The American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) had a very successful 58th Annual Scientific Meeting at the Sheraton Boston Hotel, conveniently located near many fine restaurants and shops. The hotel provided an ideal environment for attendees to enjoy scientific sessions, President’s rounds, video microscopy tutorials, workshops, panel luncheon seminars, roundtable discussions, special courses, and social events throughout the five-day Meeting. ASC awards presentations were made throughout the Meeting at key venues.

Immediately following the State of the Society Address on Saturday, November 13th, ASC President Hormoz Ehya, MD presented the Society’s most prestigious awards: Papanicolaou Award, Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement, Excellence in Education Award and President’s Award.

The Papanicolaou Award

The Papanicolaou Award was established in 1958 and is the highest award given by the American Society of Cytopathology. It is presented annually to a physician or PhD member in recognition of meritorious contributions in the field of cytology. This year the Papanicolaou Award recipient is David C. Wilbur, MD.

Dr. Wilbur is the Director of Cytopathology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Professor of Pathology at Harvard Medical School. Originally from upstate New York, Dr. Wilbur was educated at The Johns Hopkins University and the University of Rochester School of Medicine. He completed his internship in Family Practice at the University of Iowa, followed by a residency in pathology at the University of Rochester and a surgical pathology fellowship at Hartford Hospital. He held the position of Director of Cytopathology at the Universities of Connecticut and Rochester, and at ViaHealth in Rochester prior to moving to Boston in 2001.

Dr. Wilbur has been active in the ASC for many years including serving on committees, giving numerous lectures and workshops, as a member of the Executive Board, and finally serving as President of the Society in 2002-2003. He has also served as Chair of the College of American Pathologists Cytopathology Resource Committee.

Dr. Wilbur presented the Papanicolaou Address presentation on “There is No Good Cytology East of the Hudson River, A Coming of Age Saga.” Dr. Wilbur’s presentation of his Papanicolaou Address is available on the ASC Web site.
Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement

The Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement, established in 1969, is presented annually to an ASC Cytotechnologist member. Selection of recipients is in recognition of meritorious service or accomplishments to the field of cytology. The 2010 recipient of the Cytotechnologist Award for Outstanding Achievement is Michael S. Facik, MPA, CT(ASCP).

Michael Facik is Chief Supervisor of Cytopathology at the University of Rochester Medical Center in Rochester, New York. He completed his cytotechnology training at the Upstate Medical Center in Syracuse, New York and received a Master’s degree in Public Administration in Health Care Management from the State University of New York at Brockport. Prior to his role as Supervisor he served as Coordinator of Residency training in Cytopathology and earned the Department of Pathology’s Eric A. Schenk Award for teaching excellence.

Michael has been an active member of ASC since 1978. Currently, he is a member of the ASC Foundation Board and the Long Range Planning Committee. His service to the Society began as a member of the Cytotechnology Advisory Committee for which he served as Chair in 1993. Other contributions include participation on: the ASC Executive Board, Nominating Committee, Past Chair of Budget and Finance Committee, Scientific Program Committee, Past Chair of Panel Luncheon Program, Associate Editor of The ASC Bulletin, and the Committee to Follow Legislative and Regulatory Affairs.

His activities in other professional societies have included: Treasurer for American Society for Cytotechnology, Cytotechnologist Fellow and member of the Registry and Certification Committee-International Academy of Cytology, and Quality Management Committee-American Society of Clinical Pathologists. Michael enjoys academic cytopathology and has authored and co-authored numerous papers, posters, and other publications. He has been an active speaker and lecturer on several topics in cytopathology. Professionally, Michael’s main interest and first love has been the cytology of serous effusions. In 2001 his Serous Effusion lecture was chosen as the first cytotechnologist directed diagnostic workshop at an ASC Annual Scientific Meeting. Michael has also directed diagnostic workshops for ASCT, ASCP, and several state and regional societies. He feels strongly that his professional career has been enhanced by the academic environment at the University of Rochester and by all the professional relationships he has established there.

Excellence in Education Award

The Excellence in Education Award, established in 1998, is presented annually to a cytotechnologist or pathologist in recognition of meritorious service or accomplishment in the field of cytology education.

The Excellence in Education Award, established in 1998, is presented annually to a cytotechnologist or pathologist in recognition of meritorious service or accomplishment in the field of cytology education to include the education of cytotechnologists, pathology residents and/or cytopathology fellows. The recipient of the 2010 Award is Dina R. Mody, MD.

