

# THE HISTORY OF PATHOLOGY SOCIETY



## HOW IT BEGAN AND COMMENTS ON A LOGO

A tenth anniversary, though not as impressive as a silver or golden one, is still a notable landmark. The History of Pathology Society, like other successful endeavors, was as if waiting to be initiated. Christian Nezelof and I sketched such a concept in Paris in 1994.<sup>1</sup> Subsequently, Antonio Lombart-Bosch of Valencia, Spain, then President of the International Academy of Pathology (IAP), became an enthusiastic supporter of this idea. We owe it to Florabel G. Mullick, Secretary of the IAP, and to F. Stephen (Steve) Vogel, then Secretary-Treasurer and Executive Director of the United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP), to have recognized the potential of such a society. William (Bill) W. McLendon of Chapel Hill, NC, then Editor of the *Archives of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine*, guided our first steps. Our organizational meeting of Friday, March 22, 1996, at the Washington Hilton, was most auspicious. Donald West King, who was the Director of the American Registry of Pathology, found ways to fund an elegant buffet dinner. He also agreed to be the Treasurer. Ann Marie Nelson consented to be the Secretary. The accompanying picture, taken by Bill McLendon, shows 24 participants. The USCAP Education Committee designated us as a "Companion Society" and allocated a Sunday afternoon slot for our programs. By March 2, 1997 (the date when our Bylaws were approved at our first business meeting), forty charter members were registered. As of February 2005, there were 150 registrants representing 20 countries.<sup>2</sup> The list of our officers (see Table) from 1996 to the present also demonstrates the extent of our geographical diversity. Our programs, beginning with that of March 2, 1997, held in Orlando and chaired by William H. Hartmann, then Executive Vice-President of the American Board of Pathology, were all meticulously prepared and well attended. The Newsletter, Ann Marie Nelson's labor of love, kept us in touch with the activities of our Society and served as a vehicle for abstracts and brief original articles. The membership needs also to be reminded that the *Annals of Diagnostic Pathology* has welcomed our articles under its section of History of Pathology. CONTINUED

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<sup>1</sup>Christian Nezelof initially had in mind, half-jokingly, "a club of Distinguished and Extinguished Pathologists." See President's Message, *HOPS Newsletter*, No. 3, July 1997.

<sup>2</sup>Ann Marie Nelson, "Secretary's Message: Looking Forward, Looking Back," *HOPS Newsletter* No. 17, February 2005.

You may have noticed that our logo is getting increasingly smaller and harder to read.<sup>3</sup> This might be a blessing because some would rightly chuckle on noticing, with a magnifying loop, Galen (AD 129-ca. 200) at the top of the list of our lineage. This remarkable physician still deserves, I believe, to be recognized primarily because he dominated medical thought for over a thousand years. His medicine represents a great leap forward from the quasi-magical beliefs and practices that plagued Mesopotamian and Egyptian medicine. The enormously prolific Galen embodies the best of Greco-Roman medicine including the teachings of Hippocrates.<sup>4</sup> Although Greek humoral concepts are antiquated, we still retain hints of these bygone quaint notions in electrolyte balance, coagulation, hormonal rheostatic controls, even carcinogenesis. Greek roots and terms have deeply permeated our medical vocabulary. It is regrettable that our logo's right page is too small; it can only accommodate up to five outstanding pathologists or medical scientists. Just a thought on this tenth anniversary: whom do you favor to be listed on our logo? Galen may still deserve to be kept mainly for historical reasons. Perhaps a place should be reserved for Linus Pauling (1901-1994). Although not a conventional pathologist, he is a founder and principal animator of our present epoch of molecular pathology.<sup>5</sup>

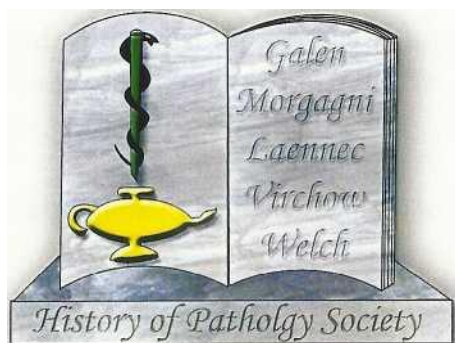
Happy 10th anniversary, and until the next decade if this is to be ordained.

