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# The Scope

The Colorado Society of Clinical Pathologists



## Plans for 2016 Underway: A Message from the CSCP

Thank you to all who attended the Stars in the Mountains 2015 Conference in Vail this July.

We will be hosting the 2016 conference in Vail, Colorado July 15-17, 2016 at Manor Vail Lodge. We have an incredible line-up of speakers and you won't want to miss this year.

It is my pleasure to announce our new candidates for the CSCP Board of Directors, which you can read about in this newsletter.

Voting for this Board runs until December 31, 2015. You will find an attached paper ballot that you can return by mail. Or, you may instead vote online. (Watch for details in your e-mail inbox.) I'd like to introduce Kelsey Skogstad, who will be helping manage the society.

Remember to pay your dues (either online through our site or by mailing a check). You can contact me directly with any questions or comments. I look forward to the year ahead.

—Amy Hicks, CSCP Manager

## Speaker Line-Up for Stars in the Mountains 2016

The date has been set for the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Stars in the Mountains Conference. It will be held at the Manor Vail Lodge on July 15-17, 2016, in Vail Village.

We are excited to announce the outstanding line-up speakers for 2016:

Friday, July 15

Dr. Jonathan Epstein, MD, Johns Hopkins: A professor of pathology, oncology and urology at the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Dr. Epstein also serves as the Director of Surgical Pathology at The Johns Hopkins Hospital. He is recognized as a leader in the field of urological pathology. He'll be speaking on Urology and Oncology.

Saturday July 16

Dr. Andrew L. Folpe, MD, The

Mayo Clinic: A professor of
Laboratory Medicine and
Pathology and the Bone and
Soft Tissue Pathology Fellowship Program Director at the
Mayo Clinic in Rochester,
Minnesota. Dr. Folpe will present Soft Tissue Pathology.

Sunday July 17

Dr. Lester D. Thompson, MD,. Southern California Permenente Medical Group is Chief of the Head and Neck Pathology Division.

The author of more than 150 research papers, Dr. Thompson teaches at national and international conferences; serves as an active member of a number of national and international societies; and

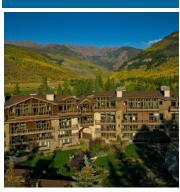
collaborated on the World Health Organization's books for head and neck and endocrine organs. He will be speaking on Head and Neck Pathology.

Online and mail-in registration will be open soon. Go to cscpweb.org or watch your mailbox.

Our goal is to improve total attendee count from 52 to 70+. Box lunches will be provided Friday, as well as sponsored breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday, and a lunch presentation on Saturday.

Keep in mind, the hotel is quick to fill up and the **cost is lower for registering early!** 

Save the Date! 2016 Stars in the Mountains: July 15-17 at the Manor Vail Lodge



The Manor Vail Lodge is the site for the 2016 Stars in the Mountains.

# Meet the candidates: CSCP Board of Directors

Nominations for 2016 Board of Directors are now being held. A big thank you goes out to last year's board, especially Dr. Mirna Knight, who has served as CSCP President for three terms.

#### **Candidate for President**

Dr. Bryan Coffing is a native of Ohio who at-



tended undergraduate and medical school at Dartmouth College in New Hampshire. He moved back to the Midwest for his pathology residency at the University of Michigan in Ann

Arbor, where he also completed a fellowship in hematopathology. The following year he traveled back to Dartmouth for a fellowship in dermatopathology.

Since completing his training he has been practicing full time with Metropolitan Pathologists in Lakewood, CO. Dr. Coffing is currently the medical director of Summit Hospital and is head of the hematology best practice team for Centura Health System.

Dr. Coffing enjoys spending time with his wife, Mia, and two boys, Caleb and Lucas, ages 6 and 3, camping, fishing, and exploring Colorado. His other hobbies include gardening and beekeeping.

# Candidate for Vice President and Resident Liaison

**Dr. Zenggang Pan** was born in China and earned his medical degree from the Peking University Health Science Center and a Ph.D. degree in lymphoma biology University of



Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Pan completed his residency training in anatomic and clinical pathology at the Creighton University Medical Center, followed by two fellowships in surgical pathology and Hematopathology at University of

Alabama at Birmingham and City of Hope Medical Center, respectively.

