

The News Letter of the Australasian Division of the IAP

About 10 years ago Jan McLean and I collected all the News Letters together. The early ones were provided by Peter Cropley. She then photocopied these and sent one copy to me. The originals and one copy of the photocopies were filed in the central office. We thought that one day we, or someone else might like to compile a history of the Australasian Division of the IAP, and the News Letters could be used as a basis for this historical account. Further details can be obtained by consulting the collection of original documents - annual reports, letters etc that Jan has kept together in the files.

When I came to compose News Letter 14.02 which will be my last one, I thought it was time to try to do what we envisaged doing 10years ago. So, I digitised all of the editions before 2000. Editions after that are already on the web page. This complete record will now be added to the new web site.

Since 2000 when the Internet was still new, editions of the News Letter were posted on the Web Page of the Australasian Division that was established by Keith Shilkin and soon taken over by Richard Jaworski and maintained by him and an IT colleague until 2014.

The following report is based on the 40 years of News Letters.

Peter Cropley was the foundation Secretary/Treasurer of the Division. He writes about how he produced the News Letters.

"They were all typed by myself on my electric IBM "golfball" typewriter. These machines were popular at the time and they were the first electric typewriters. They replaced the manual typewriters that worked on an inked ribbon that was struck by metal letters. I had 3 or 4 interchangeable golfballs for different typefaces. I didn't have any secretarial help at any time - this really only started in the 1980s when a Divisional office was set up.

I copied the IAP logo and "Newsletter" heading from a USCAP-IAP publication and used this as a letterhead for most of the issues. The first few Newsletters were copied on to the coated paper used in the early photocopiers at the time. I used the photocopier at my work.

(At the Royal Brisbane Hospital we were still using manual typewriters at this time. There was one Xerox photocopier in the Department and we had to pay for the photosensitive paper that we used. Fax machines were still to come. RAC)

From about 1974 I would type up each issue and then get a local office-type printing place to produce the copies. The mailings were all done manually by myself. I had template sheets of members names and addresses and would copy, cut out and paste these on to the envelopes. (This was before address labels could be easily printed out by a computer.)

Many of the handouts for the meetings were also printed by a local printer, often at the last minute when they became available. I remember one printer working most of

a Friday night for the Saturday meeting, with members of the Committee being co-opted to collate the many sheets on the Saturday morning.

Apart from mailing the Newsletters, I also mailed out the slide sets and other material for the meetings. I remember Kash Mostofi saying that his wife used to complain a lot about all the slide sets littering their living room in the early days of the US-Canadian Division when he was running it and doing the mail-outs - this was a bit like my experience at the time.

All of the material for the meetings prior to the 1982 Congress were distributed in this way. We had professional organisers for the Congress - International Convention Management Services, which was run by Ken Scheller (who died not long afterwards, with the company folding as a consequence.) "

Vincent McGovern was the driving force in founding the Division. He delayed doing this for a few years to allow the newly formed RCPA to establish its educational activities. He did not want to have conjoint meetings with the RCPA. He planned the annual meetings for a time when they did not clash with meetings of the RCPA or USCAP.

The second meeting was held in Sydney on June 29-30, 1974. By laws were adopted; the annual subscription was set at \$6 (after a lengthy discussion about the amount to be charged) and there was a letter from Prof. HD. Tandon from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences in Delhi. He was President of the Indian Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists and was inviting Australian pathologists to attend the Silver Jubilee meeting of that Association. He also suggested that the Australians might join with the Indians to have a meeting of pathologists from the Asia Pacific Region, or perhaps to form an Asia Pacific Division of the IAP. The Australians declined the invitation on the grounds that it was too early for them to do this.

Prof Edward (Ted) Gault, then retired in Melbourne was invited to be a guest speaker at the Jubilee meeting. Ted had established the Pathology Department in the Vellore Medical College and was a founding member of the Indian Association.

Editors of the News Letter

1973-1983	Peter Cropley
1984	Denis Moir
1985-1989	Alan Palmer with Warick Delprado
1989-1995	Robin Cooke with Warick Delprado
1995-2014	Robin Cooke with Jan McLean and Luke Perkins

Format of the News Letters

From 1973 until Edition (90.03) the format of the News Letters remained as designed by Peter Cropley.

The first News Letter that was formally printed was 1975 no. 1 (75.01)

For (90.03) Warick demonstrated his computer flair and added images from the klipart programme. He resigned as Secretary at the meeting in 1995.

From Edition (95.03) a professional designer, Luke Perkins took over the design of the News Letters.

This edition carried the first photos of delegates attending the Annual Scientific meeting. Fiona Bonar was the first 'cover girl.' We welcomed delegates from Japan, Korea and Hong Kong and formed the Asia Pacific Association of the IAP. At this meeting Denis Moir was President of the Australasian Division and Philip Allen was the first President of the IAP from Australasia.

In (96.04) we made the first attempt to introduce an additional colour to black and white. The first colour tried was green and it was not really satisfactory.

We then tried adding blue. In the next edition we settled on black and white for the pictures and a blue background.

The first edition in full colour was 2010 no. 2 when Richard Jaworski was President.

Some items of interest from the various editions

(73.01) The first meeting took place on June 30th 1973. Objectives were agreed upon and a committee was elected. A small slide seminar on Soft Tissue Tumours was conducted. At that time the RCPA had only recently established a Soft Tissue Tumour Registry co-ordinated by Phil Allen in Adelaide.

(74.01) Published in February. Peter gamely planned to produce monthly editions or more if there was enough interest.

There were 160 members who are listed by State.

A meeting of the Division was being planned for June 29 & 30. A programme was being prepared.

Board members attending the Board meeting were invited to submit a claim for the reimbursement of air fares. (from the minutes of the meeting). This policy was continued ever since this.

(74.02) One page. A request for letters from members.

A few housekeeping matters

(74.03) Mostly letters from Kash Mostofi about USCAP and IAP meetings.

Programme for the first "real meeting." Martin Mihm from the Massachusetts General Hospital was to give two talks on "Inflammatory skin diseases," one on Saturday and one on Sunday. Martin arrived on Saturday morning and left on Sunday evening. He came again as an invited speaker for the Congress in 2004 and again he arrived on the day he was due to give his paper and then left the next day to return to Boston.

Denys Fortune was to give a talk on the WHO classification of Ovarian Tumours and some case presentations on Saturday and there was to be a symposium on renal disease on Sunday.

News Letters will be issued bi monthly because there is not enough material for more frequent editions.

Registration for the meeting will be \$30.

(74.04) One page report on the meeting on June 29 & 30. It was a successful and enjoyable weekend.

(75.01) Two pages

The annual subscription was raised to \$10 because \$6 would not be enough to cover the postage costs. (There was much discussion about this amount as well.) Subs would be tax deductible. Conference registration \$30 which includes 2 slide sets of 24 slides each and lunch on each day in the Nurses' quarters building. This must also have covered the costs involved in travel and accommodation for the guest speakers.

(You surely could not beat that as value for money. RAC)

The annual meeting will be held on August 2-3. Basil Morson from St Marks Hospital, London will be the guest speaker and he would present a slide seminar on GI pathology. Basil at that time was lecturing about intestinal polyps. There would also be a thyroid symposium and slide seminar.

Richard Whitehead, recently appointed Professor of Pathology at Flinders University in Adelaide will give a talk on gastric biopsies. (On the morning before this lecture, Dick had an interview with the President of the RCPA and some committee members over a cup of tea and was admitted as a Member of the RCPA. Those were the days.)

The programme for the combined USCAP/IAP meeting in 1976 was included.

It was announced that Vincent McGovern had been given the honour to be the first person from Australasia to be the Maude Abbott Lecturer at the USCAP meeting to be held in Washington in 1976. He was invited by Murray Abell who would be President at the 1976 meeting of the USCAP.

Vince died in a traffic accident on Dec 30, 1983 at age 69. The RCPA published a memorial issue of Pathology. In 1984 (84.01) President Phil Allen and Secretary Denis Moir had a vote of the members on a number of options for a memorial. There were 134 replies with 90 favouring a VJ Mc Govern Memorial Lecture.

(75.02) One page. Good attendance expected at the meeting. Programme included.

(76.01) The programme for the ASM was being formulated. The dates for the meeting were June5-6.

One guest speaker will be Kash Mostofi from the AFIP. He was OIC of the Male genital section and he was also the driving force in modernising the USCAP/IAP for the second half of the 20th century. It was his influence that encouraged McGovern to establish a Division of the IAP in Australasia. As well as running a slide seminar on "Diseases of the Male Genital System," his visit would also have been of assistance to those who were establishing the machinery of the IAP.

The other was Peter Scheuer, the leading liver pathologist in the UK. Peter ran a seminar on "Toxic and Inflammatory Liver Disorders."

The Mostofi seminar was organised by Theo Constance at Concord Hospital, Sydney; and the Scheuer one by Keith Shilkin from the Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital in Perth.

They expected Prof. HD. Tandon from the All India Institute of Medical Sciences to visit Sydney, being funded by a grant from Roche.