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<sup>3</sup>Our logo was designed by Anne Drewry, one of the most acclaimed painters of Florida. Refer to Acknowledgment, *HOPS Newsletter*, No. 1, July 1996, p. 6. It was stated then that "The current logo is in a 'trial' phase; we are awaiting the reaction of our members." The initial draft listed the names of Galen, Morgagni, Bichat, Virchow and Welch. Christian Nezelof expressed his strong preference for the far better known Rene Laennec (1781-1826), the inventor of the stethoscope, over the young Xavier Bichat (1771-1802) who is credited for his pioneering work in histology.

"Consult Plinio Prioreschi, *A History of Medicine (v.3): Roman Medicine*. Omaha (1998): Horatio Press.

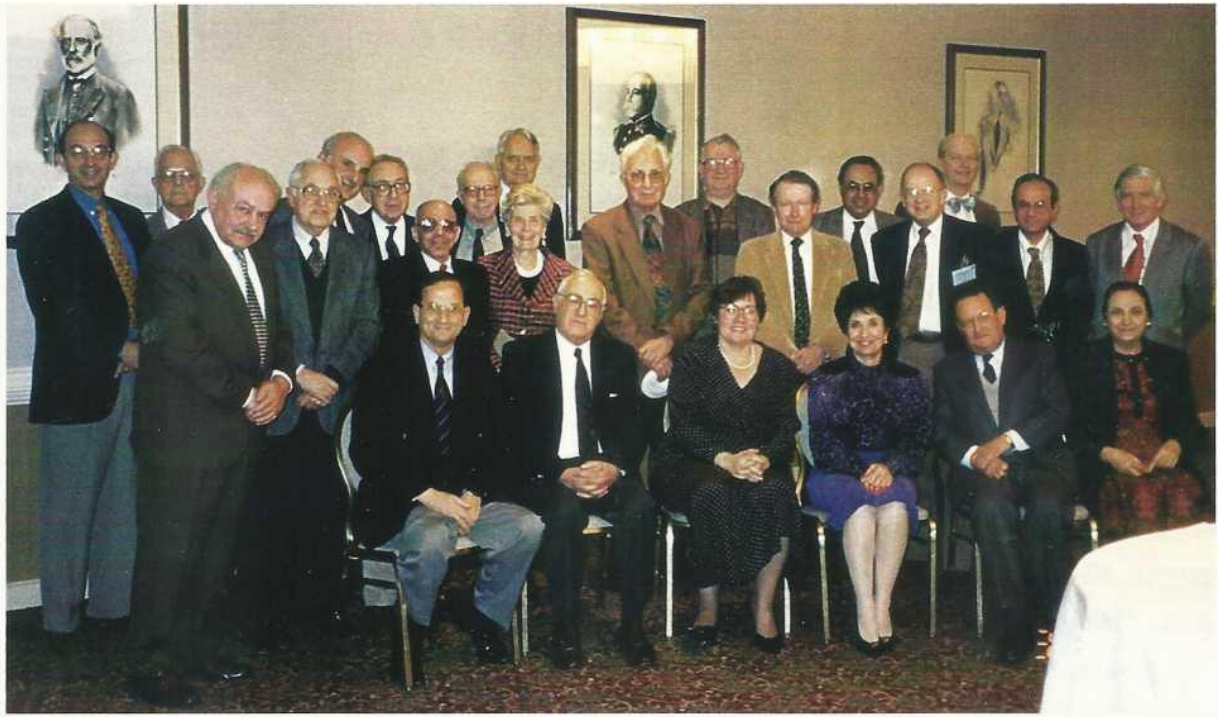
<sup>5</sup>Henry A. Azar, Linus Pauling (1891-1994): A founder of molecular pathology. *Arch. Pathol. Lab. Med.* 120 (1996): 105-106.



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Photograph courtesy of William W. McLendon (Chapel Hill, NC, Initial Trustee, 1996), not shown in this picture.



First row (seated, left to right): Santo Nicosia (Tampa, FL, Immediate Past-President), Henry A. Azar (Chapel Hill, NC, Charter President 1996), Ann Marie Nelson (Washington, D.C., first Secretary and Editor of the Newsletter, current President), Florabel G. Mullick (Washington, D.C., Secretary of the IAP, Initial Trustee, organizer of March 22, 1996 meeting), Christian Nezelof (Paris, France, First Elected President 1997), Bayzar Erkman-Balis (Tampa, FL).

Second row (left to right): Kamal Ishak (Washington, D.C., deceased),\* Enrique Gerszten (Richmond, VA, Program Chairman of Paleopathology Club), Sarny Iskandar (Winston-Salem, NC), Marjorie Williams (Chevy Chase, MD), Fathollah K. (Kash) Mostofi (Washington, D.C., deceased),\*\* J. Aidan Carney (Rochester, MN), William Bradford (Durham, NC), John U. Balis (Tampa, FL), Antonio Cardesa (Barcelona, Spain, Trustee 2006).

