Foundation Revisits 50 Years of Bone Pathology

This year, the Davis Foundation, in partnership with the American College of Veterinary Pathologists, presented a unique pre-meeting workshop as part of the 2008 ACVP meeting in San Antonio.

Entitled “Orthopedic Pathology – 50 Years On”, the workshop revisited the 1958 meeting on skeletal pathology held at the annual meeting of the ACVP at the Palmer House, site of many early ACVP meetings. A recording of the 1958 meeting with over 240 kodachromes was discovered in the Foundation’s records by President Bruce Williams in 2007, laying the foundation for this course.

“It was an amazing find”, noted Dr. Williams. “The meeting was set up by MAJ Charlie Barron and a number of the original cases were actually still in the AFIP repository. With those cases, many of the original kodachromes from the 1958 meeting, and the actual transcript of a meeting with such greats as Peter Kennedy, Carl Jones, Peter Olafson, Leon Saunders, Hilton Smith, and C.L. Davis himself; we had the ingredients for a one-of-a-kind meeting.”

The intent of the course was to review the original 22 cases presented in 1958; classic entities such as rickets, scurvy, pulmonary osteopathy, and many others, as well as to highlight the men and women who presented them a half-century earlier. In addition, there was a brief update of the current understanding of each disease entity.
Foundation’s Latin Division Busy at ACVP meeting

The Foundation’s recently inaugurated Latin American Division has wasted absolutely no time in providing unique educational opportunities for Spanish-speaking pathologists in 2008, and at the ACVP meeting in San Antonio.

For the second year in a row, the Latin Division put on the meeting’s only Spanish language lecture, which was attended by over 30 participants. Dr. Ingeborg Langohr, Assistant Professor of Anatomic Pathology at Michigan State University and a native of Brazil, gave a fantastic lecture on “Enfermedades Infecciosas Contemporaneas en Cerdos (Contemporary Infectious Diseases in Pigs)”. Attendees were an interesting mix of international attendees, pathologists of Latin descent, and even 6 members of the Foundation’s Board of Governors.

The Latin American Division also addressed future plans at their annual business meeting. Foundation Vice-President for Latin America Ingrid Pardo presided over a business meeting in which members of the division discussed plans for 2009 and beyond. Attendees first reviewed the three 2008 South American meetings in Brazil, Argentina, and Columbia, and the need to continue the initiatives already in place. The group acknowledged the significant obstacles associated with the current global economic slowdown and discussed approaches to begin the corporate fundraising efforts necessary to raise the desired funds. Board member and ACVP councilor Dr. Ricardo Ochoa will head a committee to look into these issues. Dr. Bruce Williams reviewed current initiatives aimed at designing Spanish-language training materials for schools in Latin America, and Dr. Pardo discussed plans for initiation of a web page for the nascent Division, among other topics.
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The discussion was anchored by three pathologists with excellent orthopedic pedigrees: Dr. Steven Weisbrode of The Ohio State University, Dr. Roy Pool of Texas A&M University, and Dr. Frank Gannon, an M.D. pathologist and former head of the AFIP’s renowned Department of Orthopedic Pathology. These three gentlemen regaled the audience of over 100 attendees for eight hours of astute analysis, witty banter, and reminiscences of many of the original participants of 50 years ago.

Each case was presented by a pre-eminent pathologist who also presented a short historical biography of the original case presenter from 1958. Some presenters knew the person of whom they spoke (i.e, Don Schlafer who spoke of his friend Charles Rickard), some shared an institutional bond separated by many years (Bruce Williams and Dana Scott of the AFIP who remembered Charles L. Davis and T.C. Jones, respectively), some had wide expertise in bone (such as Keith Thompson, author of the chapter on bone and joint in the 5th edition of JKP and Mike Slayter, an author of the WHO Fascicle of Bone and Joint Tumors of Domestic Animals), and several younger pathologists (like Julie Engiles of UPenn and Leslie McLaughlin of LSU) who showed that the field of orthopedic pathology in 2009 has some excellent new stars on the rise.

Participants received a copy of a CD with the 1958 transcript, original kodachromes, and biographies of the participants. Preparations (including a court reporter who transcribed the entire meeting) for a larger set of disks of the 2008 meeting (including virtual slides of all 22 cases, and illustrations from the presenters and panelists) are underway. We hope to have it in the hands of the attendees and available for purchase by spring 2009.

Foundation Founder receives John King Award

On a very special night in October, the Foundation’s CEO and creator, Dr. Samuel Thompson, received the second annual John M. King Award for Sustained Excellence in Veterinary Pathology, the Foundation’s highest award. President Bruce Williams was on hand in Chicago to present Dr. Thompson with this beautiful crystal obelisk for his 35 years of daily service and dedication to the Foundation. Only two years after founding the Society for Toxicologic Pathology, in 1973 Dr. Thompson took a one-time $1500 donation from the Davis Family and has turned it into the largest not-for-profit veterinary pathology charity in the world. Way to go, Sam!
Well, the “Galveston meeting” did go on with our full attendance of 30 and a few guests for dinner. Due to Hurricane Ike at Galveston 3 weeks before, the meeting was moved to the College of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A&M University. The meeting room worked out very well and we had a tour of the diagnostic lab next door by Dr. Barbara Lewis and the staff.

Our Friday night dinner was a bit atypical but well received, with groups sitting around large hibachi grills and the food and entertainment by the chefs were great. We especially wish to thank the Department of Pathobiology’s resident coordinator, Cheryl Chamblee, for setting up the great last minute arrangements with refreshments, the dinner, and a choice of places to stay in town. Dr. Lance Batey and his staff were appreciated for collecting and sending out the slide sets in advance and Dr. Batey did a great job helping the presenters with computer projection. Some of us toured the Bush Presidential Library down the street during free time.

Dr. Hubert Johnson of the San Diego County Laboratory, had an interesting presentation on diseases of birds and shared excellent images he has collected over the years. He donated his presentation to the Davis Foundation and it will be available on a CD-ROM with the meeting results in the near future.

The San Luis Resort and adjacent restaurant on Galveston actually suffered from relatively mild damage, so we expect to be back there next year with more case reports and tentatively an invited presentation on digital imaging by Dr. Bruce Williams.
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