



Partners for Cancer Diagnosis and Treatment in Africa



New Telepathology System to Serve All Hospitals in Kigali, Rwanda

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



Country Updates

- The Kanombe Military Hospital in Rwanda will receive a telepathology system in July 2017, which will serve all hospitals in Kigali, including CHUK (the main teaching hospital) and King Faisel, a private hospital. This system will connect the 15 ASCP pathologists currently serving Butaro Hospital to Kanombe as well and ensure that more than 95 percent of all pathology in Rwanda has secondary diagnostic support and consultation.
- Multiple partners in Ghana are working diligently to create a needs assessment and implementation plan to install telepathology in early 2018.



Public Relations

- An article, Humanitarian Endeavor Brings Rapid Cancer Diagnostics to Sub-Saharan Africa and Haiti, written by Dr. Milner, appeared in the June 2017 issue of *Medical Laboratory Observer*.
- ASCP 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.
- Health Volunteers Overseas and ASCP are actively seeking anatomic pathologists and renal pathologists for an opportunity at the University of Medical Sciences of Bhutan. Volunteers would be involved in teaching/training residents and laboratory technicians, acting as a consultant to local pathologists, and working on immunohistochemistry upgrades. Renal pathologists are specifically needed to help start the renal pathology program, including immunofluorescence microscopy. Opportunities are available year-round. Volunteers are asked to commit a minimum of one month (though longer assignments are always encouraged). Modest housing is provided; however, volunteers will need to provide their own airfare and in-country living expenses. Interested volunteers should contact Elysa Stuehrmann at e.stuehrmann@hvousa.org for more information.
- The Partners project is looking for foreign language speakers in Spanish and Bermese 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.



Partners

- ASCP, Partners in Health, and Agilent (DAKO) recently met to renew their commitment to the people of Rwanda and Haiti around the provision of advanced cancer diagnostics in Butaro and Mirebalais.



Meetings

- At the annual BIO conference in San Diego, Calif., BIO Ventures for Global Health (BVGH) hosted the African Pavilion which brought African leaders across health care to meet with representatives from industry and other countries. BVGH also launched the Africa Access Initiative with both a round table discussion with African leaders and industry representatives as well as an official launch featuring the president of BIO and numerous presentations from African colleagues. Dr. Milner represented ASCP at these events as a co-author on a white paper by BVGH to mark the launch, as well as a discussant at both events.
- The International Cancer Screening Network annual meeting was held in Bethesda, Md., hosted by the National Cancer Institute, at which Dr. Milner was a participant in a panel discussion on the role of pathology in global health, especially in the context of supporting national screening efforts.

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