Third row (left to right): William A. Gardner Jr. (Washington, D.C., President 2000), Paul Le Golvan (Chevy Chase, MD), Harry Ioachim (New York, NY), Leopold Koss (Bronx, NY), Claude Gompel (Chalon, France), F. Stephen Vogel (Augusta, GA, then Secretary- Treasurer and Executive Director USCAP), Robert E. Lee (Pittsburgh, PA), E. Ishak (Cairo, Egypt), David Hardwick (Vancouver, Canada, President 2004).

\* Kamal Ishak (1928-2004), born in the Sudan and a graduate of Cairo University, was chairman of the Department of Hepatic and Gastrointestinal Pathology at the AFIP since 1965. He was widely regarded as one of the foremost liver pathologists of the world (*Hepatology* 40 (1): 2-3, 2004).

\*\* Fathollah K. (Kash) Mostofi (1911-2003), born in Teheran, Iran, and a graduate of Harvard Medical School, was the world's leading expert in the field of genitourinary pathology and chairman of that department at the AFIP since 1948. He is credited for having revived the International Academy of Pathology in 1952 (*International Pathology Online News Bulletin* vol. 44 No. 3, 2003).

# Officers and Initial Trustees

## Presidents:

Henry A. Azar*	Chapel Hill, NC	1996
Christian Nezelof**	Paris, France	1997
Philip Allen	Adelaide, Australia	1998
William A. Gardner Jr.	Mobile, AL	1999
Robin Cooke	Brisbane, Australia	2000
Peter Dawson	Tampa, FL	2001
Peter Meister	Munich, Germany	2002
David Hartwick	Vancouver, Canada	2003
Adonis de Carvalho	Recife, Brazil	2004
Santo Nicosia	Tampa, FL	2005
Ann Marie Nelson	Washington, D.C.	2006

\* Charter President

\*\* First Elected President

## Secretaries:

Ann Marie Nelson	Washington, D.C.	1996 - 2005
Allan Tucker	Mobile, AL	2005-

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Donald West King	Washington, D.C.	1996 - 2004
William A. Gardner Jr.	Washington, D.C.	2004 - 2006
Allan Tucker	Mobile, AL	2006-

## Initial Trustees:

William H. Hartmann	Tampa, FL	1996
William W. McLendon	Chapel Hill, NC	1996
Florabel G. Mullick	Washington, DC	1996
Santo V. F. Nicosia	Tampa, FL	1996

***Dear Esteemed Colleagues and Friends:*** Together with the previous document prepared by Charter President Henry A. Azar, I have thought useful and indeed inspiring to organize a complete list of Meetings and Officers of the History of Pathology Society. The Society was created on March 22, 1996 by a group of 40 charter members from all corners of the world. A revised Society logo was developed by Dr. Daniel Kurtycz in 2018. Congratulations for past successes and best wishes of future endeavors to all distinguished Members and Officers on this 23rd anniversary of our Society!  
*(Santo V. Nicosia, Secretary-Treasurer)*

**HISTORY OF PATHOLOGY SOCIETY  
LIST OF COMPANION MEETINGS -  
1997-2020**



**1. March 2, 1997 (Orlando, FL)**

"The Beginnings of Modern Pathology"

Moderator: William H. Hartmann

Speakers

Santo V. Nicosia: Giovanni Battista Morgagni and the Beginnings of Anatomic Pathology

Christian Nezeloff: Rene' Th. H. Laennec- The Birth of Clinico-Anatomic Model

Darryl Carter: Origins of Surgical Pathology at the Johns Hopkins Hospital

**2. March 1, 1998 (Boston, MA)**

"The Emergence of American Surgical Pathology"

Moderator: Robert H. Young

Speakers:

Henry A. Azar: Arthur Purdy Stout

Leopold G. Koss: Fred Waldorf Stewart

Thomas A. Seemayer: Professor Pierre Masson

Juan Rosai: Lauren V. Ackerman

**3. March 21, 1999 (San Francisco, CA)**

"Thomas Hodgkin: The Man and his Disease"

Moderator: Peter J. Dawson

Speakers

Peter Dawson: The Original Illustrations of Hodgkin's Disease

Louis Rosenfeld: Thomas Hodgkin: Social Activist

Clive R. Taylor: The Evolution of Hodgkin's Disease

**4. May 18, 2000 (Bethesda, MD)**

"How Laboratory Medicine Became a Clinical Specialty"

