



My Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the Centennial Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP)!

This is truly a time to celebrate where we have come from and where we are going. I have relied heavily on fellow Members, including our Vice-President Dr. Eddie Lee, our Archivist Dr. Chuck White, and many others in the Executive Council and Committees, to develop our program for this momentous occasion! I offer a special shout-out to Dr. Murat Gokden, as well as to our fabulous AOE administrative assistants, without whom none of this could have come to be.

In addition to our usual high-quality Special Course, named lectures, “What Every Neuropathologist Needs to Know”, beloved Diagnostic Slide Session, and record numbers of research and clinical abstract presentations, we are proud to include, for the 4<sup>th</sup> year now, the Pre-Meeting Symposia of specific topics in greater depth. We continue with the hybrid format (in-person and virtual) which allows inclusion of more of our colleagues, especially internationally. With this goal of outreach in mind, I am honored to host the Presidential Symposium on “Our Local and Global Connections in Neuropathology”, exploring ways to expand our educational, clinical, and research mission beyond our more familiar academic institutional realm. I invite you to consult the Meeting Program for further details.

Befitting this significant milestone for the Association, we are having a Centennial Gala on Friday evening where together we can toast our amazing history with our senior and junior colleagues. We are exceedingly grateful to Dr. Jack Lee and the editorial staff of our ever-stalwart *Journal of Neurology and Experimental Neurology* for sponsorship of this special night. Be sure to bring your anecdotes, creative dress, and dancing shoes (lampshades optional)!

At the Gala, we will announce the winners of the “Centennial Brain Teasers” quiz based on AANP trivia cleverly tucked into our physical and virtual (slide show) displays – keep your eyes and ears open and submit your answers via the meeting site by Thursday 10pm. Don’t miss the Photo Station and leave images and comments to be included in the forthcoming AANP Centennial Memory Book!

Finally, I would like to thank the many individual member donors for their support of this wonderful occasion. I further ask that we recognize the exhibitors and sponsors of the 100<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting by visiting them in the exhibit hall (and/or virtually), as their support allows a direct connection with the representatives that provide information on new resources available to us.

In closing, I am immensely grateful for the opportunity to serve our Association as we continue into the next century our tradition of excellence in innovative research, inspired teaching, and compassionate clinical care in Neuropathology!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca D. Folkerth', is positioned below the word 'Sincerely,'.

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