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The Third TASTE Workshop

PRE-ANALYTICAL ISSUES IN PATHOLOGY

Porto, Portugal, 19th October 2013

IPATIMUP
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Portugal

Deadline for registration: 15th October 2013

Workshop Introduction

This workshop is designed for all professionals involved in manufacturing and assessing histological, cytological, immunohistological and molecular techniques used in routine diagnostic pathology and cytology. Pathologists, pathology residents, histo-technicians, cyto-technicians, medical students and student technicians are welcome to participate. This meeting will provide information regarding the TASTE project which is part of the European Commission's Lifelong learning project. It is devoted to set technical standards in pathology. Standardized optimal technical quality is certainly important on every day practice of every pathology department. Digital pathology allows open circulation of virtual slides throughout many countries of the world. It will be used in the TASTE project. The goals of discussion, training and technical standardization will be achieved by collecting top quality, average quality and artifact-damaged preparations and archiving them in a digital web based archive. The images will thereafter be standardized through user assessment sessions and made available for the interested professionals all over the world. **This third TASTE workshop** will focus on the importance of pre-analytical issues in the quality of the histological and cytological material as well as in the application of ancillary techniques in these materials, illustrating the benefits of standardization.

Programme

08.30 **Welcome Coffee and Registration of participants**

09:00 **Welcome**

Manuel Sobrinho Simões, Director of IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal

09.15 **The TASTE Workshop and System**

Emanuela Ovcin, COREP, Turin, Italy

09:30 **Experience in Vacuum preparation for routine specimens**

Gianni Bussolati, University of Turin-COREP, Turin, Italy

10.00 **What we can do with vacuum fixation material?**

Isabella Castellano, University of Turin, Turin, Italy

10.30 **Coffee-break**

11.00 **Pre-analytical issues for molecular studies**

Maria Comanescu, Victor Babes Institute of Research and Diagnosis, Bucharest, Romania

11:30 **Pre-analytical issues and Liquid-Based Cytology**

Francesco Feoli, Institut Jules Bordet, Brussels, Belgium

12:00 **Pre-analytical issues and Tissue Microarrays**

Manuel Salto Tellez, Centre for Cancer Research and Cell Biology, Queen's University, Belfast, North Ireland

12:30 **Tissue heterogeneity as a pre-analytical source of variability**

Ana Justino, IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal

13:00 **Closing remarks**

Fernando Schmitt, IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal

Workshop Programme and Organising Committee

- ✓ **Fernando Schmitt, MD,PhD** (Chairman), IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal
- ✓ **Fatima Carneiro, MD,PhD**, IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal
- ✓ **Emanuela Ovcin**, COREP, Turin, Italy
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- ✓ **Catarina Carona**, Workshop secretary, IPATIMUP, Porto, Portugal

Language

The official language of the workshop is English.

Fee

The participation to the workshop is free (no fee required).

Registration

Until **October 15th 2013**: at <https://www.ipatimup.pt/Site/ActivityView.aspx?ActivityId=2201>

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