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“The HGV aims to provide a dynamic continuing education program in which all persons with an interest in Histology and Histotechnology are freely invited to participate.”

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BLURB FROM THE BUSH

We not only got there, we bloody got there. Thank you to all the feedback from delegates, presenters and sponsors regarding the National Conference. It would be an understatement to say that the comments have been absolutely glowing. The committee along with the InFront Events management team put in a lot of work to create what you and we felt was a superb event. Following the success of the 2009 Adelaide conference and upon recommendation from the South Australian group, the HGV decided to utilise the support of a conference organiser to assist in alleviating the immense task that coordinating a conference has become, and to provide the professional look and feel that is now expected of delegates, national and international. Ultimately this worked out to be a validated decision. The main drawback of course is the cost that is associated with an organiser. The HGV has always been conscious of registration costs and sponsorship costs. We are always of the opinion that the HGV as a non-profit organisation should not be budgeting to make significant profits from conferences. However the use of an organiser meant that we had to budget even more carefully than the past, and resulted in us setting registration and sponsorship costs at a level that we thought initially may result in less delegates and trade involvement. Typically the last 4 weeks sees an incredible rush of support, and this event was no different. With over 300 delegates to the workshops and main conference sessions, we were extremely satisfied with the support locally and nationally to the conference. The HGV made a small profit from the event, which as it did back in 2005, will go towards subsidizing HGV education events into the future.

Representatives from all the states, including Tasmania and Western Australia met on the Sunday of the conference to discuss the National Conference going forward. There had been discussion about WA taking on a conference in 2015. WA is still in its infancy with regards to continuing education in WA and does not yet have a recognised histology group, so declined taking on the 2015 conference. Queensland, the state next in the cycle, was more than happy to put their hand up for 2015, and the HGV will provide whatever support the QLD group require such that they too can present to Australia a professional conference. Tasmania, like WA, does not have a recognised histology group, but representatives from Tasmania were keen to perhaps in the future host a National Conference. It was

agreed by the representatives present that given interest from both TAS and WA, that we should not plan too far ahead, and as such the future venues will be established at each conference.

I would like to thank Maria Boyd (nee Chavez) for the incredible work she undertook to prepare the program for the conference. Her dedication over many years as program coordinator is no small reason why delegates keep coming back to HGV run events. Maria is now taking a break from the HGV committee to focus on her young family, but has not ruled out a return into the future. Additionally, despite resigning at the last AGM, I asked Michelle Zammit to continue through to the conclusion of the conference, to which she gratefully agreed. Michelle, as Minute Secretary was at every organising committee meeting scribing all the notes of actions for us to refer too. Michelle, who successfully achieved her ASC qualification last year, is now forging a career as a Cytologist. Regretfully, but understandably, she leaves the HGV to the gain of the ASC. Thank you to all the other committee, who dedicated their time, particularly over the last few months, to the immense effort that culminated in our vision being realised.

Heading into the future, the trivia night is next on the agenda. Last year we had to turn people away, so we have ventured to a new venue which holds a few more tables, but already these are filling. If you are interested in putting together a table or simply registering to be placed on a table, do not leave it until the last minute. See inside this edition and look out for email flyers for more information.

Due to our commitments to the conference the committee decided not to organise as many scientific meetings for this year. As such our next scientific meeting is not until later in the year.

Adrian Warmington
HGV President

Under the Microscope with Natalie Izard-Reported by Kellie Vucovic & Rebecca Forrester

Anatomical Pathology

Grade Scientist: 2

Hospital: St John of God Pathology

1. What was your first job?

Lab Assistant – HiTech Pathology while I studied MLS at RMIT
Promoted to a Gr 1 Scientist on completion of degree.

2. How long have you worked in histology?

Too long! Just kidding. 15 years. I thought I would be out in 5, but here I am still chopping away!
To be honest I wouldn't have it any other way!

