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Xifin Joins ASCP Partners Initiative in Global Fight Against Cancer

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

- XIFIN, Inc., a healthcare information technology company, has joined ASCP's Partners initiative to provide patients in underserved areas of Sub-Saharan Africa access to quality, real-time cancer diagnostics and effective care and treatment.

"The ASCP coalition is an outstanding example of how cloud-based technology can be used to facilitate access to clinical diagnostics and treatment collaboration on a global basis," stated Lâle White, CEO of XIFIN. "We are extremely proud to be part of this important international endeavor, joining forward-thinking coalition members such as the Clinton Global Initiative, Philips Healthcare, and National Cancer Institute to do our part to help improve cancer outcomes in Africa."

XIFIN LIS Anywhere will be used for sample tracking and reporting in Africa and to facilitate case review and virtual consultation with US-based pathologists. The diagnostic platform supports a collaborative clinical data management solution that facilitates cloud-based digital pathology as well as global physician collaboration through the exchange of key images, data and reports to enable consultation and treatment planning. The advanced laboratory information system also includes robust solutions for anatomic pathology, molecular diagnostics and genomics, and clinical and toxicology.

Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, ASCP Chief Medical Officer, said, "Thanks to our technology partners like XIFIN, ASCP is moving toward a secure and sustainable cloud-based infrastructure and telehealth platform to register pathology specimens, record findings and report diagnostic results to local clinicians for the care of cancer patients in Africa. With the placement of cloud-based digital pathology systems in target countries, ASCP will connect volunteers with local clinicians in Sub-Saharan Africa to promote earlier diagnosis and appropriate cancer treatment for both palliative and curative care." Read the entire press release [here](#).

Public Relations

- The **March 2018 issue of Clinics in Laboratory Medicine**, edited by ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, features articles by many notable leaders writing about global health and pathology. Learn more [here](#).
- An article, "Improving pathology and laboratory medicine in low-income and middle-income countries: roadmap to solutions," authored by ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, among others, was published in The Lancet Series. The title of the series is "Pathology and laboratory medicine in low-income and middle-income countries." Access the series [here](#).
- On April 16, the ASCP Center for Global Health launched the ASCP Global Health Ideation Challenge 2018. Through this ideation challenge, ASCP members, pathologists, laboratory professionals, students, patients and the general public have the opportunity submit problems, challenges or questions and solutions to potentially win a cash prize! In Round 1 of the challenge, participants are asked to submit problems, challenges, or questions they think need to be addressed using leapfrogging to make programs focused on laboratory and diagnostic access in Africa successful. Learn more about the challenge and submit your idea by April 30, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. CT [here](#).

Volunteers

- ASCP is seeking members with fluency in Spanish to assist with translating some pathology documents.
- 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

- The UICC Financing Cancer Care Summit was held April 18-19 in Uruguay.
- The Experimental Biology/American Society for Investigative Pathology held its meeting April 22-25 in San Diego.



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