

ASSOCIATION OF CLINICAL PATHOLOGISTS'
INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING
22 & 23 JUNE 2006
CORINTHIA TOWERS HOTEL, PRAGUE



Histopathology

“Lesions that imitate tumours and the tumours they imitate”

Thursday 22 June

Interesting aspects of soft tissue pseudotumours and quasitumours
Pseudomalignancy in bone and joint pathology
Pathology without borders

Professor M Michal
Dr R Reid
Professor J van den
Tweel

“Focused Training” a British Phenomenon or a Paneuropean Goal?
Newly described renal tumours and WHO 2004
Mimics of urothelial neoplasia and tumour-like lesions of the urinary bladder
Reporting prostate biopsies: problems with mimics

Dr H Zakhour
Dr O Hes
Dr J Shanks
Dr D F R Griffiths

Friday 23 June

The lymphadenitis of Piringer-Kuchinka: a mimic of malignant lymphoma
Assessing the prognosis of lymphoproliferative disorders
Tumour-like lesions of salivary glands

Dr L Plank
Dr A Jack
Professor A Skálová

Haematology

Thursday 22 June

Current status of lymphoma diagnosis and therapy in the Czech Republic
Childhood lymphomas in the Czech Republic
Morphology session
3 Clinico-pathology cases

Dr M Trneny
Professor R Kodet
Dr B Wilkins
Dr P Carey
Dr J A Murray
Dr B J Hunt

Difficulties in diagnosing and treating antiphospholipid syndrome
Haemochromatosis – a multi-disciplinary approach
Genotype and phenotype

Professor M Worwood
Dr J S Dooley
Dr E Massey

Neonatal alloimmune thrombocytopenia, the role of the clinical pathologist

Friday 23 June

All Wales lymphoma panel: should it be emulated?
Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia – advances in laboratory assessment
and impact on therapy
Hypereosinophilic disorders: one or many

Dr S Dojcinov
Dr P Hillmen
Dr C Harrison

Joint Haematology & Microbiology session
“Fungal infections in the immunocompromised patient”

From microscopy to molecular – laboratory diagnosis of invasive fungal infection	Dr E M Johnson
Imaging of fungal infections in the immunocompromised patient	Dr S Worthy
Treatment of invasive fungal infections in the immunocompromised patient	Dr A Glasmacher
Yeasts – what’s brewing?	Dr A Galloway

Microbiology

Thursday 22 June

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

Friday 23 June a.m.

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

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Forensic Pathology
“Decomposing bodies”

Friday 23 June p.m.

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

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

Thursday 22 June

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

Friday 23 June

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

Poster session – Thursday 22 June

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

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



Official Carrier

General Information

Venue

The Association of Clinical Pathologists' International Scientific Meeting will be held at **The Corinthia Towers Hotel, Kongresová 1 140 69**

Prague 4

(<http://www.corinthiahotels.com>)

Access and Location

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



EARLYBIRD RATES (available until 1 February 2006)

After that date all rates increase by £10 per day

Registration fees	One day	Two days	including dinner on 22 June
ACP Members rate	£110	£220	£250
Non members rate	£130	£260	£290
Delegates from host countries (Czech Republic & Slovakia)	£50	£100	£130

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

Conference Dinner

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



Payment

Payment must accompany registration forms and should be made in pounds sterling. Cheques drawn on a UK bank should be made payable to ACPATH Ltd.

Visa and Mastercard payments (**in pounds sterling**) are also accepted.

Language

English will be the official language of the scientific meeting.

Abstracts

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

Poster Presentations

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

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

Exhibition and Refreshments

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

Travel

By air

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

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

Transfer from Prague-Ruzyne Airport – Central Prague

Taxi

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

Bus

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

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

Visas

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

Local travel

Public transport in Prague is excellent. There is an underground (3 lines), buses and trams. For more information and maps see www.myczechrepublic.com

Banks & Currency

Czech crowns are the official currency in the Czech Republic. Exchange facilities are available at Prague Airport and at most hotels, banks and exchange offices throughout the town. International credit cards (except American Express) are also accepted as payment in most hotels, restaurants and shops.

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

Hotel Accommodation

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

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

Category	Hotel	Address	Single B & B	Double B & B	Allocation available until
5 star	Corinthia Towers	Kongresová 1 140 69 Prague 4 Tel: 00 420 261 191 111 www.corinthia.cz	€174 including breakfast & 5% VAT	€174 including breakfast & 5% VAT	20/5/06
4 star	Corinthia Panorama	Milevská 7, 140 63 Prague 4 Tel: 00 420 261 161 111 www.corinthia.cz	€153 including breakfast & 5% VAT	€168 including breakfast & 5% VAT	7/6/06
4 star	Diplomat	Evropská 15, 41 Prague 6 Tel: 00 420 296 559 111 www.diplomatpraha.cz	€116 including breakfast €142 Rates include 5% VAT	€116 including breakfast €153 Rates include 5% VAT	"Earlybird" rate available for reservations made up to 21/3/06. Ordinary rate Cut off date for all reservations 20/5/06
3 star	Ibis Praha City	Katerinska 36, 120 00 Prague Tel: 00 420 222 865 777 www.ibishotel.com	€104 breakfast €9 extra Inclusive of VAT	€123 breakfast €9 extra Inclusive of VAT	20/5/06