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## ASCP and Sakura Finetek Donate Histology Equipment to Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia



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](mailto:dan.milner@ascp.org).



### Country Updates

- ASCP Chief Medical Officer Dan A. Milner, Jr., MD, MSc(Epi), FASCP, presented at the [ACVP/ASVCP](#) concurrent annual meeting in Washington, D.C., Nov. 3-7, on the value of pathology, collaboration, and human & animal surveillance in global health.
- An ASCP member volunteer faculty presented Quality Systems Essentials (QSE) curriculum Part 2 on Nov. 8-9 for the C/Can 2025 partnership in Asunción, Paraguay.
- ASCP member volunteer pathologists and technologists traveled to Yangon, Myanmar, to present QSE curriculum Part 2 during the week of Nov. 12.
- ASCP, together with Sakura Finetek, donated an entire suite of histology equipment to the JFK Hospital in Monrovia, Liberia. The equipment will be installed in the last quarter of 2018 and will be followed with three months of onsite training by an ASCP member volunteer.
- ASCP, in partnership with the Dikembe Mutumbo Foundation, has collected histology equipment and supplies which were shipped to a laboratory in Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo. An ASCP member volunteer will visit to set up the lab and train local staff in early 2019.



At left, ASCP member volunteers traveled to Yangon, Myanmar, to provide an in-person expert consultation, followed by a workshop on quality systems essentials. At right, ASCP member volunteers in Asunción, Paraguay, for a workshop on quality systems essentials after a successful version of the workshop was performed in Cali, Colombia, earlier this year.



### Public Relations

- On International Pathology Day, November 14, ASCP highlighted the importance of working together as a global community to improve patient care worldwide – specifically through our joint effort with the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR) to pilot translations of existing templates from the ICCR datasets, which allow for standardized cancer reporting, into Spanish, French, and Portuguese. ASCP also provided members with International Pathology Day graphics to share on their social media channels and highlight the key role of pathologists and medical laboratory professionals in cancer care worldwide. Learn more about our International Pathology Day celebration [here](#).
- 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 for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa 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](mailto:dan.milner@ascp.org).



### Meetings

- Dr. Milner attended a meeting with the American Cancer Society and Novartis Oncology in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 13 to discuss the progress of the global oncology initiatives.
- As part of the USCAP/ASCP Just Say Know conference, Dec. 8-9, in Palm Springs, CA, the ASCP Center for Global Health will sponsor a lunch and present global health teaching cases.