, Preventive Medicine Section, Loma Linda Veterans Healthcare System.

The meeting was planned and hosted by Loma Linda University School of Dentistry faculty, Lane Thomsen and Susan Richards, both of the Department of Oral Diagnosis, Radiology, and Pathology.
ABSTRACT AND POSTER SUBMISSION

The AAOMP 2010 Annual Meeting will include both oral abstracts and poster presentations. Oral abstracts will be presented on Monday, May 17th, and posters will be shown on Tuesday, May 18th. Online submission is the only method available for submission of abstracts, and the deadline is Monday, March 1, 2010.

The Scientific Program Committee will consider all submissions on a first come, first served basis. Time slots for oral presentations are limited, so it is possible that not all requests for oral presentation will be honored. If your request for oral presentation is turned down, you may be offered the opportunity to present a poster instead. However, space available for poster presentations is also limited. Therefore, organizers recommend the best chance for success is submitting your abstract or poster early.

ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

Please submit your abstract online at http://abstracts.aaomp.org no later than Monday, March 1, 2010. The electronic submission system will guide you through the process. The main body of the abstract should be a maximum of 1800 characters (including spaces).

Examples of abstracts presented at previous meetings can be found at http://www.aaomp.org/continuing-ed/abstracts-cpcs.php.

If you have technical difficulties with online submission, please email your query to info@aaomp.org

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF ABSTRACT

You will receive an immediate acknowledgement on your computer screen confirming receipt of your abstract, including a submission reference number and confirmation of your personal password. Please use these details if you wish to edit your abstract before the submission deadline. No changes or new submissions will be possible after this deadline.

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE AND PRESENTATION FORMAT

You will be notified whether or not your abstract has been accepted no later than Monday, March 15, 2010. Every attempt will be made to notify you of the Scientific Program Committee’s decision within two weeks from the date of submission however.

If your abstract is accepted for either oral or poster presentation, you will be required to register for and attend the meeting. Failure to register for the meeting will result in removal of your presentation from the program. Registration for the annual meeting is now open.
DR. FINN PRAETORIUS: INTERNATIONAL LEADER IN ORAL PATHOLOGY • Associate Professor Emeritus of Oral Pathology, School of Dentistry, University of Copenhagen, passed away on 21 December 2009 at the age of 76 after a lengthy illness.

Finn Praetorius was a warm and charming person with an exceptionally well developed, intelligent humor, which combined with his professional skills was the basis of many professional friendships all over the world. He was a visiting Professor at the University of Minnesota 1974-75, President of IAOP 1996-98, and Honorary Member of IAOP and its Scandinavian counterpart SFOPOM.

Finn Praetorius graduated in 1957 from the Royal Dental College, Copenhagen. After having worked in Jens Pindborg's department as volunteer, teacher, and research associate he was appointed Associate Professor in 1965. He retired in 2003 at age 70. He had enormous influence on the establishment and continued development of the Department of Oral Pathology in Copenhagen as well as on the daily work during Jens Pindborg's numerous international commitments and he continued his work after retirement. It was a special pleasure for Finn to see his impressive chapter on odontogenic tumors published only few months before he passed away.

He had a broad interest and an enormous, detailed expertise of oral pathology. His main interests were odontogenic tumors and virus-induced hyperplasias, crowned by the chapter mentioned above, by his contributions to the WHO 2005 Classification of odontogenic tumors, and by revealing a new type of HPV associated with focal epithelial hyperplasia - an entity studied during his expeditions to Greenland as part of his second career as a Chief of the Danish Navy's Dental Corps. His excellent teaching capabilities were highly appreciated by dental students and colleagues through his long career.

We are greatful and honored that Finn shared his talents with us.
Palle Holmstrup, Jesper Reibel

KITTY ROBINSON: HELPED ESTABLISH AAOMP AUXILIARY • Katherine “Kitty” Robinson of Laguna Woods, CA died on August 24, 2008. The wife of the late Dr Ham Robinson, one of the founders of the AAOMP, Kitty made significant contributions to the AAOMP in her own right, particularly in the establishment of the AAOMP Auxiliary, and was a faithful meeting attendee well known to AAOMP members.

She was born in Philadelphia in 1912 to the late Katherine and Edward Long. Kitty enjoyed life to the fullest and had an incredibly vibrant nature. She and Ham had been residents of Laguna Woods Village since 1975, where she was active with her many friends at the pool and bridge table. Kitty and Ham lived many years in Columbus, Ohio and in Kansas City, where Ham was the Dean of the University of Kansas City-Missouri Dental School.

