

SUP NEWSLETTER

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Message from the President, John Brealey

Please allow me to introduce myself. My name's John and I am proud and honored to be your President of the Society for Ultrastructural Pathology (SUP) over the next two years. I am a Medical Scientist and Section Head of the Electron Microscopy Unit in the Division of Anatomical Pathology at SA Pathology in Adelaide, Australia.

Firstly, on behalf of the Society, I would like to thank Dr Giovanna Crisi for her leadership and commitment as our President over the last four years. She has done a wonderful job in serving our Society by keeping our geographically wide community actively engaged despite the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. Giovanna's term as President was originally two years however, following the worldwide travel restrictions and subsequent cancellation of the 2020 UltraPath XX conference in Amsterdam, she obligingly agreed to extend her tenure for an additional two years.

With an improving public health outlook and gradual easing of travel restrictions, the Amsterdam UltraPath XX conference was eventually held in hybrid format in June 2022. It was the Society's first attempt at holding a conference with both in-person and online attendees. The conference was a resounding success, and for this, we are indebted to the tireless work of Dr Nicole van der Wel, Per Larsen, and the entire local organizing committee. Their efforts are even more praiseworthy when we consider the prolonged lead-time from conference conception and the various problems the committee had to overcome owing to the pandemic. For example, the committee was faced with the prospect of losing the deposit for the venue and the burden of repaying registration fees upon cancellation of the 2020 conference. It was only through their negotiating skills that the venue deposit was saved and carried forward to the 2022 conference. UltraPath XX drew an audience from numerous countries including The Netherlands, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, United Kingdom, Sweden, Germany, Belgium, Austria, Switzerland, Spain, Italy, Cyprus, Hong Kong, Egypt, and Oman. There were approximately 70 attendees in total and it was great to renew old friendships and develop new friendships after a four-year hiatus.

This leads to me to our next news item... our new Society website. The old website served us well and for this we must thank webmaster Charlie Register and Dr David Howell who collaboratively maintained and updated the website over many years. One benefit of the new website is its in-built billing system that will simplify membership subscription and conference registration. A knock-on effect of this will be improved member access to the journal, *Ultrastructural Pathology*. I thank Dr Nicole van der Wel and webmaster Przemek in Amsterdam for proposing and developing the new website. I also thank Dr Eric Wartchow and Sara Pawlak for their tireless work in migrating many pages of data and testing the functionality of the new system. And thank you to Drs Sara Miller and David Howell for editing much of the website text. If you are not currently a member, I encourage you to subscribe to gain the benefits of our new 'members only' section that we will expand over time. If you have any ideas regarding features pertaining to ultrastructural pathology that we could add to the 'members only' section, please contact me.

United States & Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP)

USCAP 2022 was held in Los Angeles, March 19th – 24th. The annual meeting was held in hybrid format with both in-person and online attendees. The SUP Companion Meeting theme was titled “Electron Microscopy in Diagnostic Medical and Transplant Renal Pathology: New Approaches and Teasing the Subtleties” and the following topics were presented...

Ultrastructural Evaluation of Podocytopathy

Behzad Najafian, MD

Professor, Department of Laboratory Medicine and Pathology

University of Washington

Seattle, Washington, USA

Ultrastructural Evaluation of Immune-Mediated Renal Injury (Including Immune Deposits Substructure, Cellular Inclusions, and Tubulopathies)

Guillermo Herrera, MD

Professor and Chair, Department of Pathology

University of South Alabama

Mobile, Alabama, USA

Ultrastructural Evaluation of the Renal Allograft Biopsy

Candice Roufosse, MD, PhD

Senior Clinical Lecturer

Renal and Transplant Pathology

Faculty of Medicine, Center for Inflammatory Diseases

Imperial College, London, UK

USCAP 2023 will be held in New Orleans, March 11th – 16th. The annual meeting will be in-person attendance. Please see our website for more details of the SUP Companion Meeting, the theme of which is titled “Electron Microscopy in Pediatric Renal Pathology”. The following topics will be presented...

Selected Renal Diseases Associated with Hematuria in Children and Adolescents

John Hicks, MD, PhD, DDS

Texas Children's Hospital

Childhood Nephrotic Syndrome: Podocytopathies and Congenital, Genetic Syndromes

Kate Anne VandenHeuvel, MD

Cincinnati Children's Hospital

Current Concepts in the Diagnosis of C3 Glomerulopathies: Role of Electron Microscopy in C3 Glomerulonephritis, Dense Deposit Disease, and Mimics

Jean Hou, MD

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center

Subtle EM Findings of Importance in Renal Pathology: When You Really Need the Big Scope

David N. Howell, MD, PhD

Duke University Medical Center

Happy New Year!

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