An innovation this year was a dinner at the Travelodge Motel at the end of Missenden Road. Numbers of places available were 120 people and the cost was \$15 per person.

They requested members to return unused slide sets so that a bank of teaching sets could be established. I think this request came to nothing.

Pituitaries wanted: Pathologists were being asked to keep pituitaries from post mortems when the gland was not needed. (This programme had actually been in full swing since the mid 1960s). The pituitaries were being pooled at CSL to manufacture Growth Hormone and FSH. This request was for pathologists to increase the numbers being sent to CSL because the demand for these hormones was outstripping the supply. About 20 years later there was a Commonwealth inquiry into this practice after a few cases of CJD occurred in recipients. I was the last pathologist in Brisbane who had been working during this period of collections, so it fell to me to make a report.

(76.02) One page. The number of registrants is greater than at previous meetings. The dinner has almost sold out as have the slide seminars.

A block booking at the Travelodge Motel has been made and the cost of one night is \$21 which is a 10% discount.

Return air fare to the US for the Washington meeting of the USCAP/IAP in October is \$1034. A suggestion that a group booking might be made was shown to be impractical and the idea was abandoned.

(76.03) Two pages. There were 180 registrants at the ASM and it was a great success.

Mostofi wrote saying thanks and foreseeing an important role for the Division in furthering Education in the SE Asia Region.

Tandon wrote saying thanks and hoping that there would be further contacts between this Division and India.

Mostofi offered to support a bid to host an international congress in 1980. A postal vote of members was held and the vote was Yes. (137 replied. 88 yes, 49 no) This was in spite of the fairly widespread doubts about the ability of the Division to organise such a meeting and following closely after a financially disastrous meeting of WASP run by the RCPA in 1975.

Emeritus Professors Rolf ten Seldam and Edward Gault were made Honorary members of the Division.

The journal Histopathology sponsored by the British Division of the IAP was launched. Articles were welcome.

(77.01) The ASM would be held on June 4-5. Invited speakers were Harold Spencer from St Thomas Hospital, London (Lung pathology) and Ratnam Shanmugaratnam

from Singapore (Oral and nasopharyngeal). The former session was organised by Tania Jelihovsky, RPA, Sydney, and the latter by Bryan Radden, Oral pathologist from Melbourne.

The USCAP/IAP meeting went well. There were 33 representatives from the Aust Div. Vince McGovern gave the Maude Abbott lecture.

(As an example of the vagaries of politics, the IAP Council voted to hold the 1980 International Congress in Belgium. At that time Belgium did not have a Division and in fact they joined up as part of the British Division. The other contestants were Hungary and Australasia. In fact the 1980 Congress was held in Paris.

We had to wait until 1982 to hold our first international congress.)

A number of pathologists from South Africa wish to migrate to Australia and need help in sitting for the RCPA examinations.

Vincent McGovern was appointed Editor of the News Bulletin of the IAP with the brief to produce it in a style used by the Aust News Letters.

(77.02) One page. Vincent McGovern was a guest speaker at a meeting of the Mexican Division of the IAP. (According to Tania Jelihovsky Vince used to take his little dog for a walk at lunch time. He taught himself some Spanish phrases during these walks. He attempted to use this newly acquired skill at this meeting. However, the Chairman of the meeting said 'we appreciate your gesture, but we would prefer you to speak in English please.')

Registrations for the ASM are about the same as last year and the slide seminars have already sold out. The dinner is almost sold out.

There will be elections for office bearers and nominations are called for all positions.

(78.01) One page. The plans for the ASM are in place. The annual sub of \$15 is now due. (This motion passed without any discussion at the AGM)

There will be elections for council positions next year.

(78.02) Two pages. Plans for the ASM are in hand.

Vincent McGovern reported on the IAP Congress in Jerusalem. There were 600 delegates with 17 from the Aust Div.

It seemed likely that the Aust Div would get the invitation to run the International Congress in 1982 (which it did). It was decided that April would be the best time to hold it in view of other meetings being held during the year.

(79.01) I do not have a copy of this edition. But there may not have been one.

(79.02) The ASM was the biggest yet. Firm plans were laid to stage the International Congress in April May 1982 in Sydney.

Plans for the 1980 meeting are in place.

Theo Constance retired from his position at Concord Hospital and there was a retirement dinner in his honour held in the Uni. of Sydney Union.

(80.00) There were no news letters this year. At that time Peter Cropley was particularly busy in setting up a practice. A copy of the Minutes of the AGM and a financial statement are presented. Ken Neale was appointed Treasurer.

There were 64 members at the AGM, 12 councillors. Total membership is 378.

Finances. Total assets \$17,298.83

This was being held to cover expenses for the 1982 International Congress.

The approval to hold the 1982 Congress in Sydney had been received. Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Earle, Sec of the IAP had visited Sydney in April and Ken gave a favourable report to the IAP.

The 1980 meeting was a success but there were 50 fewer registrants and there were a few fewer attendees at the Dinner.

(81.01) a few slide sets from the 1980 ASM - Mediastinum (Gerald Levine) and Endocrine (Sheldon Summers and Dillwyn Williams) are available for purchase for \$30 each.

The International Council meeting in Paris gave official approval for the Aust Div to host the 1982 International Congress. It will be held in the Wentworth Hotel and the opening ceremony will be held in the Opera House on Monday October 11.

(81.02) Arrangements for the ASM are in hand.

There will be elections at the ASM.

The office bearers are elected as follows. This has been the procedure since the inception of the Division.

Councillors are elected every 2 years with a maximum term of 6 years.

The Secretary is elected for a 4 year term that can be extended.

President elect is elected every 2 years and he or she becomes President for 2 years.

Theo Constance is Chair of the organising committee for the 1982 Congress.

The annual subscription has been raised to \$25 (\$4 of this is sent to the central body of the IAP to help finance its activities.)

Members are being asked for a levy of \$50 to help meet the initial expenses of the Congress.

(82.00) Because of the International congress only one edition was produced in 1982. It carries some information about the organisation for the meeting and asks for suggestions for topics for the ASM in 1983.

(It seems as though there was no formal report on the Congress. Peter Cropley was extremely busy and no formal report was made by him. Another reason for this was probably due to the death of the Congress Organiser before all the loose ends had been finalised. This usually takes a few months after a big congress like this.)

(83.01) March One page. The ASM will be held on June 4-5. Kash Mostofi will be a guest speaker. Elections for office bearers will be held. The International Congress was a success and some slide seminars are still available for purchase

(83.02) May One page. Programme for the ASM

(84.01) Editor Denis Moir Secretary of the Division. 3 pages. Notification of the Death of Vincent McGovern and questions as to how he might be remembered.

Programme for the ASM 1984 is enclosed. Dame Sheila Sherlock will be one of the speakers.

(84.02) 205 attendees at the ASM. The liver session with Sheila Sherlock was a success. After the meeting she and her husband (a respiratory physician) visited Brisbane as guests of the Gastroenterological Society of Qld. They both gave a number of lectures. Quite a few of Sheila's former post graduate students were members of the GE Soc of Qld. and Robin Cooke was President of the Soc.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Division were adopted at the ASM and the Division is now incorporated.

The 1983 ASM made a small loss. The International Congress made a profit of \$60,000 and \$30,000 of this was returned to the International body of the IAP. The assets of the Division stand at \$95,000.

The annual subscription is raised to \$35.

Videotaping of the ASM was explored but it was not a success and it was not done again.

(84.03) The incorporation is now complete and Theo Constance is heading a committee to produce new by laws.

The office of the Div has been moved to Mona Vale for the convenience of the Secretary. The RCPA provided some part time secretarial assistance and Midge Roe was the woman allocated to this job.

(85.01) Alan Palmer is Editor. The speakers for the ASM 1986 have been appointed.

As from Jan. 1986 the office of the IAP will be in the premises of the RCPA in Albion St., Surry Hills.

(85.02) At the ASM the inaugural VJ McGovern lecture was given by Bryan Corrin, Respiratory pathologist from the Brompton Chest Hospital, London. It was one of Bryan's entertaining lectures.

The supporting cast for this meeting was a lecture by Stephen Sternberg from the Memorial Cancer Hospital, New York. He was editor of the American Journal of Surgical Pathology and of the textbook "Surgical Pathology." He gave such an entertaining lecture on "Being an Editor" that he was given a standing ovation - the only one that I can remember at the IAP Aust Div meetings.

(85.03) One page The office moved into the premises of the RCPA in Albion St. Surry Hills. House keeping items.

(86.01) One page The programme for the ASM this year is included.

Outreach activities

With the profits from ASMs and the International Congress, the Division was in a position to begin these activities.

The Division contributed \$10,000 towards the cost of publication of the VJ. McGovern Memorial issue of Pathology.

In 1985 two pathologists from China were funded to attend the ASM.

In 1986 one pathologist from Fiji and one from PNG are being funded to attend the ASM.

The rest was advertising other meetings.

(86.02) One page The 1986 ASM had 212 registrants who purchased 127 slide seminar sets.

The speakers for the 1987 ASM will be Kris Unni - Bone pathology and Kamal Ishak - liver pathology.

