Welcome to the twenty fifth edition of the Structured Pathology Reporting of Cancer newsletter.

This newsletter is intended to provide information on the project to expand and promote the use of structured pathology reporting of cancer.

Mark the date – 26th April 16

You are invited to a webinar by Prof James Kench to be held on 26th April 2016 at 4pm AEST.

This webinar, titled: “Structured reporting, Prostate cancer and the end of Gleason grading”, will include information regarding the upcoming changes to the WHO classification of genitourinary tumours just published, the recent International Society of Urological Pathology (ISUP) consensus conference on testicular tumours and the series of twelve ICCR Genitourinary datasets due for release in 2016.

To register for the session please click on the link below:

https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2983881414844106753

Enter your name and email address then click ‘Register’.

By registering for the event you will be sent a reminder beforehand and a link to join the call at the appropriate time.

The session will be recorded and made available on the RCPA website.

New SPR Protocols

As new ICCR Datasets are developed, local groups are being convened firstly to provide detailed feedback during the ICCR Public consultation phase but to then develop local Structured Reporting Protocols based on the ICCR datasets for use in Australasia.
Four local committees have been convened and are currently in the process of developing local protocols from the foundation of ICCR Datasets. These protocols are

1. Carcinoma of the Ovary, Fallopian Tube and Primary Peritoneal Site,
2. Mesothelioma of the pleura and peritoneum
3. Thymic Epithelial Tumours
4. Heart Neoplasms.

The local expert committees will review the ICCR elements, responses and commentary, then add in additional elements, values and commentary as deemed necessary for the Australasian context and incorporate the standard inclusions of our local protocols – specimen handling, example reports, request information sheets etc.

All four are progressing well and public consultation is expected around mid-year.

If you have any questions regarding this process or the international datasets or local protocols please contact Meagan Judge at MeaganJ@RCPA.EDU.AU.

**ICCR update**

Datasets

Public consultation for the following ICCR datasets is now complete, feedback has been reviewed and final edits made. They will be published in the very near future:

- Mesothelioma in the pleura and peritoneum (biopsy and resection specimens)
- Thymic epithelial tumours (resection specimens of the thymus ie thymoma, neuroendocrine tumours of the thymus and thymic carcinoma but excluding germ cell tumours and other primary thymic neoplasms)
- Neoplasms of the heart, peritoneum and great vessels (biopsy and resection specimens. Includes primary tumours of the heart, pericardium and great vessels, both benign and malignant entities, but excludes haematolymphoid neoplasms and mesothelioma)

A journal article on the Mesothelioma dataset has recently been accepted for publication in Archives of Pathology & Laboratory Medicine.

The twelve datasets covering Genitourinary cancers are being finalized and will be posted for a period of open consultation over the coming months. Open consultation will be staggered as the datasets are completed and as each is posted RCPA fellows will be invited to comment.
Planning has now commenced for the next WHO series – Head & Neck Tumours. The ICCR is currently finalizing the datasets to be developed in this series and gathering names of key people for the Dataset Authoring Committees.

“Changing of the Guard”

As the ICCR is now approaching six years since its inception and entering its second year of incorporation, the Board is taking on new faces as some of the original members retire or move on.

Lynn Hirschowitz, RCPath UK, Michael Wells, ESP and May Kay Washington, CAP, are handing over to Tim Helliwell, Fred Bosman and Thomas Wheeler respectively.

“It is extremely encouraging that we have such well-known and respected members to represent our founding organisations” said A/Prof David Ellis, President of ICCR. “They will be essential to the further development of ICCR in setting internationally validated and evidence-based reporting standards.”

New WHO for Genitourinary

The World Health Organisation (WHO) Classification of Tumours of the Urinary System and Male Genital Organs, fourth edition has now been published and is available at:

http://apps.who.int/bookorders/anglais/detart1.jsp?codlan=1&codcol=70&codcch=4008

This new edition will be reflected in suite of GU datasets currently being developed by the International Collaboration on Cancer Reporting (ICCR).

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