In the many years that Ham was a leader in dentistry, Kitty is well remembered as the unofficial social chair of dental events, welcoming and making all guests feel comfortable. She had particularly fond memories of the social time with their oral path friends in the Academy. During Ham's active years with the Academy she never missed a meeting and enjoyed every minute of the spirited social events.

She is survived by her three children and their spouses: William and Harriet Robinson of Sandy Springs, Georgia; Marian and Peter William Burnside of Worthington, Ohio; Peter and Leticia Robinson of West Simsbury, Connecticut; as well as five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.
Submitted by Peter Robinson

DR IRA FRANKLIN ROSS: AN EMERITUS FELLOW OF AAOMP • died in St Petersburg, FL on 1 October 2009 at the age of 89.

Born in Harlem, Dr Ross graduated from dental school at the age of 21 and served as a Major in the US Dental Corps in World War II. He specialized in periodontics, became a professor at NYU Dental School, and chaired the Periodontics Department of NJ College of Medicine and Dentistry.

Dr Ross was passionate about music, particularly opera, and in his retirement he created an opera education website, a CD project entitled "Opera for Everyone", and helped launch the St Petersburg Festival of the Performing Arts.

Dr Ross is survived by his wife of nearly 64 years, Helene Strousse Ross, two daughters and eight grandchildren.
Meeting Details

Friday, May 14
12:00 pm
Executive Council Meeting

Saturday, May 15
7:00 am – 8:00 am
Fellowship Exam Breakfast

7:00 am – 10:00 am
Spouse Gathering Room

7:00 am – 10:00 pm
Continued Competency

7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Registration

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Fellowship Committee

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Meeting

8:00 am – 5:00 pm
Fellowship Examination

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm
Fellowship Committee/Examinee Luncheon

6:30 pm – 9:00 pm
New York Hospital Queens Oral Pathology Lab Reception (by invitation only)

8:30 am – 11:30 am
AAOMP Seminar – (Replacing AFIP Seminar)

CE Program #1 (3 credits)
John W. Hellstein, DDS, MS
John M. Wright, DDS, MS
Harvey P. Kessler, DDS, MS
James T. Castle, CAPT USN, DDS, MS
Kevin R. Torske, CDR USN, DDS, MS

Ten challenging surgical pathology cases will be presented. The diagnosis for each will be offered and discussed in the context of the attendees’ submitted diagnoses.

The five speakers are all long time members of the Academy and hope to share interesting cases both old and new. They will present atypical, unusual or uncommon lesions from the head and neck region that have been accessioned throughout their oral and maxillofacial pathology careers. Cases selected typically include recently described entities, rare lesions or variants of well-characterized tumors. Emphasis will be placed on the histopathologic differential diagnosis, adjunctive special laboratory studies and the rationale used to arrive at the final diagnosis.

All registrants will receive virtual slides of all cases prior to the meeting. These DVDs need not be returned, however, all these attendees are strongly encouraged to submit their diagnosis for the cases. Diagnoses will be used as a framework to help guide the discussion. All attendees will receive a handout containing histories, diagnoses, discussion and references.

Objective:
1. To review rare, unusual or challenging cases from the Registry of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology.
2. To discuss the development of a clinical and histopathologic differential diagnosis.
3. To provide the rationale for the use and application of adjunctive histopathologic, immunohistochemical and molecular studies in challenging diagnostic scenarios.

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Symposium: Genetic Testing of Syndromes With Head and Neck Involvement
Sheri Bale, MS, PhD, FACMG / Anthony “Bud” Caruso
Symposium CE Program #2 (4 credits)

The symposium today will center on syndromes that have components involving the oral and maxillofacial region. A series of cases will be presented along with the genetic basis of the syndrome. Special emphasis will center on the ability to diagnose the syndrome through genetic testing, and the types of testing methods that are available. A short first person presentation by Bud Caruso, a leading advocate of the Gorlin syndrome support group, will lead off the symposium. He will discuss the impact of the syndrome on himself, his loved ones and how the healthcare system has or can support patients like himself.

Objectives:
1. Will have a better sense of the impact of hereditary syndromes on the patient and their family.
2. Will have a better understanding of syndromes involving the head and neck region.
3. Will be better able to understand available diagnostic tests to confirm or reject a possible diagnosis.

