

IAOP Clinico-pathological Conference

Call for Case Submission

We are seeking volunteers for the clinico-pathological conference (CPC) session that will be held on the morning of Saturday 20th June 2020. Those of you who have attended the meeting before will remember that this is always an interesting and relatively light-hearted part of the programme. For those of you who have not attended before, the session comprises a series of case presentations.

We are looking for volunteers who can provide interesting cases and volunteers to be the discussant for the case. The discussant is given clinical images, radiological or other imaging and a short clinical history, but insufficient information to make a definitive diagnosis. This information is provided well before the meeting.

In the CPC, the discussant makes a 15 to 20-minute presentation outlining their approach to diagnosis for the case, discussing their differential diagnosis and how they would go about making the final diagnosis. Usually they will make a calculated 'guess' at the correct diagnosis. Clearly this is an impossible task, but it is educationally very valuable for the audience to see how others go about the diagnostic process, and it is always interesting and fun. It is an exercise in clinical oral pathology/oral medicine/radiology, not histopathology.

We are also looking for several good cases. These need to have high-quality clinical images and/or relevant imaging and the diagnosis should not be immediately obvious. Unusual and rare diagnoses are typical, but an unusual presentation of a common disease might also work well. After the discussant has presented their interpretation of the findings, the owner of the case will have approximately a 10-minute presentation to outline the actual diagnosis, how it was determined and any other follow-up or relevant information. The cases are published in the conference booklet.

Please let us know by **1 December 2019 by email to the IAOP secretary at sonja.iaop@gmail.com** if you would like to volunteer as a discussant or if you have a good case to present.

We will be reviewing the possible cases and volunteers and try to finalise the selection of cases and participants by the end of December so that the material can be presented to the discussants in plenty of time to work on the talks. We would like to have participation from all 6 regions of the IAOP membership (Africa, Asia, Australasia, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America).

Unfortunately, IAOP is unable to specifically subsidise attendance of the meeting for those who contribute to the CPC. Therefore, if you wish to volunteer as a discussant you will need to know that you will be attending the meeting anyway. If you have a good case but are unable to attend the meeting, we would still be interested in hearing about your case if you can nominate a colleague who will be at the meeting as an alternative presenter.

Best wishes,

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