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Partners Initiative Takes Part in Pathology Panel at 2017 World Cancer Leaders' Summit



Below are highlights of the past month's achievements. If you have any questions, please contact Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, ASCP Chief Medical Officer, dan.milner@ascp.org.



Country Updates

- ASCP and Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa participated in the 2017 World Cancer Leaders' Summit, hosted by the National Cancer Institute of Mexico (INCan), from Nov. 13-15. More than 350 global cancer and public health leaders convened in Mexico City for the summit to discuss ways and solutions to transform cities' commitments in cancer prevention and care into further national action by 2025.

ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, took part in a case-based discussion on pathology during a panel discussion on the main stage. The summit welcomed a highly distinguished program of attendees, including President Enrique Peña Nieto, President of Mexico; President Tabaré Vázquez, President of Uruguay; Her Majesty Queen Letizia of Spain; Her Eminence Mrs. Angélica Rivera de Peña, First Lady of Mexico; Her Eminence Ms. Gabriela Michetti, Vice President of Argentina; Her Eminence Mrs. Kim Simplis Barrow, First Lady of Belize; and Her Royal Highness Princess Dina Mired of Jordan, President-elect of the Union for International Cancer Control (UICC). All emphasized the importance of putting cancer at the forefront of national health agendas through political will, resource mobilization, task-shifting and collaboration.



Ministers of Health from Mexico, Spain, and Ghana, as well as industry and city leaders, led the audience in dynamic discussions around the building blocks that are required to support the sustainable delivery of cancer services and care at national and city levels, pledging for a better integration and promotion of comprehensive care.

Professor Sanchia Aranda, UICC President, convenes the World Cancer Leaders' Summit.

In keeping with the Summit's theme, "Cities driving change," UICC President, Professor Sanchia Aranda, announced a new phase of C/Can 2025 with the call for applications for Challenge Cities to join the initiative. At the close of the 2017 World Cancer Leaders' Summit, UICC launched a call to action, inviting cities with populations greater than one million to join a new multi-sectoral initiative, C/Can 2025: City Cancer Challenge, designed to support cities to take the lead in the design, planning and implementation of cancer treatment solutions.



Left, ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc (Epi), FASCP, left, and Francois Uwinkindi, Rwandan MOH Cancer Congress Lead, in Mexico City where the World Cancer Congress Summit took place. Right, participants in the ASCP "Challenges of Diagnosis in Cancer" Workshop had a lively discussion of four original cases in discussion with ASCP experts.



Public Relations

- Several publications picked up a press release regarding ASCP's work with Novartis Access and the American Cancer Society to devise a common approach to manage cancer in lower-income countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. *BioPharm International Online* ran a story, *Novartis, ASCP, and ACS Partner for African Cancer Initiative*, on Nov. 17, 2017. *ENP Newswire*, *EIN News*, *Medical Laboratory Observer Online*, and *Plus Company Updates* all ran the ASCP press release, Novartis, ASCP and ACS join forces to fight cancer in Ethiopia, Uganda and Tanzania.
- Social media channels continue to promote the project to members.



Volunteers

- Mount Sinai Hospital, in cooperation with Pathologists Overseas/ASCP, is currently recruiting volunteer pathologists with cytology expertise to visit Liberia and assist with early stage epidemiological and diagnostic programs of training and service.
- The Partners project is looking for foreign language speakers in Spanish and Burmese initially, as well as members with experience in lab design and implementation to serve on the advisory committee for C/Can 2025: City Cancer Challenge.
- Opportunities are also emerging for ASCP members to lead country teams and assist with critical functions such as case assignment and team communications. If this is of interest, please contact ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, at dan.milner@ascp.org.



Meetings

- Pfizer will host the next Partners Steering Committee on Jan. 12 in San Diego.