Sunday, May 16
7:00 am – 10:00 am
Spouse Gathering Room

7:00 am – 10:00 pm
Continued Competency

7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Registration

7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Coffee Service

8:30 am – 11:30 am
Interesting Cases in Head and Neck Pathology
Robert Robinson, MD, PhD, CE Program #3 (3 credits)

A group of 10 lesions encompassing tumors, benign and malignant, as well as inflammatory processes that affect the head and neck will be presented. The sites of origin of these lesions include the nose and paranasal sinuses, soft tissues, oral cavity and thyroid as well as some lesions that occur in or around the base of the skull structures. Some of the cases will be illustrated as metastatic processes, including visceral malignancies, to the head and neck region, always a difficult but important issue when evaluating tumors in this region. When appropriate, the use of ancillary studies such as immunohistochemistry will be highlighted. The most important aspect of the lesions illustrated will be differential diagnoses that must be entertained when these processes are encountered.

Objectives:
1. Will learn about a variety of tumors and disease entities in the head and neck region, each representing major disease categories of which pathologists working in the field of head and neck pathology should possess some working...
knowledge.
2. Will learn to develop an appropriate differential diagnosis on the cases presented.
3. For the diseases presented, will learn which immunohistochemical or molecular testing would be most appropriate.

8:30 am – 11:30 am
Advances in Mohs Surgery of the Oral-Facial Region
Marta VanBeek, MD
CE Program #4 (3 credits)

There is a significant amount of overlap between the fields of dermatology and oral pathology with Mohs surgery being a mainstay of maxillofacial tumor therapy. This course will attempt to bridge the gap by clearly demonstrating Mohs surgical advances with clinical-pathologic correlations. The focus will be on communication between pathologist, dermatologist and Mohs surgeon as well as the actual histopathologic diagnosis.

The course will be divided into three segments:
1. Communication issues associated with Mohs surgery. Including appropriate referral from tumor board, potential tissue orientation problems and potential clinical follow-up issues for the Oral Pathologist.
2. Clinical pathologic correlation with the clinical presentation of the presenting lesion and development of the appropriate clinical differential diagnosis.
3. Common and uncommon tumors of the head and neck region, managed through Mohs surgery will be covered.

Objectives:
At the end of this course the participants should be able to:
1. To be able to formulate a differential diagnosis of facial tumors then properly refer and follow-up the patient through the treatment continuum.

8:30 am – 11:30 am
Immunopathology: Tips, Tricks and Getting Out of the Quicksand
Rodney T. Miller, MD
CE Program #5 (3 credits)

This course consists of three 1-hour presentations, covering a variety of relevant topics regarding the use of immunohistochemistry by diagnostic pathologists. Part 1 will focus on reviewing important technical aspects of immunostaining with emphasis on those aspects that are required to ensure high-quality reproductive stains. Troublesome artifacts and pitfalls that can lead to misinterpretation will be discussed in detail, and steps to avoid these pitfalls are presented. Part 2 will discuss the optimal use of immunohistochemical markers to address the problem of morphologically “undifferentiated” tumors, and will include a number of illustrative case studies. In Part 3, markers useful in determining the primary site of metastatic carcinomas are discussed, and their use illustrated with a number of case studies.

Objectives:
At the end of this course the participants will:
1. Know the basic steps involved in immunostaining and recognize the dangers of using prediluted ready-to-use antibodies and the importance of proper antibody dilutions in obtaining optimal stains.
2. Recognize endogenous biotin artifact and know how to abolish it.
3. State how to properly work up a new primary antibody and how to continuously monitor the sensitivity and specificity of antibodies with every stain performed.
4. Know the characteristics of true-positive and false-positive immunostains.
5. Understand the importance of proper controls, and describe a method that can be used in any laboratory to make multitumor sandwich block positive control blocks.
6. Discuss the options available for work up of cases when no paraffin block is available.
7. List the most useful antibodies for assessing “undifferentiated” tumors, and understand the strengths and limitations of the markers.
8. List the most useful antibodies for studying cases of metastic carcinoma of unknown primary origin, and be able to select appropriate markers when given relevant clinical information.

12:00am – 1:00 pm
Speaker/Education Committee Luncheon

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Cone Beam CT: Principles and Applications in Imaging Oral & Maxillofacial Pathoses.
Ernest Lam, DMD, MS, PhD, FRCD(C)
CE Program #6 (3 credits)

With the emergence of cone beam computed tomography in dentistry, there is widespread excitement in the general dental and specialist communities as strategies are developed for incorporating this novel technology into patient care. Being able to separate the hype from the reality of what cone beam CT imaging can actually offer will be essential to our understanding the potential of this new modality in dentistry, as well as its limitations.

