

British Division of the IAP Support for African Pathology

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Background

- BDIAP (UK charity 244450) is a Division of the IAP with >10,000 Pathologists globally
- BDIAP funds grew from 1996-2007 due to
 - New deal with Blackwell's publishers of 'Histopathology'
 - Healthy growing membership
 - Strong stock market
- In 2005, BDIAP agreed to support annual lecturers to APECSA and SADIAP
- Agreed to fund 2 trainees in RSA each for 4 years (only Ahmed Kalebi so far, now a Consultant in Nairobi)
- Prof Neil Shepherd and Alec Howat attended APECSA, Mombasa 2008 and produced a report regarding support for East African countries
(www.bdiap.org/Africa/Howat.Africa_report.pdf)

Key focus points of report

- Postgraduate education
- Technician training
- Books, both new and used
- Second opinion service
- Training trainees
- Quality improvements
- Encourage and support locums
- Support Centres of Excellence
- Political issues ie support for COPECSA

2009 Educational activities

- EADIAP Pathology Safari - 30.3-3.4, me (lectures on quality and melanoma + 'Daily Diagnostic Dilemmas' slide seminar)
- Tanzania FNAB workshop – 6.4-9.4, Andrew Field
- EADIAP Travel Seminar, Friends of Africa - 20.4-24.4, Josefine Heim-Hall (bone & soft tissue)
- Uganda FNAB workshop – 13.7-16.7, Andrew Field
- East African-British School of Pathology & 1st EADIAP – 5.8-8.8, with Neil Shepherd, Geraint Williams, Ray McMahon & Sebastian Lucas
- Kenya FNAB workshop – 5.10-8.10, Andrew Field
- 1st East African Society of Cytology – October with many speakers including Mina Desai & John Smith from UK

2010 Educational Plan

- 1st Technical Training Course, Olorunda Rotimi & Pete Jackson, Dar es Salaam 30.3-2.4; 2nd to be in October
- 1st 2010 Pathology Safari, Metastatic tumours of unknown origin by Ahmed Kalebi 12.4-16.4
- 2nd 2010 Pathology Safari, Gynaecological Pathology by Mike Wells, originally 26.4-30.4 but will be later in year
- Cytology workshop, Nairobi by Andrew Field, Matt Zarka & Bill Geddie 11.5-13.5
- Bone & STT Pathology camp, Josefine Heim-Hall, Friends of Africa/USCAP, Nairobi, September
- 2nd EABSoP Breast Pathology by Ian Ellis, Sarah Pinder & Andrew Field 13.9-15.9
- APECSA, COPECSA & 2nd EADIAP AGM 15.9-17.9

Other BDIAP activities

- New Rosai textbooks sent to 14 depts in EA
- 174 used (but recent) books sent to Kenya for distribution within EA
- Another 23 used (but recent) books going to Zimbabwe
- 18 specialist Pathologists agreed to participate in telepathology pilots with International Network for Cancer Treatment & Research (Nina Hurwitz)
- Up to 20 EA labs may be included in UK NEQAS histology technical EQA scheme

In addition...

- Meeting at RCPATH, London May 28th
'Supporting pathology services in low-income countries'
- Session at Pathological Society meeting, St Andrews June 30th 'Pathology in the developing world'
- Application submitted in May to IHLFS for Project Grant (~£15k pa) for educational activities
- Regular meetings with Sebastian Lucas (St Thomas's), Ken Fleming (Oxford), Archie Prentice (Royal Free)

Key successes

Have they worked?

- Books – now in most EA labs
- Postgraduate training of Ahmed Kalebi – now a Consultant
- Technical & medical courses
- Most initiatives will take time to prove value. End-points will be improved quality of technical & medical work and ultimately better quality diagnoses, better valued by clinical colleagues

Points

- Need buy-in from each member of link
- Need key personnel in LMIC and HMIC
- Need to achieve sustainability ie educational activities embedded within BDIAP and EADIAP routine processes
- Need to ensure capacity building, improve systems and train trainers
- Need to devolve many areas to local team when mature