

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 99th Annual Meeting of the American Association of Neuropathologists (AANP)! I am excited to welcome you to Monterey, CA for this year's hybrid meeting! As some of you may recall, we were supposed to be in Monterey in 2020. Due to the SARS-CoV2 pandemic, we quickly transitioned to a fully virtual meeting. Thank you to then President, Dr. Dan Brat, for his leadership in negotiating our hotel contract so we were able to return this year.

The mission of the AANP has been to advance the science and training on diseases of the nervous system and the field of neuropathology. To reach this goal, we are delighted to offer this year's meeting in a hybrid format. Please take advantage and participate in all activities that suit your needs. Like prior years, this year's meeting will be full of groundbreaking research and will allow for networking with an audience of national and international attendees.

The Annual Meeting is comprised of the following events:

- Wednesday will consist of the four (4) Pre-Meeting Symposia: *AANP Scholars' Workshop: Expectations and Barriers to an Academic Neuropathology Career*, the *Forensic Neuropathology Symposium* (hybrid), the *Digital Neuropathology, Machine Learning, and Neuropathology Education Symposium*, and the *Neuromuscular Pathology Symposium*. These sessions are for pre-registered and invited attendees only.
- Thursday will be the official start of the Annual Meeting and will host the *Special Course* divided in two parts: Part I – “Neurodegeneration of the Brain with Age” and Part II – “Adult-onset Neuromuscular Disorders”. Thursday will close with the Annual Reception, for all attendees, on the Garden Terrace Courtyard.
- Friday and Saturday include the scientific platforms and poster sessions, which highlight novel research and discussion around relevant and timely topics. This will also include the *DeArmond, Korey and Parisi Lectures*. The Meritorious Award presentations will occur on Friday, and the *Diagnostic Slide Session* will occur on Saturday evening.
- Sunday closes the meeting with the *Presidential Symposium*, titled, “New Frontiers of Neuropathology in the Next Century”. The Symposium will begin with the *Moore Lecture* and closes with a screening of a featured film, *Neuro Osmosis*, by David Fenster in honor of our long-time AANP colleague Dr. Robert (Bob) Terry.

Finally, I would like to extend a special recognition to each of the exhibitors and sponsors of the 99th Annual Meeting, and for their continued support to our Association. Please visit the exhibitors both in-person in the exhibit hall and virtually, as their attendance allows for a direct connection with the representatives that provide information on new products, services, technologies, and resources that are available to neuropathologists.

In closing, it is my honor to preside the 99th Annual Meeting and to continue the tradition of bringing inspired colleagues and trainees together to promote innovative advancements in the field of neuropathology.

Sincerely,



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The American Association of Neuropathologists