Dr. Mody graduated from Bombay University (Seth G.S. Medical College) and did her pathology residency at Baylor College of Medicine. At Baylor she was Professor of Pathology and held the Ibrahim Ramzy Endowed Chair. Currently she is Director of the Cytopathology Laboratory and Fellowship at The Methodist Hospital, and Professor of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at Weill Medical College of Cornell University. She is also the Associate Pathology Residency Program Director.

Over the years, Dr. Mody has been involved in teaching cytopathology fellows, pathology residents and fellows in other pathology subspecialties as well as medical students, OB Gyn residents, and
orthopedic residents and fellows. She has been the Co-Director of the Cytopathology Course in Houston, which was started by Dr. Ramzy, and she has continued that tradition with her cytopathology colleagues in the Texas Medical Center institutions.

Dr. Mody served as President of the American Society of Cytopathology from November 2007-08. She has given numerous workshops, teleconferences, symposia and lectures at local, regional, national and international meetings of several pathology and cytology organizations including the ASC, CAP, ASCP and USCAP. She has served on the Executive Board, the Scientific Program Committee and chaired the Quality Assurance Committee of the American Society of Cytopathology (ASC) and has taught at most ASC Annual Scientific Meetings for the past 20 years. She serves on the editorial boards of several pathology and cytology journals. Additionally, she has taught at CME courses in her native India and lectured to the residents in India on cytopathology.

Dr. Mody’s other leadership positions include Chair of the Cytopathology Resource Committee of CAP, advisor to the Cancer Committee, Chair of the Anatomic Pathology Cluster, which she represented on the Council on Scientific Affairs of the CAP. She has served as President of the Texas Society of Cytology, Scientific Program Chair of the Houston Society of Clinical Pathologists (HSCP) and recently Co-Director of the annual Spring Symposium of the HSCP in 2009.

President’s Award

The President’s Award was established in 1992 and is presented annually to an ASC member. Selection of the recipient is at the discretion of the current ASC President, who chose Lynnette C. Savaloja, SCT(ASCP) as the 2010 recipient.

Lynnette Savaloja received her Bachelor of Science in Cytotechnology from the University of North Dakota in 1997. She worked as a cytotechnologist at Hennepin County Medical Center in Minneapolis, MN, until she took her current position as Cytopathology Technical Supervisor at Regions Hospital in St. Paul, Minnesota in 2001.

Lynnette is an active member of the cytopathology profession. She is Past President of the American Society for Cytotechnology (ASCT) and the recipient of the 2009 ASCT Holmquist...
Cytotechnologist Achievement Award. Lynnette is the Vice-Chair of the Joint Commission Laboratory Professional and Technical Advisory Committee and Co-Chair of the Cytopathology Education and Technology Consortium. She is Clinical Instructor of Pathology for the Cytotechnology Program at the University of North Dakota and serves on the advisory board for several cytotechnology school programs in the Midwest. Lynnette is also a survey team member for ASCT Services.

As a member of the ASC, Lynnette has served as Chair of the Cytotechnologist Advisory Committee and was the Co-Chair of the Multidisciplinary Steering Committee on the Future of Cytopathology, which hosted the Future of Cytopathology Summit and produced the White Paper “Facing the Future of Cytopathology: Discerning the Future Needs of Our Profession.”

The ASC Foundation Scholarships and Grants

Scholarship and Grant recipients for 2010 were announced by the ASC Foundation President, Dr. Dorothy Rosenthal, prior to the State of Society Address on Saturday, November 13th.

Cytotechnologist Scholarship

The ASC Foundation established this scholarship in 2004 to stimulate an interest in continuing education in the field of cytopathology, provide a venue for cytotechnologists to meet and interact with fellow cytotechnologists and cytopathologists, and foster the spirit of volunteerism within the American Society of Cytopathology. The $2,000 scholarships are awarded to ASC Cytotechnologist Members in their first or second year of the profession to defray costs to attend the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting. The following individuals are the 2010 recipients of the ASC Foundation Cytotechnologist Scholarship and will attend the ASC 59th Annual Scientific Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.

- Jamie Larson, BS, CT(ASCP), Park Nicollet Methodist Hospital, Eden Prairie, Minnesota
- Katherine Benjamin McCann, MS, CT(ASCP)CM, Beaufort Memorial Hospital/Coastal Pathology Laboratories, Beaufort, South Carolina
- Leah Schultz, BS, CT(ASCP)CM, University of Virginia Health System, Charlottesville, Virginia
- Andrew Stanton, BS, CT(ASCP), Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
- Christina Stone, BS, CT(ASCP), Mercy Core Lab, Cincinnati, Ohio

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Dr. Rosenthal introduced the 2009 Cytotechnologist Scholarship awardees, who were in attendance: Ghada Aramouni, BS, CT(ASCP), Abbas Barre, CT(ASCP), Jenna Benson, BA, CT(ASCP)CMIAC, Christy Kiekenbush, BS, CT(ASCP), and John Plavnicky, BS, CT(ASCP)