Objectives:
At the end of this course the objectives are to:
1. Develop an understanding of the basic concepts of 3D imaging: imaging physics, image processing and image management.
2. Understand current radiation dose and risk considerations related to cone beam CT imaging.
3. Describe the potential uses of cone beam CT imaging in dentistry in the context of the established imaging modalities with consideration given to risk vs. benefit approach to modality selection.
4. Understand the major limitations of cone beam CT technology in the context of the established imaging modalities.

Plan ahead for South Korean IAOP meeting in August 2010

On behalf of the International Association of Oral Pathologists and our hosts, the Korean Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology, I want to extend an invitation for you to attend the 15th International Congress of Oral Pathology and Medicine to be held August 16-20 in Seoul, Korea.

We are still finalizing arrangements but the preliminary program is exciting and it should have something for everyone. Our web site for registration should be open soon. Our local organizing committee, led by Dr. Jin Kim, is working hard to provide a scientifically rigorous program within a rich hospitality of Asian culture. I was in Seoul a couple years ago working on venue selection and preliminary details of the meeting and I can assure you that Seoul is a vibrant, modern city that should serve as a superb backdrop for professional and social interaction among those in attendance. Please mark your calendars for August 16-20, 2010 or longer and please join us in Seoul in 2010.

On a side note, I would also encourage all of you to join the IAOP. If nothing else, membership provides connection and financial support to the global community of oral pathology. Applications can be found at www.iaop.com

John M Wright
President,
International Association of Oral Pathologists
2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
**Mesenchymal Lesions of the Oral and Maxillofacial Region**
Julie C. Fanburg-Smith, MD
CE Program #7 (3 credits)

The seminar will be based on DVD virtual microscopic slides. The aim is to present and discuss a selection of soft tissue neoplasms which may present in the oral cavity or adjacent structures. The following topics and subtopics will discussed.

1. Specialized Myofibroblastic Tumors
2. Myomelanocytic/Melanocytic Tumors
3. Nerve Sheath Tumors
4. Adipocytic Tumors
5. Round Cell Tumors and Genetics
6. Overall approach to soft tissue tumors
   a. Phenotype and Immunostains
   b. Classification and Grading

The importance and relevance of accurate differential diagnosis will be stressed. Modern diagnostic techniques (including molecular genetics) will be described as appropriate.

Objectives:
At the end of this course the participants should be able to:
1. To better understand the diagnosis, differential diagnosis and natural history of mesenchymal tumors in head and neck region.

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
**TMD/Orofacial Pain Diagnosis and Management: Clarifying the Issues.**
Henry A. Gremillion, DDS
CE Program #8 (3 credits)

Temporomandibular disorders (TMD) encompass a multitude of conditions which involve the temporomandibular joints, muscles of mastication, and/or contiguous structures. Many TMD diagnostic subgroups share common clinical characteristics. Diagnosis and management of TMD has been associated with many misconceptions and much debate. It is now recognized that multiple factors are involved with the initiation and/or perpetuation of TMD. Additionally, we now have a greater appreciation for the total pain experience including pain mechanisms/pathways and pain referral in the head and neck. The importance of individualizing diagnosis and management for optimum therapeutic outcomes is well-recognized. This course will emphasize diagnosis and non-surgical management of this challenging, yet common group of musculoskeletal disorders.

Objectives:
At the end of this course the participants should be provided with:
1. The rationale for a thorough history and examination.
2. Current concepts of pain referral in the head and neck.
3. Diagnostic criteria for commonly occurring TMD subgroups.
4. Etiologic considerations essential for case-specific management.
5. Reversible approaches to management in the vast majority of cases.
6. The development of a “case-specific” plan of care for each patient.
7. The concept of multidisciplinary management of TMD

6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
**Welcome Reception**

Monday, May 17
7:00 am – 8:00 am
Editors Breakfast (by invitation only)
7:00 am – 10:00 am
Spouse Breakfast
7:00 am – 10:00 am
Continued Competency Assurance Exam Registration
7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Coffee Service
7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Essay Program
8:00 am – 12:30 pm
Program Directors Luncheon
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm
Air Force Luncheon (off-site - by invitation only)

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm
Fellows’ Business Meeting
3:00 pm – 4:30 pm
Spouses’ Reception
5:00 pm – 6:30 pm
Indiana Reception (by invitation only)
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Emory Reception (by invitation only)
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Non-Organized Alumni Reception (by invitation only)
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm
CAOMPOM Annual Meeting (by invitation only)
9:00 pm – 10:30 pm
Residents’ Reception (open to all attendees)

