IATP Educational Session

Contemporary Issues in Toxicologic Pathology

This year, the Japanese Society of Toxicologic Pathology (JSTP) held its 20th annual meeting in conjunction with the 5th triennial meeting of the International Federation of Societies of Toxicologic Pathologists (IFSTP) as a joint international meeting at the International Conference Center Kobe, Japan, between February 15 and 18, 2004. The International Academy of Toxicologic Pathology (IATP), an organ of IFSTP, co-sponsored the meeting, which made it as JSTP/IFSTP (IATP) 2004. As the meeting co-chairpersons and on behalf of all members of the secretariat, we would like to express our sincere gratitude to those who attended the meeting.

During the JSTP/IFSTP (IATP) 2004, IATP held the Educational Session, "Contemporary Issues in Toxicologic Pathology" on February 15, 2004, under the coordination by Dr. D. Reid Patterson, Chairman of the Board. There were 6 lectures as follows.

1. Chemically-induced Immunopathology and Immune Functional Changes; by Dr. Joseph G. Vos (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands)
2. Thresholds in Experimental Chemical Hepatocarcinogenesis; by Dr. Gary M. Williams (New York Medical College, USA)
3. Endocrine Disruption in Wildlife. The Role of Toxicologic Pathology in Fish; by Dr. Pieter W. Wester (National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands)
4. Renal Mesenchymal Tumor versus Nephroblastoma. Revisited; by Dr. John Curtis Seely (Experimental Pathology Laboratories, Inc., USA)
5. Demonstration of Histogenesis and Cytogenesis of Mammary Tumors from Terminal Endbud, Mammary Duct, Acinus and Myoepithelium Cells Using Human *c-Ha-ras* Prot- and Mutated-oncogene Transgenic Rats; by Dr. Hiroyuki Tsuda (Nagoya City University, Japan)
6. The Function and Pathology of Brown Adipose Tissue in Animals and Humans; by Dr. Michael Iatropoulos (New York Medical College, USA)

We have been allowed to publish the papers summarizing the contents of the above 6 lectures in this and next issues of *the Journal of Toxicologic Pathology*. We thank the JSTP Publication Committee and the Editorial Board members for their courtesy and hope that these papers are useful for the readers of this journal.

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