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The First TASTE Workshop

Histological techniques: quality and impact on diagnosis

Falun, Sweden, 1st June 2012

Department of Pathology and Clinical Cytology, Central Hospital Falun

Deadline for registration: 15th May 2012

Workshop Introduction

This workshop is designed for all professionals involved in manufacturing and assessing histological, cytological, immunohistological and other preparations in routine diagnostic pathology and cytology. Pathologists, pathology residents, histo-technicians, cyto-technicians, medical students and student technicians are equally welcome to participate. As the first workshop in a series of six similar events, the meeting in Falun will provide detailed information regarding the TASTE project; open the possibility of active participation of the attendees in creating, evaluating and standardizing a web-based good quality preparations image database with aim to form international standards for high technical quality of the preparations and maintaining good laboratory practice.

What is a top quality histological section? What is an internationally accepted standard level of section or staining quality? Which technical artifacts are not acceptable in a slide of standard quality? What is the acceptable technical quality having no impact on diagnostic assessment? How to define digital slide of standard quality? These questions are certainly important in everyday practice of every pathology departments and there is an increasing demand for the answers in the era of digital pathology characterized with open circulation of virtual slides throughout many countries of the world. These are also the central questions the TASTE project will address. It 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.

The international expert group of the TASTE project will underline the importance of wide implementation of the project already at its initial phase. Therefore, all the attendees of the workshops are invited to contribute during the coming years with their

- own slides of top, average, or suboptimal quality,
- own experience in problem-solving and other technical issues,
- assessing the web-based images in scenarios standardized for students/residents, technicians and specialists,
- supporting the project by spreading information about its aims and by promoting its results.

The TASTE project is part of the European Commission's Lifelong learning project and as such aims to stimulate the interaction between established members of the pathology/cytology community and the future generation: the students and residents. At the same time, it may become a model how different categories of professionals at different levels of their education can successfully cooperate in problem-solving and in setting future technical standards.

The workshop in Falun will also provide an opportunity for us to participate on the lecture on the endocrine tumors of one world-leading pathology experts, Professor Gianni Bussolati.

Programme

08.30 **Welcome Coffee and Registration of participants**

09:00 **Opening of the workshop and defining the aims**

Ass. Professor Tibor Tot, Falun, Sweden

09.15 **The mandate for standardization of pre-analytical processing of the tissues**

Professor Gianni Bussolati, COREP, University of Turin, Italy

10:00 **The TASTE project**

Ing. Emanuela Ovcin, Consorzio per la Ricerca e l'Educazione Permanente, Italy

10.30 **The TASTE system: design of the users' scenario**

MD, PhD Maria Comanescu, Victor Babes Institute of Research and Diagnosis, Romania

11.00 **Discussion**

11:30 **Neuro-endocrine tumours: Update on the classification and future prospects**

Professor Gianni Bussolati, COREP, University of Turin, Italy

12:15 **Future activities, closing remarks**

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Workshop Programme and Organising Committee

- ✓ **Ass. Prof. Tibor Tot** (Chairman), Laboratory Medicine Dalarna, Falun, Sweden
- ✓ **Ing. Emanuela Ovcin**, COREP, Turin, Italy
- ✓ **Prof. Gianni Bussolati**, COREP, University of Turin, Turin, Italy
- ✓ **Ewa Pers**, secretary of the workshop, Laboratory Medicine Dalarna, Falun, Sweden Falun

Language

The official language of the workshop is English.

Fee

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

Important Dates

May 15th 2012: deadline for confirmation of participation to eva.pers@ltdalarna.se