**Fellow/Resident Scholarship**

Similar to the criteria for the Cytotechnologist Scholarship, the Fellow/Resident Scholarship of $2,000 each is awarded to five qualified Pathology Residents or Cytopathology Fellows, who are ASC Members, to defray costs to attend the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting. Recipients for 2010 are:

- Ashley Cimino-Mathews, MD, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland
- Heidi Jess, MD, University of California Davis Medical Center, Sacramento, California
- Hillary Kimbrell, MD, Hahnemann University Hospital/Drexel College of Medicine, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- Aparna Mahajan, MD, Northwestern Memorial Hospital, Chicago, Illinois
- Laura Nelsen, MD, Sanford School of Medicine, University of South Dakota, Sioux City Falls, South Dakota

The ASC Foundation Patient Advocacy Grant

The Patient Advocacy Grant was established in 2006 and is available to ASC Members, advocacy patient groups and neighboring societies. The ASC Foundation awards the grant annually to support ongoing or new projects for advocacy efforts for patients with gynecologic and/or other cancers. The 2010 recipient of the Patient Advocacy Grant, selected by the Foundation Board, was awarded to Marise B. McNeely, MD, MBA, a pathologist at Quest Diagnostics in Teterboro, New Jersey, who has devoted much time this past year assisting victims in Haiti after the devastating earthquake.

Marise B. McNeely, MD, MBA and Dorothy Rosenthal, MD, FIAC

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Cytopathology Research Seed Award

The ASC Foundation awards $30,000 to a qualified young cytopathology professional (ASC Member) with no more than five years since completion of training, to conduct important research in cytopathology. Eligibility for this Award, presented every two years, requires demonstration of commitment to ongoing research in cytopathology.

The goal of this award is to stimulate innovative translational research using material obtained from routine cytology specimens with the aim of improving the quality of work done by cytologists, thereby enhancing patient care. This includes (but is not limited to) application of new technologies to cytopathology.

The 2010 Cytopathology Research Seed Award recipient, selected by the Research and Current Concepts Committee, is Deborah J. Chute, MD from the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Cleveland, Ohio.

2010 Leopold Koss Lectureship Award

The ASC Foundation introduced the ASC Legacy Fund this past year, a new lectureship in honor of Dr. Leopold Koss. This lectureship recognizes the significant contributions Dr. Koss has made to cytopathology research, teaching and patient care. The lectureship is presented annually at the ASC Annual Scientific Meeting by a prominent icon in the profession who shares a dedication and commitment to furthering humanities and excellence in the practice of cytopathology.

The 2010 Leopold Koss Lectureship Award was presented to Alfred G. Knudson, Jr., MD, PhD, for his presentation on “Cellular Mechanisms in Hereditary Cancer.” Dr. Knudson was trained in pediatrics, genetics and biochemistry, receiving his BS and PhD at the California Institute of Technology and his MD at Columbia University. His principal interest has been in the genetics of cancer, and he is best known for his “two-hit” explanation of a childhood cancer, retinoblastoma, and its relevance to cancer generally. His other publications include a book, Genetics and Disease. He has served on the faculties of the City of Hope Medical Center in California, The State University of New York at Stony Brook, The MD Anderson Hospital and Institute in Houston, and the Fox Chase Cancer Center in Philadelphia. He has served on numerous committees of the National Institutes of Health and the National Research Council. Among the honors Dr. Knudson has received are membership in the National Academy of Sciences, a Lasker Award, a Gairdner Award in Canada, and a Kyoto Award in Japan. He has also served as President of the American Society of Human Genetics. Currently, he is a working retiree at the Fox Chase Cancer Center, where he previously served as Director of the Institute for Cancer Research and then as President of the Center.
2010 ASC Poster and Platform Award Recipients

The Research and Current Concepts Committee reviewed Posters and Platform Presentations eligible for four annual abstract awards - Geno Saccomanno New Frontiers in Cytology Award, ASC Foundation-Future of the Profession Award, Cytotechnologist Scientific Presentation Award, and the Warren R. Lang, MD Resident Physician Award. The Awards Presentation occurred on Monday, November 15th, following the Diagnostic Cytology Seminar. Dr. Barbara Centeno, Chair of the Research and Current Concepts Committee, presented the 2010 Awards.