Tuesday, May 18
7:00 am – 8:00 am
Education Committee Breakfast
7:00 am – 10:00 am
Spouse Gathering Room
Continued Competency Assurance Exam Registration
7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Coffee Service
7:30 am – 5:00 pm
Poster Program
7:30 am – 11:30 am
Past Presidents’ Luncheon
7:00 am – 10:00 pm
ADEA Luncheon (separate registration fee)

1:00 pm – 5:00 pm
**Melanocytic Lesions Involving the Head and Neck**
Thomas Krausz, MD, FRCPath
Founders Memorial Seminar (4 credits)

This course is a case based discussion of diagnostically challenging melanocytic lesions of the skin and mucous membranes or the head and neck. It is intended to be a practical guide on how to approach problems in diagnosis ranging from benign to atypical to malignant proliferations. How to interpret melanocytic deposits in sentinel lymph nodes will also be discussed. Key morphological features will be emphasized. Use of ancillary techniques including immunohistochemistry and molecular tests will also be covered. These will include both the established markers as well as evolving practical application of genetic aberrations where appropriate. Participants will be encouraged to take an active part in the discussion of cases.

Upon completion of the course, the participants will be able to:
1. Distinguish between nevus, dysplastic nevus and in situ melanoma.
2. Distinguish between different differential diagnoses such as classical Spitz nevus, atypical Spitzoid tumor and melanoma.
3. Diagnosis spindle cell/desmoplastic/neurotropic melanoma.
4. Recognize various pigmented lesions of mucosal sites including premalignant conditions such as mucosal melanocytic hyperplasia.
5. Handle sentinel lymph nodes and recognize nevus cell nests and blue nevus in lymph nodes and distinguish them from metastatic melanoma.

6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
President’s Reception
7:00 pm – 11:00 am
President’s Dinner w/entertainment

Wednesday, May 19
7:00 am – 10:00 am
Spouse Gathering Room
Continued Competency Assurance Exam Registration
7:30 am – 10:30 am
Coffee Service
7:30 am – 10:30 am
Clinical Pathology Conference
8:00 am – 10:30 am

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American Academy of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology designates this activity for 25 continuing education credits.
AAOMP Annual Meeting – May 15 - 19, 2010
Tucson, Arizona - Registration Form
Please print or type all information clearly. Thank you!

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| NOTE:  **REGISTRATION FEE INCLUDES PRESIDENT’S DINNER ON TUESDAY.**  
**YOU MUST ANSWER “YES” OR “NO” FOR ATTENDING IT ON THIS FORM.** | $350 | $450 |
| Members who currently are in a **residency training program** may pay a reduced registration fee of $150. A letter must accompany this form from your Program Director verifying your residency status. **Life Members & Emeritus Fellows** may pay a $160 registration fee. | |
| **Spouse/Significant Other**– Registration  
**Also Incl.: Sun Reception, Mon. Continental Breakfast, Welcome & Spouse Reception** | $100 | $185 |
| **Continuing Education Programs** | |
| **Sat. AM** | **CE #1:** AAOMP Seminar – Replacing AFIP Seminar  
Drs. John Hellstein, John Wright, Harvey Kessler, James Castle, and Kevin Torske | $110 | $150 |
<p>| <strong>Sat. PM</strong> | <strong>CE #2 Symposium:</strong> Dr. Sheri Bale / Anthony “Bud” Caruso – Genetic Testing of Syndromes with Head and Neck Involvement | $110 | $150 |
| <strong>Sun. AM</strong> | <strong>CE #3:</strong> Dr. Robert Robinson – Interesting Cases in Head and Neck Pathology | $110 | $150 |
| | <strong>CE #4:</strong> Dr. Marta Van Beek – Advances in Mohs Surgery of the Oral-Facial Region | $110 | $150 |
| | <strong>CE #5:</strong> Dr. Rod Miller – Immunopathology: Tips, Tricks and Getting Out of the Quicksand | $110 | $150 |
| <strong>Sun. PM</strong> | <strong>CE #6:</strong> Dr. Ernest Lam – Cone Beam CT: Principles and Applications in Imaging Oral &amp; Maxillofacial Pathoses | $110 | $150 |
| | <strong>CE #7:</strong> Dr. Julie Fanburg-Smith – Mesenchymal Lesions of the Oral and Maxillofacial Region | $110 | $150 |
| | <strong>CE #8:</strong> Dr. Henry Gremillion - TMD/Orofacial Pain Diagnosis and Management: Clarifying the Issues | $110 | $150 |</p>
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