At the 1986 International Congress of the IAP in Vienna.

President Robin Cooke will present a plenary session on "History of Medical Museums in Europe" and a slide seminar on Tropical Pathology with Dan Connor from the AFIP

Denis Moir resigned as Sec and was replaced by Warick Delprado in 1985.

Theo Constance completed his term as Vice President for SE Asia on the Council of the IAP and Phil Allen was nominated to replace him.

"Theo's retirement brought to a close the era of the founding pathologists who brought the Division into existence and their replacement by those who will bring it to maturity."

Lectureship to SE Asia:

The executive is considering the feasibility of establishing a lectureship to SE Asia that would involve sending a member of the Aust Div for 2 to 3 weeks to a region of SE Asia to assist in the education of the local pathologists.

The move of the office of the Div to Durham Hall has been a success and thanks are given to our part time secretary Midge Roe who survived the transition.

Financial position now

Total assets \$130,000. \$30,000 invested in long term deposits and \$90,000 in short term interest bearing deposits.

(86.03) One page Phil Allen reported that the Int Congress in Vienna was attended by 1200 registrants and it was a success.

Advertisements for forthcoming meetings.

(87.01) One page. The annual meeting was extended by a day with the Friday preceding the main meeting being given over to a combined meeting with the COSA and RACS on Melanoma. This was arranged by the Melanoma Group at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

(87.02) One page. Nominations for Council are called. Details for the upcoming ASM are enclosed.

(87.03) Two pages. The ASM had 280 attendees. The combined COSA/RACS and IAP meeting on the Friday had 120 registrants. There are now 465 members of the Aust Div, not all of them are financial members. Annual Sub is now \$30.

Advertisements of up coming meetings both National and International.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Robin Cooke attended the 9th National Congress of the Indonesian Association of Pathologists where he gave a series of lectures and visited some other centres. His airfares were paid by the Division. He had preliminary discussions about the possibility of them forming a Division of the IAP. This did come to fruition some years later.

As was customary for such meetings in Indonesia, on the final evening there was a dinner, and representatives from the various regions each provided a concert item. Robin Cooke did a tap dance and at all the places he visited after that he was asked to give a lecture and "to dance."

Phil Allen was a catalyst in the forming of a Chinese Div of IAP.

(87.04) Two pages all advertisements for meetings

(88.01) One page - all advertisements for meetings. Some slide seminar sets will contain 35mm slides because not enough stained sections could be provided.

(This was the first use of 35mm photos to supplement slide seminars because not enough glass slides could be made to meet the demand for them. Digital presentations were a big advance in this regard.)

(88.02) A journal for the Division

Phil Allen championed the idea that the Division should sponsor a new journal - International Surgical Pathology. Unfortunately this did not survive.

(88.03) At the ASM there were 299 registrants.

Slide seminars cost \$55 a set of 12 cases with case histories and commentaries. (This number of cases became the standard for our seminars)

Advertisements for coming meetings.

(88.04) Lectureship to SE Asia:

Past President Robin Cooke made another visit to Indonesia at the invitation of the Indonesian Soc of Pathology. He visited Bandung and gave lectures on "Medical

History" and "Clinical Signs in neurology and the underlying pathology that causes them." He also gave a slide seminar on "Pigmented skin conditions"

In Jakarta at the Department of Pathology he gave 2 slide seminars

On one day "Gastroenterological pathology" with 33 cases from his Department and 7 from the Department in Jakarta. There were 50 attendees.

On the next day a slide seminar on Neuropathology with 21 cases from Brisbane and 5 from Indonesia.

Clinical specialists, both internal medicine and surgeons attended both of these seminars. This was the first time that pathology meetings were attended by clinicians, and both they and the pathologists enjoyed the interaction. (I noted in compiling the rest of the history that this practice of inviting clinicians to attend pathology meetings was continued in following years. (Robin Cooke comment 3-8-14)

Prof S. Himawan, Head of both the Hospital and University Departments at the University of Indonesia said in his report "It can be said that Dr. Robin Cooke's visit to Jakarta was very successful and of much benefit for us. Therefore it is hoped that in the future also other Australian pathologists can have the opportunity to visit Indonesia. Priority will be given to the field of Haematopoietic and Reticulo-endothelial Pathology and Soft Tissue Pathology."

(This has happened and a number of other pathologists have visited and lectured in Indonesia in the following 25 years. It can be said that pathology in Indonesia is now flourishing Robin Cooke comment 3-8-14)

Phil Allen reported at length on the IAP Congress in Dublin in 1988 and gave some useful information about the USCAP and its annual meetings.

(89.01) Information about the upcoming ASM meeting and the council elections.

(89.02) **Companion meetings**

The first companion meeting- Renal Pathology Society was held on the Friday evening in the Scott Skirving Lecture theatre at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital.

Programme for the ASM

Demonstration of Intellipath. This was one of the first Computer based systems for learning and teaching pathology and for use as a diagnostic tool. Bharat Nathwani one of the primary authors will attend the meeting to demonstrate the first module on Lymphomas.

(89.03) First edition with Robin Cooke as Editor assisted by Warick Delprado. 4 pages.

This was the last meeting held in the Schlink lecture theatre at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital. The lecture theatre was crowded with 327 delegates, many sitting on the steps. The atmosphere was quite hot and oppressive. The Darling Harbour Convention Centre opened in 1988 and it was decided that the 1990 meeting would be held there. We were moving just in time.

We were one of the first regular conventions to be sited at the Darling Harbour Convention Centre and this closed for rebuilding in 2013.

Report on the ASM. Advertisements for upcoming meetings.

(89.04) Lectureship to SE Asia:

Phil Allen spent 6 very full days in Indonesia giving lectures mainly on Soft Tissue Tumours in Jakarta, Yogyakarta and Bandung.

"Phil's contribution was greatly appreciated by the Indonesian pathologists and they would welcome another IAP sponsored visitor in 1990." Report from Prof. Himawan.

Previous and still ongoing collaborative assistance with Indonesian pathologists.

In about 1968 the Royal College of Australasian Gynaecologists and Obstetricians began having training programmes with their counterparts in Indonesia.

Since 1974 Frank Pacey, cytologist from Westmead Hospital, Sydney has been running training courses in exfoliative cytology for Indonesian pathologists and cytotechnologists. Some of these courses were run in Indonesia and some in Australia. In 1989 he was accompanied by Robert Osborn and Les Bousfield. These courses continued for some years after this.

Al Lovric from the Red Cross Blood Bank in Sydney has been running courses in haematological techniques in various cities in Indonesia for the past 15 years.

The 9th Congress of the Indonesian Association of Pathologists will be held in Surabaya from June 28 - July 1 in 1990. Australian pathologists are invited to attend.

Advertisements for upcoming meetings.

(90.01) First poster session

The programme for the ASM was posted. It was announced that the first poster session would be run.

Advertisements for meetings were included.

The first and probably the only "letter to the Editor" was received from Elsie Abrahams, Sydney.

"The Editor, Dear Sir,

Did you know that there were 5 ladies in the pathology service of the Royal Australian Army Medical Corps during WW II. Like their male counterparts, some had previous experience in Pathology and some had not. Dr. Josephine Mackerras was a parasitologist and she was posted to work with Neil Hamilton Fairley's Malaria Research Unit in Cairns and the Atherton Tableland. Dr. Lois Laurie also had previous experience in "laboratory" Medicine and she was posted to the Public Health Laboratory.

The other 3 - Elsie Abrahams, Queenie Crook and Eileen Scott-Young had had no previous experience, so they were given three months intensive tuition and graduated

as Clinical Pathologists. Elsie spent the wartime period in laboratories in Melbourne and Perth. Eileen went to Darwin and Queenie to Puckapunyl.

Yours sincerely,

Elsie Abrahams."

I asked for anyone to write to me with any more information about this but I did not get any replies. (Robin Cooke 3-8-14)

(Comment: In Dec 2013 I found a book "Malaria Frontline - Australian Army Research during WWII" by Tony Sweeney; Melbourne Uni Press; 2003. It has a very good account of the Research Unit that Elsie mentions. The work done there, particularly on the use of Atebrin as a prophylactic against Malaria undoubtedly played a big part in winning the War in the Pacific.

Josephine Mackerras had to work out how to breed mosquitoes for the experiments and to get the mosquitoes to then bite volunteers, and to prevent the mosquitoes from escaping into the environment.

The James Cook University Research Unit in Cairns is still breeding mosquitoes for experiments in a similar manner to that which Jo introduced.

A number of pathologists worked at the Unit during its life and they went on to be very prominent members of the medical and pathology fraternity for the next 20 years.

Robin Cooke 3-8-14)

A short comment on an interesting Danish Pathologist, Jens Peter Hart Hansen.

(90.02) The programme for the ASM was included.

There were some comments by the Editor from a meeting of the USCAP in Boston.

New technology that was demonstrated:

Papnet for automated cervical cancer screening was demonstrated.

There was a small disc that contained 10 years of Medline information on it.

A demonstration of automated teaching of pathology using a programme for both IBM and Macintosh computers.