Moderator: Ann M. Nelson

Speakers:

Dale Smith: From Physician Technician to Medical Specialist - The Origins of Clinical Pathology

Fred Meyer: An Ecologic Succession: Differential Models of Microbiology

William Gardner and Aaron DeGroft: Laboratorians Commemorated in Stamps

**5. March 4, 2001 (Atlanta, GA)**

History of Q Fever Moderator: Robin Cooke

Speakers:

Robin Cooke: Australia and Europe

Herbert Thompson: United States

**6. February 24, 2002 (Chicago, IL)**

"Women in Pathology"

Moderator: Peter J. Dawson

Speakers:

Peter J. Dawson: Dorothy Reed

Barbara F. Atkinson: Personal Stories of a Few Women in Pathology

Sylvia L. Asa: Scientific Contributions of Pioneer Women Pathologists

Marla C. Brumit and William A. Gardner: The Future History of Pathology

**7. March 23, 2003 (Washington, DC)**

"Historical Controversies in the Diagnosis of Cancer"

Moderator: Peter Meister

Speakers:

George Dhom: How to Make a Cancer Diagnosis Using the Microscope - A French- German Dispute of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Stephan Hauptmann and T. Schalke: Rudolf Virchow's Concept of Malignant Neoplasm

Peter Meister: Mythology in Pathology: The Munich Beer Heart Revisited

**8. March 7, 2004 (Vancouver, Canada)**

"Papanicolaou and his Legacy"

Moderator: David F. Hardwick

Speakers:

Leopold G. Koss: George N. Papanicolaou - His Life and Oeuvre

David E. Boyes: Implementation of a Province-wide Comprehensive Screening Program in the 1940s

Judith G. Hall: Pathological Entities Represented in Totem Poles of the Northwest Pacific Coast

**9. February 27, 2005 (San Antonio, TX)**

The Impact of Mycobacteria on Music and Myths

Moderator: Frederick Meier

Speakers

Anthony Gal: Of Man, Mycobacteria and Music

Ann Marie Nelson: Vampires of New England

Frederick Meier: Hermann Biggs - Laboratory Diagnosis and the Control of Tuberculosis

**10. February 12, 2006 (Atlanta, GA)**

"The Development of Tridimensional Tools in Anatomy and Pathology Teaching"

Organizer: Santo V. Nicosia (unable to attend due to family mourning)

Moderator: Allan Tucker

Speakers

Santo V. Nicosia: Anatomical Waxes in 18<sup>th</sup> Century Italy (proffered by Don Hilbelink in Nicosia's absence)

Charleen M. Moore: Teaching with the Preserved Body: From Desiccation to Plastination

Donald Hilbelink: Digital Anatomy for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Creating the Virtual Patient

**11. March 25, 2007 (San Diego, CA)**

"The Role of the Pathologist in Tumor Diagnosis and Treatment"

Moderator: Ann M. Nelson

Speakers:

Juan Rosai: The Surgical Pathology Seminar - An American Institution

Donald R. Chase: Impacting our profession - The History of the California Tumor Registry.

**12. March 2, 2008 (Denver, CO)**

"European Scientists who Shaped Pathology"

Moderator: Jan G. van den Tweel

Speakers:

Jan G. van den Tweel: Morgagni and his Time

Konrad Mueller: Virchow and German Pathology in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Clive R. Taylor: Thomas Hodgkin and Other "Non-Pathologists" from the United Kingdom

Robin A. Cooke: The Spread of European Pathology around the World

**13. March 8, 2009 (Boston, MA)**

"Tumors of Selected Organs and Those who wrote about them"

Moderator: Robert H. Young

Speakers:

Stephen Geller: The Liver

Brett Delahunt: The Kidney

Robert H. Young: The Ovary      Juan Rosai: The Thymus

**14. March 22, 2010 (Washington, DC)**

"The Making of History"

Moderator: Robert D. Collins

Speakers:

David H. Walker: History of Typhus

Carl Kjeldsberg: Fridtjof Nansen - From Neuron to North Polar Sea to Humanitarian Work

Robert D. Collins: Ernest Goodpasture: I was not aware of a Connection between Lung and Kidney Disease

**15. February 27, 2011 (San Antonio, TX)**

"Celebrating 100 Meetings: Founders of the Academy

Moderator: David F. Hardwick

Speakers:

