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In support of pathologists-in-training, USCAP provides a navigational guide to the Annual Meeting formatted as a PowerPoint presentation that addresses the salient features of the conference that are of particular interest or benefit to trainees.

For example, the Pathfinder Guide, Posted Signs and Video Monitors, Registration Desk Staff and USCAP Ambassadors are reliable resources to help guide residents and fellows to their destinations. This orientation is further enhanced by a relevant, contemporary enhanced website and MyUSCAP App for accessing the latest information about the 109th Annual Meeting from mobile devices.

The App has a QR code reader that relates to meter boards at conference rooms for connecting to the scheduled events and support documents for each room.
Mentors at the Table continues as a lunch opportunity for mentees to have direct contact with pathology rock stars whose influence has illuminated careers of generations of young pathologists. Various topics are discussed from informatics to getting your abstract presented at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

The inaugural seminar on medical student recruitment into pathology is scheduled for March 3 and includes a student from the Medical Student Interest Group at USC Keck’s School of Medicine (Jerry Zhao). The intent is to explore the reasons why medical students are not intuitively pre-disposed to pathology as a career and how to rectify this. Dr. Kaminsky has produced a short documentary on this topic that will screen later in the afternoon at the Maude Abbott Legacy and USCAP Honors program.

USCAP's Interactive Center in Palm Springs, California, continues to thrive with interactive microscopy at the heart of intimate mentoring.

From April 3, 2019 through February 18, 2020, 17 Interactive Microscopy Courses were offered to 508 attendees from 27 countries. Total registrants from May 1, 2016 through February 18, 2020 totaled 1,919 pathologists for onsite training. The subspecialty courses cover a wide panorama of subjects taught by experts.

These courses are recorded, aesthetically edited in post-production and distributed through USCAP's eLearning Center. Many courses are provided complimentary or at remarkable discounts to pathologists in low resource countries. The statistics below reflect the remarkable global influence of these sophisticated digital educational assets. In the 2019 calendar year alone, 23,565 hours of online instruction were accomplished:
Based on the success of this initiative, USCAP will relocate its international headquarters including the conference theater, broadcast studio and microscopy labs to a new building in Palm Springs that more than doubles the footprint and enhances the capacity for first class education in a world destination environment. The relocation is scheduled to complete in April, 2021.

The concept of Moderated Posters, introduced in 2019, has been expanded to four theater spaces over four days. Exemplary posters from the Stowell-Orbison collection will be repeated by presentation with discussion by subspecialized members of the USCAP Education Committee. The small theaters are located in the exhibit hall.

USCAP supports pathologists working in underserved countries through 20 global partner grants from the Foundation that enables their travel to the Annual Meeting.

USCAP also travels to foreign destinations to provide highly relevant courses that include cross-cultural exchange and ensure that the arts are an integral component of pathology education:
The first all-Spanish course is scheduled for presentation in Salta, Argentina, September 17-20, 2020 targeting all colleagues in South and Central America.

The USCAP Mentoring Academy continues to unite mentors and mentees for invaluable relationships poetically described by Dr. Sharon Weiss:

USCAP’s belief in young pathologists as the resource for next generation evolution of our discipline is facilitated in collaboration with ASCP addressing mechanisms for resident engagement and career development. The third collaborative course is scheduled for March 28-29 in Palm Springs, focused on excel-eration through leadership building, employing principles of high performance learned from the BMW race track.
Of paramount importance in 2020, the year of clear vision and open hearts, is an initiative to change the focus on diversity and inclusion to a culture shift. The inaugural program addressing specific issues is scheduled for Monday March 2 and will be followed by a documentary film produced by Dr. Kaminsky that will screen at the Maude Abbott Legacy and USCAP Honors program on March 3rd.

It is a year of growth and success that deserves celebration at the Vision 2020 party in the Platinum Ballroom of the JW Marriott Hotel.

USCAP reminds the pathology world that life-long learning is a core value that will underscore the 2021 Annual Meeting in Baltimore, Maryland.