Histopathology

“Lesions that imitate tumours and the tumours they imitate”

Thursday 22 June
Interesting aspects of soft tissue pseudotumours and quasitumours
Professor M Michal
Pseudomalignancy in bone and joint pathology
Dr R Reid
Pathology without borders
Professor J van den Tweel
“Focused Training” a British Phenomenon or a Paneuropean Goal?
Dr H Zakhour
Newly described renal tumours and WHO 2004
Dr O Hes
Mimics of urothelial neoplasia and tumour-like lesions of the urinary bladder
Dr J Shanks
Reporting prostate biopsies: problems with mimics
Dr D F R Griffiths

Friday 23 June
The lymphadenitis of Piringer-Kuchinka: a mimic of malignant lymphoma
Dr L Plank
Assessing the prognosis of lymphoproliferative disorders
Dr A Jack
Tumour-like lesions of salivary glands
Professor A Skálová

Haematology

Thursday 22 June
Current status of lymphoma diagnosis and therapy in the Czech Republic
Dr M Trneny
Childhood lymphomas in the Czech Republic
Professor R Kodet
Morphology session
Dr B Wilkins
3 Clinico-pathology cases
Dr P Carey
Dr J A Murray
Difficulties in diagnosing and treating antiphospholipid syndrome
Dr B J Hunt
Haemochromatosis – a multi-disciplinary approach
Professor M Worwood
Genotype and phenotype
Dr J S Dooley
Neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia, the role of the clinical pathologist
Dr E Massey

Friday 23 June
All Wales lymphoma panel: should it be emulated?
Dr S Dojcinov
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia – advances in laboratory assessment and impact on therapy
Dr P Hillmen
Hypereosinophilic disorders: one or many
Dr C Harrison
Joint Haematology & Microbiology session
“Fungal infections in the immunocompromised patient”
From microscopy to molecular – laboratory diagnosis of invasive fungal infection  Dr E M Johnson
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Treatment of invasive fungal infections in the immunocompromised patient  Dr A Glasmacher
Yeast – what’s brewing?  Dr A Galloway

Microbiology

Thursday 22 June
Invasive meningococcal disease: still challenging  Dr P Krizova
Parasitology  Professor L Kolarova
Tick borne encephalitis  Dr H Zelená
Enterovirus – an underestimated infection  Dr E Žampachová
Avian influenza  speaker tbc
Should HPV screening become the first-line test in cervical screening programmes? What role will HPV vaccines play?  Dr H Cubie
Case studies on HIV resistance  Dr D Pillay
Viral infections in immunocompromised patients  Dr A Turner

Friday 23 June a.m.
Invasive Group A streptococcal disease in Europe  Dr A Efstratiou
Tuberculosis – still the “Captain o’ the men of death” or is he a General now?  Professor F Drobniewski
Molecular diagnostics – has it come of age?  Professor P Hawkey

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Forensic Pathology
“Decomposing bodies”

Friday 23 June p.m.
Forensic entomology: insects and their role in the decomposition of corpses, including studies at the Anthropological Research Facility of “Body Farm”  Dr A J Hart
Toxicology in decomposed bodies  Dr J M Evans

Chemical Pathology & Immunology
“Biomarkers and monitoring in a clinical setting”

Thursday 22 June
Laboratory provision in the Czech Republic and the UK  speaker tbc
Free light chains in lymphoproliferative disease  Dr G Mead
Allergy diagnosis and interpretation  Dr S J Deacock
Antibody deficiency syndromes  Dr P Wood
Complement tests  Dr P Williams
The role of auto-antibodies in subclinical hypothyroidism  speaker tbc

Friday 23 June
Biomarkers and prognostic factors in CLL  Dr S Johnson
Estimated GFR – the good, the bad and the ugly  Dr P Twomey
Vitamin A & E status, can we do better?  Dr D R James
Hypertriglyceridaemia in pregnancy  Professor I Young
Setting standards for the measurement of biomarkers & monitoring of POC  speaker tbc
Therapeutic drug monitoring in epilepsy  speaker tbc
Biomarkers and monitoring in malignancy  speaker tbc

Poster session – Thursday 22 June
Haematology – Art or Science?  Dr J A Murray, ACP President  -  Thursday 22 June

Dyke Foundation Lecture given by Sir Muir Gray - Friday 23 June
General Information

Venue
The Association of Clinical Pathologists’ International Scientific Meeting will be held at The Corinthia Towers Hotel, Kongresová 1 140 69 Prague 4 (http://www.corinthiahotels.com)

Access and Location
The Corinthia Towers Hotel is situated approximately 15 kms from the airport. The nearest Metro station is Vyšehrad on line C (red line)

EARLYBIRD RATES (available until 1 February 2006)
After that date all rates increase by £10 per day

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Registration fees include entrance to the scientific programme, exhibition, poster session, lunch and refreshments. Name badges must be worn at all times to gain access to lectures, the exhibition and refreshment areas. The final programme will be included in the delegate packs.