A machine for voice operated generation of typed gross pathology descriptions was demonstrated.

Pathologists' Assistants had a stand where they publicised the University training courses that they were doing that qualified them to work in Anatomic Path labs doing grossing and many other technical activities.

At that time they were just trying to get themselves accredited by the College of American Pathologists. Now they are employed in laboratories throughout the USA.

(I thought at the time that this sort of person would be very useful in the laboratories in Aust and NZ. We have been very slow in accepting this. RA Cooke 3-8-14)

There were other comments about Boston and about Divisions in UK, Italy and France.

(90.03) The first attempt at a format different from that which Peter Cropley introduced.

Report on the 1990 meeting, the first one held at Darling Harbour.

392 registrants. 139 of them stayed at the hotels near the Convention Centre.

Slide seminars sold

Breast 150 (and they sold out and some people could not get any)

Lymph nodes 175 (and there were just enough of them)

Dinner 122 attended

First poster display

For the first time there was a Poster display. 16 posters were submitted. First prize Dr. Wawryk from St Vincent's Hospital Melbourne. Prize \$500.

Remembrances of an Old member of the Division - Jack Little, Brisbane.

Impressions of a New member of the Division - Diane Cominos, Brisbane.

Lectureship to SE Asia

Anthony Leong, then in Adelaide was invited to attend the second National Congress of the Pathology Association of Thailand in November 1989 and to give a State of the Art Lecture "New Perspectives in the Pathological Diagnosis of Neoplastic Diseases."

His visit continues the policy of the Aust Div of making contacts with sister organisations in the countries close to us. Further contacts are planned.

(90.04) Warick Delprado tested his computer skills by adding klip art to this edition.

The ASM programme was advertised.

Gordon Wright gave a report on the IAP International Congress in Buenos Aires. There were many administrative difficulties and many delegates developed gastroenteritis.

(The Congress organiser left with all the money a few months before the meeting. It took about 10 years for this money to be recovered from various banks in the USA. The President's medal and neck band was stolen RAC 15-8-14)

Other upcoming meetings were advertised.

(91.01) The Division will continue to rent space from the RCPA, but it will no longer share secretarial staff with the RCPA. Jan McLean who has been doing this shared job has been appointed part time Sec of the IAP.

Feature articles

Reminiscences of the meetings at the Royal Prince Alfred Hospital by Jack Little one of the "old faces" and impressions of Darling Harbour by a "new face," Diane Cominos who was attending her first IAP meeting.

Election of office bearers to be held at the ASM.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Jeremy Jass from Auckland visited Indonesia Oct 17-28 as a sponsored IAP lecturer. He gave lectures on Inflammatory bowel disease and Hereditary non-polyposis colorectal cancer in Jakarta, Bandung, Surabaya and Medan.

(It is interesting to see that following on the experience in 1988 in Jakarta, many clinicians attended these meetings. RAC)

Anthony Leong will continue the programme in 1991.

In July 1990 Robin Cooke visited one of the smaller universities in Indonesia - Brawijaya in Malang, a city in the hills behind Surabaya. He was there under the auspices of an International Development Programme of the Aust Universities aimed at improving the technical and professional development of staff in this newly developing University.

Robin took his senior scientist, Leigh Owen with him. Robin talked to the pathologists and Leigh talked to the Technicians. By the end of two weeks the technicians were producing good quality sections. The pathologists said that the sections for the first time looked like the pictures in the text books.

They both spent a few days in Surabaya where the National meeting of the Society of Indonesian Pathologists was taking place. Leigh spent time with the technicians in Surabaya while Robin spoke at the meeting. Denys Fortune was at the meeting on behalf of the RCPA and Frank Pacey was there to receive an award in recognition of his long service in providing education in cytology.

Robin had identified a need to have some education of technicians on his previous visits and this was a good opportunity to do something about this. Other visitors to Indonesia identified the same problem and later on Anthony Leong was able to take one of his senior scientists to help with this education.

(91.02) Advertisements for the ASM. Comments on the USCAP meeting.

Companion meetings - the first Lymphoma meeting

Two companion meetings Renal (its second meeting) and Lymphoma (its first meeting)

Many new Companion meetings are planned for 1992.

Comments on the USCAP meetings by Warick Delprado

(91.03) Report on the ASM June 2-3.

398 registrants

There were 21 posters.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

The Division contributed to the expenses for Phil Allen to undertake an exhausting lecture tour in China visiting Chengdu, Nanjing and Hong Kong in May.

Robin Cooke was the Anatomical Pathology International Guest Speaker for the 31st Annual Congress of the Federation of South African Societies of Pathology from June 13 to July 5. As well as giving a keynote lecture and a slide seminar at the Congress he visited Universities in Cape Town, Durban, Bloemfontein, Johannesburg and Pretoria and gave lectures there. (He was funded by the South African Pathology Soc.)

Reports from overseas

IAP Divisions in UK, Denmark, South Africa, France, Hong Kong, European Soc of Pathology.

(91.04) Advertisements for the ASM.

Gordon Wright appointed to organise the poster session.

The annual subscription is now \$40.

(92.01)

Advertisements for the ASM

Room rate at Novotel \$140. Slide seminars 12 cases for \$75. Annual dinner \$55

The ASM will be formally extended to include Friday afternoon.

The Friday programme:

Four lectures "Problems in Surgical Pathology"

Phil Allen - Soft tissues

Stan McCarthy - Bone

John Ireton - Liver

Peter Russell - Gynae

Following these lectures the following companion meetings will take place beginning at 5.15pm

Renal, Gastrointestinal, Lymphoma, Fine Needle Aspiration.

Advertisements for meetings

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Robin Cooke spent the last week of November in Port Moresby at the invitation of the Uni of PNG to tutor the 3 National Medical Graduates who have enrolled for the M. Med. Programme in Pathology. During the week he and the 3 registrars reported all the Surgical Pathology together. In addition to this he gave lectures to undergraduates

and presented a case at the weekly Hospital Grand Round. (This visit was funded by Ausaid)

Peter Cropley, foundation Secretary/Treasurer/Editor of the News Letter submitted a short article on the establishment of the Division in 1973. He was pleased to note that the Division was still pursuing the objectives envisaged by the founders.

Advertisements for other meetings were included.

(92.02) No copy of this edition

(92.03) Report on the ASM

30 posters. Gordon Wright was organiser of the poster session.

In 1991 (letter) President Roger Sinclair introduced the **Distinguished Pathologist Award** and Theo Constance was the first recipient.

In 2008 (2008.02) President Brett Delahunt introduced the **Robin Cooke Medal** for Meritorious Service and Warick Delprado was the first recipient.

(92.04) Report on the IAP Congress in Madrid by Keith Shilkin (Vice President for Australasian Region)

Advertising the programme for the ASM in 1993.

Advertisements for other meetings.

A continuing education slide programme for pathologists in Country Australia arranged on behalf of the RCPA.

(93.01) Advertising the ASM

Call for nominations to the Board

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Peter Russell engaged in a 10 day programme in Indonesia that was jointly arranged and funded by the Aust Div of IAP and the Indonesian pathologists. He visited Jakarta, Yogyakarta and Bandung. He gave 7 prepared lectures (the topics being suggested by the Indonesians), a slide seminar in each city, a symposium and consultations on their difficult cases.

Advertisements for overseas meetings.

(93.02) Programme for the ASM.

Report on the doings of the IAP central by Keith Shilkin

Advertisements for overseas meetings

Feature article

by Roddy MacSween on 100 years of Pathology textbooks from Professors of Pathology at the University of Glasgow.

(93.03) Report on the ASM with grainy photos of the two invited speakers and the members of the Board with President Denis Moir. The first attempt at publishing photos from the meeting.

Feature article

Peter Herdson described his experiences in moving from Auckland to Riyadh and then Canberra. This is an interesting read (RA Cooke 3-8-14)

An article on smear diagnosis of CNS tumours by Judith Fryer, Royal North Shore Hospital, Sydney

Advertisements for meetings.

A call for photographs from previous meetings drew no result

(93.04) Advertisement for the ASM in 1994.

Report on the Meeting of the European Soc of Pathology in Innsbruck, Austria

Advertisements for local and overseas meetings.

(94.01) Handout notes from the ASM 1993

David Ellis - Surgical pathology of Inflammatory and infective lymph nodes

Advertisement for the ASM in 1994.

Roger Sinclair (assisted by Phil Allen and Kon Muller) led an unsuccessful bid to host the 1998 IAP Congress in Melbourne.

(94.02) Programme for ASM

Report on the USCAP meeting by Gordon Wright

(94.03) Report on the ASM

Immediately after the meeting, the Aust Cytology Soc arranged a 4 day FNA course in Katoomba.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Lectures arranged conjointly by the Aust Div of IAP and the Indonesian pathologists in Jakarta April 25-28.

Michael Gonzales gave 5 lectures and a slide seminar on CNS tumours and infections

Prema Iyer gave 4 lectures and a slide seminar on Endocrine pathology.

(94.04) Report on the IAP International Congress in Hong Kong.