The Geno Saccomanno, MD New Frontiers in Cytology Award is given to the first author of the scientific paper that best describes new methods, or modifications of existing methods, for characterizing or measuring cells or their components. Dr. Centeno presented this year’s Award to Abha Khanna, MS, CT(ASCP) from MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas for Poster #122, “Circulating ALDH1 Positive Cells with Chromosome10/10q22 and EGFR Abnormalities are Novel Biomarkers for Monitoring Cancer Stem Cells and Correlate with ALDH1 Positive Cells of Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: An Immunocytochemistry - FISH based Study.” Other authors are Tanweer Zaidi, MD, Ricardo Fernandez, BS, CT(ASCP), and Weigong He, MD, Reza Mehran, MD, and Ruth Katz, MD from MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas and David Blowers, PhD from AstraZenaca, Macclesfield, Cheshire, United Kingdom.

The ASC Foundation Future of the Profession Award is presented to the first author of a platform or poster presentation addressing the issues regarding the evolving role of cytopathologists and cytotechnologists in our changing environment. Angela Sorenson, MA, SCT(ASCP), from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota is the recipient of the 2010 Award for Platform #6, “Responding to Practice Changes: The Creation of a Cytotechnologist Career Ladder at Mayo Clinic.” The platform was co-authored by Lisa Colborn, MBA, CT(ASCP), Renee Root, BS, CT(ASCP), Sally Nelson, BS, CT(ASCP), Johnita Ihrke, BS, CT(ASCP), Kevin Halling, MD, PhD, Michael Henry, MD, and Amy Clayton, MD from the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota.

The Cytotechnologist Scientific Presentation Award is presented to the cytotechnologist or cytotechnology student who presents the best scientific paper in cytology for either a platform or poster session. The first author and Award recipient, Ghada Aramouni, CT(ASCP), accepted the Award; co-authors are Jennifer Brainard, MD, Belinda Yen-Lieberman, PhD, Aaron Hoschar, MD and Deborah Chute, MD from the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio for Poster #121, “Hybrid Capture 2 HPV Testing in Head and Neck Fine Needle Aspirations.”

The Warren R. Lang, MD Resident Physician Award is presented to the resident or fellow in an approved training program who submits the best scientific paper in cytology for either a platform or a poster session. The 2010 recipient is first author, Jaya Bajaj, MD, MHA, who accepted the award, acknowledging co-authors Chiara Sugrue, MBA, MS, SCT(ASCP), Nora Morgenstern, MD, and Patricia Wasserman, MD, FCAP from Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, New York, and Jason Wasserman, MD from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania for Platform #10, “Clinical Impact of Second Opinion in Thyroid Fine Needle Aspiration Cytology (FNAC): A Study of 92 Inter-Institutional Consultations.”
Presidential and Executive Board Members Recognition

During the ASC Annual Business Meeting, it has become a tradition for outgoing Executive Board members and officers to be acknowledged and applauded. ASC Secretary-Treasurer Edmund S. Cibas, MD presented certificates of appreciation to Ann Moriarty, MD, Ruth L. Katz, MD and Leigh Ann Cahill, BS, CT(ASCP) who completed their terms as Executive Board members.

Incoming ASC President, Nancy A. Young, MD was escorted to the platform by ASC Past Presidents, Diane Davis Davey, MD and Dina R. Mody, MD for the formal transition from the outgoing President, Dr. Ehya. Dr. Young presented Dr. Ehya with a plaque and gift to commemorate his year as ASC President. Dr. Young thanked all attendees for helping make this year’s Annual Scientific Meeting in Boston a success and then shared a short summary of her plans for the upcoming year as ASC President. Details of Dr. Young’s plans are included in her Presidential Address on the cover page of this issue.

Additional photographs of the 58th ASC Annual Scientific Meeting are available on the ASC Web site at cytopathology.org.

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American Society of Cytopathology in Coordination with Papanicolaou Society of Cytopathology

Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center • San Antonio, Texas

Sunday, February 27, 2011 at 7:30 p.m.

The Evolving Practice of Cytopathology: Morphology, Ancillary Tests and Personalized Medicine

Moderator: Syed Z. Ali, MD, The Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland

Pancreatic Disease: Classic Morphology and New Concepts - Diagnosing Cystic Lesions:
A Multidisciplinary Approach for the Cytopathologist
N. Volkan Adsay, MD, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia

Pancreatic Disease: Classic Morphology and New Concepts - Cytomorphology of Solid Cancers:
The Amazing Spectrum
Gregg Staerkel, MD, University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, Texas

School of FISH: Combining Morphology with Molecules – An Update
Lukas Bubendorf, MD, University Hospital Basel, Basel, Switzerland

Non–Small Cell Lung Cancer in the Targeted Therapy Era: A Cytologist’s Perspective
Maureen F. Zakowski, MD, Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, New York, New York