Since 2012, Dr. Pan has served as an assistant professor at the University of Colorado Denver/
Anschutz Medical Campus, and he has been actively involved in clinical services (hematopathology and general surgical pathology), lymphoma/leukemia research, and medical education.

Dr. Pan and his wife have an 11-year-old son and an 8-year-old daughter. They greatly enjoy the outdoor activities in Colorado, including hiking and skiing.

#### Candidate for Education Program Chair

**Dr. Leila Langston** earned her MD from Tehran Azad Medical Sciences University in Tehran, Iran and



completed her residency in surgical and clinical pathology at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver, Colorado.

After residency, Dr. Langston completed a fellowship at UCLA in surgical pathology,

with special interesting in bone and soft tissue.

Following her time in Los Angeles, Dr. Langston completed a fellowship in Dermatopathology at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. Dr. Langston joined Unipath pathology in July 2015.

Throughout her education, Dr. Langston has authored numerous research articles and peer reviewed book chapters internationally. She has also received multiple awards for her studies including membership in the Gold Humanism Honor Society.

Leila enjoys watercolor painting, reading, hiking, traveling, playing tennis, and spending time with her husband David and 10-year-old son.

A ballot is available in this newsletter to detach and return by mail.

Online voting will also be available through the CSCP website.

Please cast your vote by December 31, 2015.

The society continues to operate without a secretary or treasurer.

If you would like to volunteer for one of these roles with CSCP, please contact Amy Hicks, visit the website cscpweb.org, or write your name on the ballot.

## A Call to Colorado Pathologists: Give Back

By Karim E Sirgi, MD MBA

See, Test & Treat is a program funded by the College of American Pathologists that provides free cervical and breast cancer screening and education, with same-day results and follow-up for uninsured and underserved women.

Volunteer pathologists partner with a clinical care team, donate their time and expertise in a dignified setting at no cost to the women served.

Women are seen and tested in a one-visit setting, thus removing barriers to preventive and follow-up care. The program is culture sensitive and offers additional benefits such as arranging for childcare during the event, health-focused education for women and all accompanying family members, education about drug abuse, genetic counseling, and other services of life saving impact.

The program is funded by donations to the CAP Foundation. The CAP Foundation will award up to \$20,000 for each program to provide screenings, each screening holding the potential to return a life-saving diagnosis.

Through 2014, the CAP and CAP Foundation have funded 30 See, Test & Treat screenings, helping nearly 3,200 women in underserved communities across the nation.

Programs have taken place around the U.S., including Texas,

California, Minnesota, Washington and New York.

**COLORADO pathologists!** Are we up to the challenge? Isn't it time for all of us to join efforts and organize a See, Test & Treat event in our generous state?

Also, please donate needed dollars at foundation.cap.org. Every dollar counts and no donation is too small.

Feel free to contact Dr. Sirgi, a CAP Colorado State Delegate and member of the Board of Directors with the CAP Foundation, to learn more about this program that showcases the lifesaving work of pathologists in their respective communities.



Help Colorado bring a See, Test & Treat program to our state.

Contact Dr. Sirgi e-mail: SirgiMD@gmail.com or visit his website at KarimSirgiMD.com

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### **Ballot 2015**

Please indicate one candidate for each office. Cut out and return ballot to: CSCP Administrator 2760 E. Flora Pl Denver, CO 80210.

| Ballots must be post-marked by February 15, 2016. |                      |            |  |  |
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|   | ☐ Zenggang Pan, MD   | □ Write-In |  |  |
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| Education Program Chair                           |                      |            |  |  |
|   | ☐ Leila Langston, MD | □ Write-In |  |  |
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| Secretary/Treasurer                               |                      |            |  |  |
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### **Dues are Due!**

Please help us reach our 2016 membership goal of 100 pathologists. Send in your membership dues today and encourage your group to join as well. Your dues help pay for the society's operating expenses as well as for the annual Stars in the Mountains meeting.

| NAME:                                  |                          |
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| ☐ Lifetime Member                      | \$5,000 one-time payment |
| ☐ Sustaining Supporting Member         | \$500 annual fee         |
| ☐ Active Member                        | \$150 annual fee         |
| ☐ Resident/Fellow/Retired Pathologist  | Free                     |
| ☐ Additional Donation                  | \$                       |
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#### **Group Discount**

Members from the same group who join the CSCP by Feb. 15 receive a 10% discount!

Encourage your group to join today!