Phil Allen became President of the IAP, the first from the Australasian Division. This was a two year appointment.

He has begun a 3 year appointment in the Pathology Dept of the Chinese University in Hong Kong.

Robin Cooke was appointed Editor of International Pathology - News Bulletin of the IAP. This was a renewable 2 year appointment.

Feature article

Research in Antarctica by Konrad Muller, Uni of Tasmania.

(95.01) Some observations from the IAP Congress in Hong Kong

Papnet was demonstrated as an automated pap smear screening machine.

Telepathology for distant consultations was demonstrated at a session chaired by Ron Weinstein from the Uni of Arizona.

Teleconferencing was discussed and demonstrated with a live hook up between Hong Kong and the city of Obninsk approximately 150 kms from Moscow. This was a WHO initiative begun in 1991. This was the first live trial. The communication was not very good and it took a long time for contact to be made and the images were barely diagnosable. They used a case of thyroid carcinoma from a patient affected by the nuclear accident in Chernobyl.

It was the need for International conferencing in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster that precipitated the introduction of this teleconferencing facility.

Voice typing of reports was demonstrated.

The Paleopathology session was interesting.

Nominations called for election of office bearers

Lectureship to SE Asia:

From Nov 9-11, 1994

Stan McCarthy Bone diseases

John Dowling skin diseases

They each did one and a half day lectures and slide seminars in Jakarta.

Clinicians were again invited to attend.

Conferences and training courses were advertised.

(95.02) **APIAP**

First meeting of the APIAP in Sydney advertisement and something about the participating Divisions - Japan, Korea, Hong Kong

The first Lung companion meeting organised by Peter Jessup

(95.03) Luke Perkins became the graphic designer of the News Letter.

Quality photographs for the first time. Fiona Bonar was the first member to be on the front page. Other photos of delegates to the meeting including one of the main delegates from each of the Divisions.

Report on the first meeting of the APIAP in Sydney. It was the first meaningful contact between the pathologists from Korea and Japan and Australian and New Zealand pathologists.

A tribute to Warick Delprado on his retirement as Secretary of the Division 1986-1995.

The Australasian Cytology Tutorial FNS course was held in the Blue Mountains during the 5 days after the IAP meeting.

(95.04) Meet the new Executive Tony Leong (Pres), Con Theocharous (Sec), Fay Chambers (Treas).

Advertisements for coming meetings.

Explanation of the IAP logo

Annual subscription now \$60

(96.01)

Feature article

Report by Joe Triscott from his one year of post graduate training in the laboratory of Lauren V. Ackerman, St. Louis, USA.

Outreach activity

Robin Cooke spent 2 weeks in India in Nov. 1995 as Guest Speaker at the Annual Meeting of the Indian Division and the Association of Pathologists and Microbiologists in Patna. He visited and lectured in Madras, Vellore and Calcutta as well as in Patna. In Calcutta he was the guest of the Indian Army Medical Corps and played 9 holes of golf at the Royal Calcutta Golf Club. (Funded by the Indian Div of IAP)

(Prof Tandon had long since retired but this was the first visit from a member of the Aust Div since his visit in the early years of the life of the Division, when he offered the invitation for a pathologist to visit India. Robin Cooke 3-8-14)

Advertisements for upcoming meetings.

(96.02) Introducing the visitors for the 1996 meeting.

Advertisements for meetings and for Head of Hunter Area Pathology Service.

(96.03) Report on the ASM with photos of the Board, delegates and trade displays.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Phil Allen "Soft tissue tumours" and Sujartha Fernando "Tropical Pathology" sponsored by the IAP conducted lectures and slide seminars in Jakarta in April 1996 with a photo of the group.

Reports from other divisions and advertisements for meetings.

(96.04) Phil Allen the first President of the IAP from Australasia.

Feature article

The 1996 IAP Sydney through the eyes of a first year Registrar, Lisa Parker

Photos of delegates.

Feature article

Report on Study Leave in the Uni of Hawaii Path Dept by Stephen Weinstein.

This edition and the previous 4 are now on the web page of the IAP courtesy of the AFIP. The Internet was still a new tool.

(97.01) Letter from President Tony Leong from Hong Kong where he was working at the Chinese University for a year.

Call for nominations to the Board of the IAP.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Report from Keith Shilkin IAP Vice President for Australasia on the formation of the Indonesian Div of IAP.

"This Division has now been formed and the work done by the Australasian Division in sending lecturers to Indonesia has well and truly paid off."

Report on Pathology in St. Lucia, West Indies by Stephen Weinstein.

(97.02) Visitors for the ASM introduced.

The RCPA QAP in Anatomical Pathology

A report on this programme was given at a breakfast meeting before the first session on Saturday morning by John Hayman the present organiser of the programme.

(This practice was repeated for a few years. Robin Cooke 3-8-14)

Advertisements for meetings.

A notice about the US Pathologists' Assistants and the work they do.

(97.03) Report on the ASM with CVs of the guest speakers.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Andrew Ostor "Lesions of the cervix" and Ian LeFevre "Lesions of the lung" were IAP sponsored visiting lecturers to Indonesia in April 1997.

Welcome to the new President, Ron Newland

(97.04)

Feature article

An oration by Alastair Burry to commemorate the important New Zealand pathologist, AB Pearson.

Advertisements for meetings

(98.01) Programme for the ASM

Feature article

Photo of members of the Division from many different countries who obtained a DCP from the University of London. This was a full time course over a 12 month period conducted by the pathology staff of the Royal Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith Hospital. All 4 disciplines in Pathology were taught by world experts - Anatomical, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Haematology. This was followed by an examination conducted by the University of London. (At that time, this diploma was a registrable specialist qualification in Aust and NZ. Similar DCPs were granted from the Uni of Sydney and the Uni of Otago. Robin Cooke 3-8-14)

The DCP (Lond) course was established to train pathologists in Commonwealth countries. Each intake was 12 students from different countries. Hammersmith at that time was the leading medical institution in the British Commonwealth and courses leading to the Fellowships of Medicine, Surgery and Radiology were being run all the time. At any one time there would be at least 100 post graduate students from all over the world at the hospital.

Post mortem demonstrations were held every day for the postgraduate students and Professors and clinical staff. They were always well attended. The Professors sat in the front row and asked questions and made comments.

A formal Medical Grand Round was held each Wednesday and almost every day there was a lecture by a visiting researcher who was at the cutting edge of their subject.

All lectures and other educational activities were open to any student at Hammersmith. It was a most stimulating environment in which to be training.

(98.02) Introducing the invited speakers to the ASM.

Feature article

Report on a very successful 6 day Postgraduate Anatomical Pathology Course run by the Monash University Pathology Department April 20-25, 1988 organised by Ruth Salom.

(98.03) Report on the ASM

Outreach activity

Three Visitors from Shanghai sponsored by the Shanghai-Australian Clinical Pathologists' Association.

Annual Sub \$70

(98.04) President Ron Newland reported on the IAP International Congress in Nice at which there were 2,000 delegates. The IAP Council approved the bid to host the Int Congress in Brisbane in 2004. This was the third attempt by the Aust Div to host this congress. (The first bid was made by Sydney and the second by Melbourne.) The bid was spearheaded by Robin Cooke with the assistance of Alison Gardiner from Brisbane Tourism. It was to be held in the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre

that had been completed two years before that. (Alison is now the Director of International Conferences at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre in Brisbane. Robin Cooke 3-8-14)

Ruth Salom invited pathologists to enrol in the next Diagnostic Pathology Course at Monash Uni in 1999.

Photographs of the Board members and attendees at the conference.

Advertisements for meetings

(99.01) Advertisement for the ASM.

Introducing the two invited speakers

Companion meetings

The first Oral pathology companion meeting

Photos of attendees at the 1998 ASM

Advertisements for meetings

(99.02) Programme for the ASM

Photos of attendees at the meeting in 1998.

(99.03) Report on the ASM

Advertisements for meetings

Reunion of 2 former students of the Victoria College, Alexandria. This was a famous college established by the British. It was the training school for many of the future leaders in the Middle East.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

Because of the economic downturn and the political instability in Indonesia this programme has been temporarily suspended.

(2000.01) Introducing the new President, Dominic Spagnolo

Companion meetings

A special occasion in this year's Friday programme will be the inauguration of the Orell FNA Club to honour Dr Svante Orell's seminal contribution to the development of FNA cytology in Australia. The occasion will be marked by a lecture to be given by Dr Orell.

Distinguished pathologist award to Phil Allen

Report on the second meeting of the **APIAP** in Seoul, Korea by John Pedersen.

(2000.02) Report on a site visit to Brisbane by the IAP President, Anna Kadar, Secretary, Florabel Mullick and Congress organiser, Leah Shander to approve the site as the venue for the International Congress in 2004.

Report on a visit to Moscow for a meeting of the Russian Pathology Association by Robin Cooke.

(2000.03) Report on the ASM with a photo and CV of Svante Orell.

Outreach activity

Tony Leong established 2 Fellowships within his Department at the Hunter Area Pathology Service to provide training for pathologists from the Asia Pacific Region.

