

IAP HD *Technology Transfer in Diagnostic Pathology 9th Central European Regional Meeting – Colorectal Pathology* held in Visegrád, Hungary, 25-27 May 2017

This conference was organized with the aim of preparing pathologists to the new tasks that will be brought by the introduction of population screening for colorectal cancer. We had 13 invited Faculty members, including a colorectal surgeon (A. Bursics), a medical oncologist (Gy. Bodoky) and a health insurance/epidemiology expert (I. Boncz). From the wider region, leading GI pathologists from Poland (A. Mróz), Slovenia (S. Frkovic-Grazio) and the Czech Republic (O. Daum) shared their experience with colorectal screening already established in their respective countries. We also had lectures overviewing the German system and most recent guidelines (B. Bogner) and recent changes of TNM categories (G. Cserni). During the 3 slide seminars epithelial tumors (B. Bogner, T. Strausz), non-epithelial tumors (Zs. Orosz) and precursor lesions (A. Ensari) were discussed in details. The cases in digital slide format were uploaded on 3DHistech's server and the participants could go through them before the conference. One of the slide seminars was held by projecting the digital slides thus allowing a very interactive and lively session. We were honoured by the presence of Prof. Fred Bosman, one of the editors of the WHO Blue Books' GI volume, Prof Iris Nagtegaal who now leads the Task Force of the European Society of Pathology for Standard Reporting in Colorectal Cancer and Prof Arzu Ensari, leading member of the European Society of Pathology EScoP GI pathology courses. The lectures touched upon all relevant issues from grossing to molecular pathology and from prognostic factors to the role of pathologists in patient care in the era of target therapies.

The 81 participants came from 9 different European countries. Most of the participants were young pathologists eager to learn.

Both participants and Faculty members were very satisfied with the meeting. Perhaps even more importantly, from the many reflections we felt that the main aim that inspired us to organize this conference focusing on colorectal screening related pathology had been achieved: an initiative of forming a Hungarian Task Force for the improvement of pathology reporting of colorectal specimens was already declared on the last day of the meeting. Furthermore, opportunities for regional co-operations in further educational activities had been outlined.