Sylvia L. Asa: Maude Abbott

Richard S. Fraser: William Osler

Ann Marie Nelson: James Carroll

Henry D. Tazelaar: William MacCallum

**16. March 18, 2012 (Vancouver, Canada)**

"Adjunctive Technologies in Morphological Pathology: Advances in the 20th Century"

Moderator: Mark R. Wick

Speakers:

Mark R. Wick: The Development of Immunohistochemistry in the 20th Century

Mark R. Wick: The History of Electron Microscopy as a Diagnostic Tool

Mark R. Wick: Diagnostic Immunohistochemistry in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century

Mark H. Stoler: In-situ Hybridization in Diagnostic Anatomic Pathology

**17. March 3, 2013 (Baltimore, MD)**

"History of Pathology in the Arab World:

Moderator: Kristin Henry

Speakers:

Samir S. Amr: The Contributions of Arabic and Islamic Civilization to Medicine

Ghazi S. Zaatari: History of Pathology in Lebanon, and the Historical Influence of the American University of Beirut on Pathology in the Middle East

Salwa El-Haddad: History of Pathology Teaching and Service in Egypt since the 19<sup>th</sup> Century

Ismail I. Matalaka: History of Pathology Education and Services in Jordan

**18. March 2, 2014 (San Diego, CA)**

"The School of Anatomy during the Italian Renaissance"

Moderator: Christina Basso

Speakers

Maximillian Buja: Andrea Vesalius and *De Humani Corporis Fabrica*

Gaetano Thiene: The Origin of the Discovery of Blood Circulation at the Univ. of Padua



Gabriella Nesi: Leonardo da Vinci Anatomist

Zampier Fabio: Giovanni Battista Morgagni and the Dawn of Pathology

**19. March 22, 2015 (Boston, MA)**

Boston Pathology: The Founders and their Descendants

Moderator: David N. Louis

Speakers

Robert H. Young: The 19<sup>th</sup> Century and the Era of Physician-Pathologist - the Warrens and their Colleagues

Michael J. O'Brien: The Turn of the Last Century and the Transition to Full-time Pathologists - Frank Burr Mallory, William Councilman and James Homer Wright

David N. Louis: The Early 20th Century and the Spread of Pathology in Boston - The Many Hospitals and Many Descendants

**20. March 13, 2016 (Seattle, WA)**

“Beginnings”

Moderator: Stephen A. Geller

Speakers:

Anthony A. Gal: Time-travelling to the Origins of Lung Cancer

Stephen A. Geller: ~~Alfred's Morgagni Klemperer~~ Crohn Disease

Harry Vinters: How Neuropathological Observations Have Determined the Treatment of Neurological Disease: A Historical Perspective

**21. March 5, 2017 (San Antonio, Texas)**

“Pathology n the Wake of the Great War”

Moderator: James R. Wright

Speakers:

James R. Wright: How Pathology Became a Clinical Discipline in America

Robin A. Cooke: Pathology Specimens from World War I

**22. March 18, 2018 (Vancouver, BC, Canada)**

“Disease and Environment: Relevant Achievements throughout History”

Moderator: Gabriella Nesi

Speakers:

Gaetano Thiene: An All-Pervading Enemy: Environmental Causes of Disease Through then Ages

Henry Tazelaar: Lung Cancer

Stephen Geller: Liver Cancer

Gabriella Nesi: Urinary Bladder Cancer

**23. March 17, 2019 (National Harbor, MD, USA)**

“Molecular Insights into Our Historical Past: Medical Museum Collections as Irreplaceable Biorepositories”

Moderator: Susan Lester

Speakers:

Julie Lemmon: Overview of Historical Collections in the United States and Canada

Jeffery Taubenberger: The 1918 Influenza Virus: How Understanding a Scourge of the Past Informs the Future

Gabriella Nesi: European Historical Collections and their Role In Biomedical Research  
Susan Lester: The Future of Our Past: A Call to Action to Preserve Our Medical Heritage

**24. March 1, 2020 (Los Angeles Convention Center, Los Angeles, CA, USA)**

“Technicolor and Technology in Pathology”

Moderator: Henry Tazelaar

Speakers:

Montero-Fernandez: The Colorful World of Special Stains

Raffaella Santi: Medicine/Pathology in the Visual Arts

Richard Levenson: Through the Lens – Early Microscopy

James Wright: The Section Moderator

Ralph Hruban: Technicolor and Technology in Pathology - Debate

Marie-Christine Aubry: Technicolor and Technology in Pathology - Aubry