Feature article

There was a report on the first case of Q fever identified in the UK in 1949. The post mortem was supervised by the famous Australian pathologist Rupert Willis, and performed by Amiel Christie, pathologist in Wollongong. Both of them contracted Q fever from the post mortem as did the mortuary attendant and the nurse who finally laid out the body after the post mortem. Q fever was first recognised by the Brisbane pathologist Edward Derrick and reported in the MJA in 1936 as a curious disease that occurred in SE Qld. But it was soon recognised to have a world wide distribution.

Robin Cooke attended a retirement function for Shinichiro Ushigome in Tokyo.

Advertisements for meetings

(2001.01) President Dominic Spagnolo asked for feed back from attendees at the ASM as to how they thought the meeting might be improved. There were too few replies for an analysis so it was assumed that the membership was happy for the Executive to continue as they were going and making incremental changes as they saw fit.

Advertisement for the ASM

Outreach activity

Keith Shilkin, Perth, accepted a WHO student from Gambia - Omar Sam. He completed a full training and successfully obtained an FRCPA qualification and then returned to Zambia.

(2001.2)

Feature article

The Editor reported on the meeting of the USCAP in Atlanta where he attended a very interesting session on Q Fever. This was followed by a morning at the CDC (Center for Disease Control) Atlanta and included an informal discussion with the experts in the Q fever section and a tour of the facility. (Security at the CDC has been severely tightened up since then.)

Tony Leong was admitted as an honorary Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists of Thailand.

(2001.03) President Dominic Spagnolo suggested that the Memorandum and articles of association - by laws might be reviewed with a view to making any necessary changes.

Distinguished pathologist award to Robin Cooke

Report on the ASM

The web page of the Division was established and it will be supervised by Richard Jaworski.

(2002.01) Report by President Bob Eckstein advertising the ASM and short report on the progress of arrangements for the Int Congress in 2004.

Photos from the 2001 ASM.

Call for volunteer pathologists to work in Nepal with information about medicine in Nepal.

(2002.02) Report on the ASM

Third APIAP meeting in Bangkok to be held Jan 21-22, 2003

President of IAP, Shinichiro Ushigome attended the ASM

Photos from 2002 meeting.

(2001.01) Introducing the speakers for the ASM

(2002.03)

Report on the ASM

Her2 testing

Photos from the ASM

(2003.01) Report on the IAP Congress in Amsterdam and progress report on the Brisbane Congress in 2004

We had a publicity desk and about 800 people filled in preliminary registration forms. Photo of Jan McLean and Leah Shander (Int. IAP Congress adviser) and (Tiah Miller from the Intermedia Congress Organiser, Brisbane) at the publicity desk.

Sponsors were listed

Photos of Aust Div delegates at the Congress

(2003.02) Report on the ASM and preparations for the Congress in 2004.

Shinichiro Ushigome the President of the IAP attended the ASM to lend his support.

This was a watershed ASM.

Some lectures were presented with power point lectures and digital projection. Some with 35 mm projection.

Some Companion meetings were presented with CD or DVD slides.

The majority were presented with glass slides and typed handouts.

The Slide seminar on Saturday was presented with glass slides and one image from each of his 38 cases could be seen on a web site before the meeting.

Sylvia Asa presented her Endocrine slide session in an experimental method that Robin Cooke had designed to be used for all slide seminars at the Congress in 2004.

The cases were photographed with a digital microscope camera and presented on a CD with a virtual microscope format. The CDs were circulated before the meeting and at the meeting each contributor was given a handout book with black and white pictures of the images from the cases together with the black and white images and discussion for Sylvia's power point presentation that she gave at the meeting. The experiment was successful and the 22 slide seminars for the Congress in 2004 were presented in the same way.

The programme for the Companion Meetings was included.

(2004.01) Advertising some highlights of the up coming Congress. No ASM this year.

For the first time at a meeting of the International Congress of the IAP only digital projection was allowed and catered for.

The President of the Congress (Robin Cooke) had a number of emails questioning the wisdom of this decision because at that time power point presentations were just beginning to take over from projection of 35 mm photos, and many people were having great difficulty with this new technology. However the presentations went off without a hitch.

Slide seminars

There will be 22 and each will be accompanied by a CD using fixed images as a form of virtual microscope, and a handout book in black and white.

Symposium on Grossing (cut ups) using Pathologist Assistants with Senior Scientists in this field invited as speakers from UK and USA.

Symposium on photography in pathology

Symposium on QAP

Veterinary pathology session discussing Hendra virus pathology in humans and horses. (There had been a recent outbreak in Brisbane and a well known horse trainer died. There were other cases as well. It was the first time that Vets and Human pathologists who had been involved with these cases came together to discuss the findings.)

History of Pathology Session

A Brisbane Surgeon, Sam Mellick, brought up in Tropical North Qld set the scene by describing conditions for medical practice at that time.

Three Qld pathologists who made discoveries of international significance

Joseph Bancroft (the adult filarial worm)

Edward Derrick (Q fever)

John Kerr (apoptosis)

(2004.02) Report on the International Congress by the President of Aust Div of IAP, Warick Delprado - To paraphrase the Olympics, "It was the best International Congress of the IAP ever."

A special day for Trainees with prominent International speakers was held on the day before the Congress began. A short CV was given for each of the speakers.

(2005.01) It was back to advertising the speakers and the programme for the ASM for 2005.

(2005.02) David Weedon gave an invited Lecture and was presented with a Distinguished Pathologist Award by President, Warick Delprado.

Peter Copley was presented with a Distinguished Service Award for his contribution to the establishment of the Australasian Division of the IAP as reported in the first editions of the News Letter.

(2006.01) **Master classes**

President John Pedersen introduced the special lectures (Master classes). These are now given before the main sessions on Saturday and Sunday begin. At first they were restricted to trainees but they are now open for anyone to attend.

The 4th **APIAP** meeting was held in Beijing.

(The 3rd **APIAP** was held in Bangkok)

Cyclone Katrina flattened New Orleans so the USCAP meeting had to be moved to Atlanta at short notice.

Two new Medical Schools opened on the Gold Coast in Queensland. Bond Uni which has an accelerated 6 year course done in 4 years and Griffith Uni with a 4 year graduate course.

(2006.02) Report on the centenary meeting of the IAP in Montreal, Canada.

Kon Muller became the second President of the IAP to come from Australasia.

Sponsored pathologist scheme to attend the ASM

This scheme was introduced and one pathologist from PNG (Roy Roger Maraka) and one from Fiji (Eka Buadromo) attended the ASM.

100th anniversary of the International Association of Medical Museums/IAP held in McGill University, Montreal, Canada where the founder of these organisations, Maude Abbott worked.

At this meeting

Robin Cooke was awarded a gold medal of the IAP.

Robin Cooke was invited to produce an anniversary book to be given to each of the 2000 delegates. "Scientific Medicine in the Twentieth Century - A commemoration of

100 years of the International Association of Medical Museums and the International Academy of Pathology."

(2007.01) There was another request from President John Pedersen for comments on how the meetings could be improved and again with not enough responses for analysis.

The programme for the ASM

Photos of the gold medal awards to Robin Cooke and to the Aust Div from the IAP conference in Montreal.

A report on the work of Pathologists' Assistants in the USA by two prominent people in that organisation.

(2007.02) Report on the ASM by President Brett Delahunt.

Slide seminars with CD and colour handout book

The first slide seminar with CDs and a colour handbook was made for the slide seminar "General Pathology" given by Prof. Sir James Underwood immediate Past President of the Royal College of Pathologists.

After the meeting Prof. Underwood visited Brisbane and the Department of the Royal Brisbane Hospital and the pathologists at both of the Gold Coast Universities.

CV of each of the invited speakers

Warick Delprado presented Jan McLean with a bunch of flowers at the AGM in appreciation of her contribution to the Division.

(2008.01) President Brett Delahunt advertised the highlights of the upcoming ASM Programme for the ASM advertised.

Report on the Singapore meeting of the 4th **APIAP** with photos of some of the delegates from the Aust Div.

Feature article

Stephen Weinstein reported on a visit to pathologists in Moldova.

(2008.02) Report on the ASM by President Brett Delahunt.

The keynote lecture was given by John Rutherford, newly appointed Regional Forensic pathologist in Wellington, NZ. He had been working in Sheffield, England and had been involved in the investigations of the Dr. Harold Shipton murders. His interesting talk related these experiences.

President Brett Delahunt introduced the Robin Cooke medal for meritorious service to the IAP.

Robin Warren who won a Nobel Prize in 2006 for his discovery that *Helicobacter pylori* was a cause of peptic ulcer and gastric cancer was presented with a Distinguished pathologist Award.

Pathology of a trench foot was presented.

(2009.01) President Brett Delahunt advertised the programme for the ASM

A report on the IAP International Congress in Athens by Bob Eckstein, Vice President for SE Asia.

Konrad Muller was presented with the Gold medal of the IAP at the end of his term as President of the IAP.

A number of members of the Australasian Division made a significant contribution to the scientific programme.