Conference Dinner
On the evening of 22 June an informal dinner will be held at the Pilsner Restaurant, Municipal House, namesti Republiky 5, 110 00 Prague 1 (www.obecnidum.cz). The Conference dinner price is £30 per person (inclusive of Czech beer). The Conference dinner must be pre-booked before 5 June.

Payment
Payment must accompany registration forms and should be made in pounds sterling. Cheques drawn on a UK bank should be made payable to ACPath Ltd. Visa and Mastercard payments (in pounds sterling) are also accepted.
Language
English will be the official language of the scientific meeting.

Abstracts
Abstracts of the lectures and posters will be included in the delegate packs which will be available for delegates on arrival.

Poster Presentations
This meeting will include poster presentations for which abstracts are invited. All abstracts must be in English and must be submitted, as a Word document, by email, to Professor T M Reynolds at info@pathologists.org.uk by 1 March 2006. Authors will be notified by 1 April whether their abstract has been accepted.

- Abstracts must be submitted typed (font size not less than 10 pt)
- The presenting author’s name must be underlined
- Please give details of the person to whom all correspondence should be addressed (postal and email address, together with a daytime telephone number)
- Bold or italic print should not be used in the text of the abstract, graphs or diagrams should not be included in the abstract
- No alterations can be made to the abstract after receipt
- The abstract should not exceed 250 words excluding title and authors (please include a word count)

Exhibition and Refreshments
The exhibition will take place in the Rhone/Vlatava/Vistula/Thames/Severn suite where all refreshments and lunch will be served. This offers an ideal opportunity for delegates to visit all the stands and to meet with the company representatives. These companies make an important contribution to the meeting and the Association is grateful for their support.

Travel
By air
CSA is the official carrier and offers special discounts for delegates attending this meeting. Details of how to obtain the discounted rates will be sent out with confirmation of your registration. Further information can be obtained from www.czechairlines.com

Other airlines flying to Prague from the UK include British Airways (www.ba.com), Easyjet (www.easyjet.com), bmibaby (www.bmibaby.com).

Transfer from Prague-Ruzyne Airport – Central Prague
Taxi
Any taxi will drive you to the airport from the city centre. In the opposite direction, there are taxis marked "Airport" on their roofs. The price consists of a 25-crown boarding fee and the charge should be 17 crowns/km. You should not pay more than 500 crowns for the entire trip.

Bus
Prague’s public transport system offers the cheapest way to get from the airport to the city centre. Bus no. 119 operates between the underground station Dejvicka and terminal-North of Prague-Ruzyne Airport (Stop-Nove letistí). The 119 runs every 20 - 40 minutes between the hours of 4:00 and 24:00. This trip should take about 30-40 minutes including waiting-time. Bus no. 100 will take you from "Zlicin" underground terminus to Ruzyne Airport (and back), in 13 minutes. The bus is adapted to carry additional baggage. On working days, in the morning and afternoon the bus operates at 15 minute intervals, at other times the interval is 30 minutes.

Before you get on a bus, you have to buy a 12-crown ticket, available from vending machines or newsagents.

Visas
Certain categories of British passport require a visa to visit the Czech Republic. If the national status shown is 'British Citizen', a visa is not required. However, where the status is anything else, for example, British Subject, British National (Overseas), British Dependent/Overseas Territories Citizen, British Protected Person or British Overseas Citizen, a visa will be required. To apply for visa, contact the Czech Embassy or Consulate in your country. Please note the visa application process can take up to 2 months.

Local travel
Public transport in Prague is excellent. There is an underground (3 lines), buses and trams. For more information and maps see www.myczechrepublic.com
Banks & Currency
Czech crowns are the official currency in the Czech Republic. Exchange facilities are available at Prague Airport and at most hotels, banks and exchange offices throughout the town. International credit cards (except American Express) are also accepted as payment in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

The exchange rate is approximately
£1.00 sterling = 40 Czech Republic Koruna as at October 2005

Hotel Accommodation
An allocation of rooms has been reserved for the period of the Scientific Meeting for delegates at the following hotels in Prague.

Delegates should use the Hotel Housing form which can be downloaded from this website to make their bookings direct with the hotel of their choice.

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