

Now it is Up to Us (That Includes You)

The ASC Future of Cytopathology Summit will give us the opportunity to take a proactive approach to the changes occurring in our field. We can all agree that we are in a very dynamic time in the history of our profession, but there are many different viewpoints on how we should address the changes occurring in cytopathology. Cytotechnologists and pathologists in private labs and academic settings, cytopathology educators and administrators, new cytology and residency program graduates as well as veterans in the field – everyone has a different vantage point to share that should be considered.

With all this diversity of opinion, the following thoughts are offered for consideration:

1. We have a valued relationship between pathologists and the cytotechnologists who work for them.
2. It is in the best interest of our profession to help ensure that cytotechnologists and pathologists find satisfaction in the roles they perform everyday.
3. We have an ethical obligation to fulfill these roles in a way that provides the best service possible to our patients.

In order for this endeavor to be successful, we need ALL of our stakeholders engaged in the process. **We value your participation and encourage your contributions to the Summit activities. Please watch your e-mail for the announcement of the Summit Web site and join in the process, and at anytime you would like to contact us regarding the Summit, we can be reached at future@cytopathology.org.** ■

Comments from the Editor



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The ASC Bulletin is making a necessary change and joining many other organizations by going **green**. Following the green path is a necessity in today's economic times. In an effort to conserve the amount of paper used, as well as decrease expenses, the Society has moved to paperless electronic distribution of the *Bulletin*.

A recent study according to Melinda Stoker, Director of Marketing at Xerox Corporations DocuShare Business Unit, shows that if the United States cut its office paper use roughly by 10% or 540,000 tons, greenhouse gas emissions would fall by 1.6 million tons. That would relate to taking 280,000 cars off the road for an entire year. This transition has taken some time, but the ultimate goal has been to provide members with a "state of art" delivery of the *Bulletin*.

With this issue, *The ASC Bulletin* has become an interactive electronic publication, with the ability to print or download in PDF format. The new look goes "hand-in hand" with the new ASC Web site that went live last month. The ASC membership has embraced this modification of circulation and will move forward with others into an increasingly, technology driven world.

Few issues present a more global challenge than meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. It is easy to feel like you cannot personally make a difference to help the environment. We all can, and together our efforts will result in a greener ASC! I hope you enjoy the new design and format of *The ASC Bulletin*! ■

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