In particular two of the five formal Congress invited lectures were given by Australians:

Robin Warren (Noble Laureate in 2006) gave a keynote lecture entitled 'Helicobacter pylori – the ease and difficulty of a new discovery.'

Robin Cooke gave the opening lecture 'Pathology in Greek mythology.'

(2009.02) Report on the ASM by President Richard Jaworski.

Bob Eckstein was awarded the Robin Cooke medal for his outstanding contributions to the Division.

Stan McCarthy received a distinguished pathologist award.

Sponsored pathologist scheme to attend the ASM

One from Fiji and one from Cambodia.

The 5th **APIAP** meeting was held in Kochi, India and a report on this meeting was given by HK Ng. There were over 600 delegates.

Report on three of our longest exhibitor supporters

Lawrence Young, Dako, David Leask, Howden Medical Books, Greg Manderson, Ventana

(2010.01) Programme details for the ASM. Pictures of attendees at the 2009 ASM

(2010.02) Report on the ASM. Introduction of IAP lapel badges by Brett Delahunt

First edition of the News Letter in full colour

Photo of the Board members

(2011.01) Programme for the ASM. CVs of invited speakers.

Photos of attendees at the ASM in 2009

(2011.02) Introducing the new President, David Ellis

Report on the ASM

Vale: Anthony Leong with a photo of he and his daughter Trishe who in 2014 became the Treasurer of the Aust Div of IAP.

Inauguration of the Jeanette Phillips Award to commemorate her memory by giving a prize to the best paper presented by a trainee in the Endocrine Club meeting.

Report on some of the behind the scenes activity that goes into the making of a successful conference.

Report on the 6th meeting of the **APIAP** meeting in Taipei, Taiwan by Bob Eckstein.

Report on the Dako company and Lawrence Young the Dako representative in Australia since the first meeting of the Aust Div in 1975.

(2012.01) President David Ellis approved the financial support for a third invited speaker to speak at a companion meeting on Friday and to give a Keynote lecture on Friday.

The three invited speakers were introduced.

Sponsored pathologist scheme to attend the ASM

In the past two years the sponsored pathologists were unable to attend so this year there are 5 sponsored pathologists, 3 from PNG, one from Fiji and one from the Philippines.

Robin Cooke became the first non resident of North America to receive a President's Award from the USCAP for service to pathology, especially in the production of News Letters and the IAP News Bulletin and the photo-documentation of the USCAP.

Esther Myint who was working at Laverty Pathology, which is allied with QML, Dorevitch and Western Diagnostics, Sydney was honoured for her tutorial role in helping a number of overseas trained pathologists to attain their RCPA qualifications.

Programme for the ASM

(2012.02) Report on the IAP Congress in Cape Town and an explanation of the workings of the IAP Secretariat and Council.

(2013.01) President David Ellis announced the results of a strategic planning meeting to help to guide the direction of the Division for the coming years.

One result of this was an initiative to support Postgraduate pathology education in Oceania. The Aust Div established:-

The Australasian IAP South Pacific Visiting Fellow Scheme

to support the 3 year training programme for the 4 pathology trainees in Fiji. Funds were made available to assist with travel expenses for lecturers from the Division to visit Fiji.

The first of these visits consisted in a two day symposium in Fiji April 20 and 21, 2013. The lecturer team was led by President David Ellis and Secretary Jane Dahlstrom.

The second was to invite Prof. Mike Wells to conduct an external review of the organisation of the Australasian Division.

Programme for the ASM

(2013.02) The first funded third international speaker Cheryl Coffin from Vanderbilt University was sponsored by the ANZ Paediatric Group.

The Australasian IAP South Pacific Visiting Fellow Scheme

Detailed information about this scheme is given by Jane Dahlstrom and David Ellis.

President David Ellis was able to persuade the RCPA to hold the regular meeting of Presidents of Pathology Associations at the same time as the IAP meeting. He was then able to have all of them contribute to a symposium on "Anatomical Pathology in a Changing World." Presidents from UK, USA, Australia, Hong Kong, Ireland contributed to this symposium.

The Convention Centre at Darling Harbour was to be closed for 3 years for rebuilding. The management arranged a small function to celebrate the long association of the Aust Div of IAP with the Convention Centre.

(2014.01) Major changes to the Division

President Soon Lee announced major changes to the administration of the Aust. Div.

There is to be a new Constitution.

All communication for the Division will be conducted via a new website.

This edition of the News Letter will be the last one to be distributed in print form. Only the web based version will now be delivered.

The News Bulletin of the IAP will only be delivered in the web based version.

Jan McLean retired in Feb 2014 having started as Administrator in 1990.

Richard Jaworski retired from the position of web master of the Division after 14 years.

Jan Kencian retired from the position of Treasurer after 10 years on the Board of the Division.

Uma Subramanian was appointed the new Administrator of the Division.

The Australasian IAP South Pacific Visiting Fellow Scheme

The four trainees from Fiji will attend the ASM in 2014.

(2014.02) The first News Letter to be delivered only in web format.

It will be the last News Letter for which I am Editor.

Lectureship to SE Asia:

In Nov 2013 Robin Cooke visited Jakarta to address a meeting of the Indonesian Div of IAP attended by over 100 young pathologists from around the country. This was the first such visit partly funded (air fare) by the Aust Div since 1999.

He gave a slide seminar on Clinical Parasitology and lectures on Infectious Diseases. He also gave advice on how they might improve their pathology museum which had not had any additions since the Dutch pathologists left after WW2. As a result of this

one of the young pathologists was assigned the job of making new specimens and she has by 2014 begun to add new, nicely mounted specimens.

Report of the ASM 2014. This meeting was held in Brisbane. It was the first to be held outside Sydney because the Darling Harbour Convention Centre is being demolished to make way for a new building that is expected to be completed in 2017.

Copies of all the News Letters of the Australasian Division have been prepared for uploading onto the newly designed web site.

This present document contains a summary of some of the interesting items reported in the 40 years of News Letters.

Some items of statistical interest

Outreach activities

Some outreach activities of the Division in recent years. Information taken from Annual reports

The Div made the following donations

2008	\$5,000	to the organisers of the IAP Congress in Athens
2009	\$5,000	to the Indian Division to help with expenses in organising their APIAP meeting in Kochi
2010	\$12,000	to the organisers of the IAP Congress in Sao Paulo
2011	\$5,000	to the Taiwan Division to help with expenses in organising their APIAP meeting in Taipei
2012	\$12,000	to the organisers of the IAP Congress in Cape Town to help pay for pathologists and trainees in Africa to attend the Congress.
2013	\$5,000	to the Korean Division to help with expenses in organising their APIAP meeting in Busan

Presidents

1973-1978	Vincent J McGovern
1980-1981	Theodore J Constance
1982-1983	Alan Palmer
1984-1985	Phil Allen
1986-1987	Robin Cooke
1988-1989	Keith Shilkin
1990-1991	Roger Sinclair
1992-1993	H Konrad Muller
1994-1995	Denis Moir
1996-1997	Anthony S-Y Leong
1998-1999	Ron Newland
2000-2001	Dominic Spagnolo

2002-2003	Robert Eckstein
2004-2005	Warick Delprado
2006-2007	John Pedersen
2008-2009	Brett Delahunt
2010-2011	Richard Jaworski
2012-2013	David Ellis
2013-2014	Soon Lee
2014-2015	Richard Scolyer

Secretaries

1973-1983	Peter Cropley
1984-1985	Denis Moir
1985-1995	Warick Delprado
1996-2005	Con Theocharous
2005-2012	Stephen Fairy
2012-	Jane Dahlstrom

Treasurers

1973-1980	Peter Cropley
1980-1986	Ken Kneale
1986-1995	Ron Newland
1995-1999	Fay Chambers
1999-2000	Veli Marjoniemi
2005-2008	Jane Nankervis
2008-2014	Jan Kencian

Distinguished pathologists

It is the prerogative of each President to award the Distinguished Pathologist medal to a pathologist who has made an outstanding contribution to the discipline of pathology. The recipient is honoured with a medallion embossed with the IAP insignia and with a certificate from the Australasian Division. Listed below are the recipients of this award:

- 1991 Theodore (Theo) J. Constance
- 1993 John (Jack) H. Little
- 1999 Philip (Phil) W. Allen
- 2001 Robin Cooke
- 2003 Anthony (Tony) S-Y Leong
- 2004 Peter Cropley
- 2005 David Weedon
- 2007 Prithi Bhathal
- 2008 J Robin Warren
- 2009 Stanley (Stan) McCarthy
- 2010 Douglas (Doug) W Henderson
- 2012 Peter Russell
- 2013 Brett Delahunt

Robin Cooke medal

For meritorious service

- 2008 Warick Delprado
- 2009 Robert (Bob) Eckstein
- 2010 Hans Konrad (Kon) Muller
- 2012 Con Theocharous
- 2013 Stephen Fairy

Principal speakers, Convenors of the slide seminars, Subject of the slide seminars

Year	Speaker	Convenor	Subject
2014	Klaus Busam, New York, USA Neil Theise, New York, USA Greg Fuller, Houston, USA	Richard Jaworski Bastiaan de Boer Peter Robbins	Dermatopathology Liver Neuropathology
2013	Professor Cheryl Coffin, Nashville, USA	Nicole Graf, Jane Dahlstrom, Fiona Maclean	Paediatrics
	Professor Jonathan I Epstein, Baltimore, USA	Hema Samaratunga	Genitourinary Pathology
	Professor Elizabeth Montgomery, Baltimore, USA	Dr Priyanthi Kumarasinghe	Gastrointestinal Pathology
2012	Professor Keith M. Kerr, Aberdeen, Scotland	Wendy Cooper	Lung Pathology
	Professor Stacey E. Mills, Charlottesville, USA	Richard Jaworski	Oral, Neck & Head Pathology
	Professor Elaine S. Jaffe, Washington, USA	David Ellis	Lymphoma
2011	Professor Sarah E Pinder, London, UK	Gelareh Farshid	Breast Pathology
	Dr. John K C Chan, Hong Kong	Richard Jaworski	General Surgical Pathology incl. Salivary Gland & Thyroid Pathology
2010	Professor W Glenn McCluggage, Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK	Richard Jaworski	Gynaecological Pathology
	Dr Philip E LeBoit, San Francisco, California, USA	Richard Scolyer	Dermatopathology

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2009	Dr John Srigley, Ontario, Canada	Brett Delahunt	Testicular Pathology
	Dr Christopher Fletcher, Massachusetts, USA	Richard Jaworski	Soft Tissue Pathology
2008	Dr Zachary Goodman, Washington DC, USA	Bastiaan de Boer	Liver Pathology
	Dr Andrew M Churg, Vancouver, Canada		Pulmonary Pathology
2007	Professor Sir James Underwood, London, UK.		General & Gastrointestinal
	Steven H Swerdlow, MD, Pittsburgh, USA.		Lymphoma
2006	William M Murphy, Florida, USA	John Pedersen	Prostate & Bladder
	David Grignon, Michigan, USA	Brett Delahunt	Kidney
2005	David Weedon, Brisbane, Australia		Skin Pathology
	Jennifer Hunt, Pittsburgh, USA		Head & Neck and Molecular Pathology
	Henry Tazelaar, Minnesota, USA	Jenny Ma Wyatt	Respiratory Pathology
2004	No ASM due to International Congress held in Brisbane.		
2003	Robert Kurman, Baltimore, USA	Peter Russell & Richard Jaworski	Gynaecological
	Syliva Asa, Toronto, Canada	Robyn Apel	Endocrine
2002	Robert Petras, Ohio, USA	Keshani DeSilva	Gastrointestinal
	David Owen, Canada	James Kench	Pancreatic and Gallbladder
2001	Stuart Schnitt, Boston, USA	Michael Bilous	Breast
	Lawrence Weiss, California, USA	Anthony (Tony) Leong	Lymphoma

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2000	Thomas Colby, Arizona, USA	Amanda Segal	Pulmonary Pathology
	Victor Reuter, New York, USA	Brett Delahunt	Testicular & Adnexal Tumours
1999	John Chan, Hong Kong	Betty Lin	General Surgical Pathology
	Klaus Lewin, Los Angeles, USA	Robert (Bob) Eckstein	Problem Areas in Surgical Pathology
1998	Zachary Goodman, Washington, USA	Prithi Bhathal	Liver
	Gordon MacDonald, Glasgow, Scotland	Michael Walker	Oral
1997	Dennis Wright, Southhampton, UK	David Ellis	Malignant Lymphomas
	Chris Fletcher, USA	Richard Jaworski	Soft Tissues
1996	Wladimir Bogomoletz, Rheims, France	Ron Newland	Gastrointestinal Track
	Mark Wick, Missouri, USA	Stephen Braye	Skin and Soft Tissue
1995	Peter Bullough, New York, USA	Fiona Bonar	Non Tumour Orthopaedic
	Henry Battifora, California, USA	Anthony (Tony) Leong	Immunohistochemistry & New Technologies
1994	Jonathan Epstein, Baltimore, USA	David Gee & John Pedersen	Prostate
	Aidan Carney, Minnesota, USA	Robert (Bob) Eckstein	Thyroid & Parathyroid
1993	Stephen Silverberg, Washington, USA	Andrew Ostor	Gynaecological
	David Walker, Texas, USA	Robin Cooke	Infectious & Inflammatory Diseases
1992	Henry Appelman, Michigan, USA	Robert. (Bob) Eckstein	Gastrointestinal
	Brent Scheithauer, Minnesota, USA	Michael Gonzales	Nervous System

1991	Sam Youssef, Pittsburg, USA	Ian LeFevre	Pulmonary
	David Elder, Pennsylvania, USA	Peter Heenan	Pigmented Skin Lesions
1990	David Page, Tennessee, USA	Virginia Billson	Breast
	Harald Stein, Berlin, Germany	Anthony (Tony) Leong	Lymph Node
1989	Alex Ferenczy, Canada	Anthony (Tony) Bierre	Gynaecological
	Harvey Goldman, Boston, USA	John Ireton	Gastro-Intestinal
1988	Sharon Weiss, Washington, USA	Dominic Spagnolo	Soft Tissues
	John Batsakis, Houston, USA	Greg Sterrett	Salivary/Head & Neck
1987	Kamal Ishak, Washington, USA	David Cohn	Liver
	Kris Unni, Minnesota, USA	Geoffrey Strutton	Bone
1986	Cecilia Fenoglio-Preiser,Albuquerque, USA	Robin Cooke	General Surgical Pathology
	Chris Elston, Nottingham, UK	Robin Cooke	Diagnosis of Breast Lesions
1985	Bryan Corrin, London, UK	Doug Henderson	Pulmonary
	Dorothy L Rosenthal,Los Angeles, USA & Nils Stormby, Sweden	Svant. Orell	Fine Needle Aspiration cytology
1984	Marian Brownstein, USA	Phil Allen	Dermatopathology
	Dame Sheila Sherlock, London, UK	John Ireton	Liver
1983	Lou Weiland, Minnesota, USA	Stan McCarthy	Head and Neck
	Kash Mostofi, Washington, USA	Phil Allen	Genitourinary Diseases

1982		Theo Constance	International Congress of I
1981	Robert McDivitt, USA		Breast
	Arkadi Rywlin, USA	Phil Allen	Spleen and Bone Marrow
1980	Gerald Levine, USA		Mediastinum
	Dillwyn Williams, UK	Robin Cooke	Endocrine
	Sheldon Sommers, USA	Robin Cooke	Endocrine
	Robert Scully, Boston, USA		Gynaecology
1979	Harlan Spjut		Bone
	Neville Davis, Jack Little (Brisbane), Alan Palmer, Gerald Milton (Sydney)		Melanoma seminar in November in Sydney
1978	Ronald Dorfman, Costin Berard, USA, Martin Tattersall and Tony Basten, Aust Nathan Kaufman, Pres of IAP, USA		Lymphomas - 2 slide seminar Special Address
1977	Herbert Spencer, UK	Tania Jelihovsky	Non neoplastic lung disorders
	Ratnam Shanmugaratnam, Singapore, Herbert Spencer, UK, Robin Cooke, Bryan Radden, Aust		Oral-nasopharyngeal Symposium
1976	Peter Scheuer, UK, HD Tandon, India, Vince McGovern, Aust. Kash Mostofi, USA,		Toxic and Inflammatory liver disorders WHO Testicular Tumour Classification
1975	Basil Morson, UK, Richard Whitehead, Aust		Gastrointestinal Symposium
	A number of Australian speakers		Thyroid Symposium
1974	Martin Mihm, USA	Vince McGovern	Inflammatory Dermatoses
	Denys Fortune, Aust,		Ovarian tumours
1973	Vincent McGovern, Aust		Melanoma
	Theo Constance, Aust		Soft Tissue Tumours WHO classification
	A number of Australian speakers		Soft Tissue Tumours some cases

Follow up on Outreach programme to PNG

The M. Med Programme in the Uni of PNG

The M. Med programme is a formal University programme for the various medical specialities spread over 4-6 years. During this time the trainees work in the Department under the supervision of senior full time specialists and participate in

weekly tutorials and other learning activities with examinations at the end of the programme. A research project is part of the final assessment.

The pathology courses were begun in 1978 and were the source of trained pathologists to staff the laboratories in PNG.

The Pathology course covers Anatomical pathology, Microbiology, Haematology and Biochemistry.

Since the inception of the programme there were grants from Ausaid to employ visiting lecturers from Australia to give short courses in specific subjects and to act as external examiners. There were also special scholarships for selected trainees to attend courses in Australia. Other pathologists from Australia and New Zealand have spent sabbatical leaves working with the trainees in Port Moresby.

At the time of writing this report (4-8-14) there are 13 pathologists in PNG, all of whom are graduates of this course. Two of them spent time in Australian laboratories and obtained their FRCPA qualification. One of the latter is now retired.

In addition to this there was one M. Med who recently retired and another one who deceased a few years ago.

Robin A. Cooke

18-8-2014