3. When people ask, "So, what do you do?" How do you explain Histology?

Slice and Dice! When a patient has a procedure which requires the surgical removal of tissue, we process the tissue. Specimens can range from small gastric biopsies and moles to appendix and gall bladder. We cut the specimens according to protocol which will enable a pathologist (Doctor) to make an accurate diagnosis. Tissue is then processed to remove water and embedded in a wax to support the tissue and facilitate cutting of thin sections onto a slide which is stained to highlight components. A pathologist views the slide, and makes a diagnosis. Further special staining techniques are sometimes performed at the pathologists request to confirm diagnosis which we also do.

4. Who would you most like to have dinner with and why?

My husband! Once you have small children, a dinner date is a rare occurrence.

5. What is your all-time favourite movie?

I feel like it is Toystory, because that is the movie I have seen most in the last 2 years! Personally, Stepmom. I love a good tear jerker!

6. What is your favourite stain?

Masson Trichrome. So pretty!

7. What is your favourite food/Restaurant?

Taxi at Fed Square. They do a deluxe degustation menu with matched vino. To die for!

8. What is the best conference you have ever attended?

Maroochydoore Qld. Fab weather, great company, and lots of partying. The way any good conference should be! Oh, and the topics were interesting!!

9. Favourite beverage?

A quality Champagne, with "real coffee" a close second.

10. What is your dream holiday destination and why?

Tahiti. Relaxing in an over water bungalow, enjoying a daily massage. No kids! Deluxe! That is a dream after my dream of winning Tatts comes to fruition!



Hi HGV,

I would just like to thank you for organising the National Histology Conference last month. It was run brilliantly and the range of speakers was excellent. The venue was superb and it was great that there wasn't, or didn't seem to be any hitches, technical or otherwise. Please pass on my congratulations to all involved on a great effort.

Kindest Regards
David Gan

On behalf of the Sysmex team, I want to thank you for the opportunity to participate in the recent national conference organised by HGV. We found the interactions with various lab managers, technicians and scientists from diagnostic labs and research institutes to be very informative.

We've taken away some very useful information which we've fed back for ongoing market positioning as well as product roadmap/ development activities. Learning exchanges like what we've recently experienced helps us progress our capabilities and how we can adapt to market demands.

We look forward to any future market events in which we can interact with your user groups. Let us know how we can continue to support you.

Best regards,
Noel

Congratulations to you and your committee for organising an outstanding conference.....From venue, to speakers, to topics presented.....all informative, entertaining and very professional. Great to see the inclusion of lots of local, very professional younger scientists presenting research and being very involved in the important work we do....

kind regards
Lorella

Congratulations on a superbly run conference.

As a speaker, the arrangements for my presentation went without a hitch and the facilities were first class.

The programme for the day which I attended (Saturday) was excellent – very informative and knowledgeable presenters. The range of topics kept me interested all day.

Please pass my congratulations and compliments to the committee for a great job.

Kind regards
Piero Nelva B App Sc (MLS), FAIMS

I just wanted to congratulate you and the HGV team on a fantastic conference over the weekend. It was extremely well run, the talks were interesting and we had some great laughs at the end of the last session yesterday.

Kind regards,
Lisa Foster



HGV TRIVIA NIGHT 2013

Date: Friday 26th July

Time: 6:30 to 10:30pm

Location: The Colonial Hotel
via Southern Cross station
240 King St, Melbourne



Price: \$25 per person (Tables of 10)
*Includes sit down dinner
*Trade sponsored prizes and rounds with a professional host
*Drinks at Bar Prices

Payment by **26th June**. Please be quick as tables are limited and sold on a first in best dressed basis!

Parking is available for guests along King Street and Lonsdale Street, right outside the door! Alternatively Parking is available one block away at Southern Cross Station.



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Future Events:

2013

~~Thursday 21st February~~

~~Combined HGV/ASC Scientific Meeting-Student Presentations~~

~~Venue: The Royal Dental Hospital~~

~~720 Swanston St., Carlton~~

~~Friday, 15th March~~

~~Lawn Bowls~~

~~Venue: Fitzroy Bowling and Sports Club~~

~~578 Brunswick St, Fitzroy North~~

~~April 26-28~~

~~National Histology Conference 2013~~

~~Venue: Crown Conference Centre, Melbourne~~

~~Thursday, 30th May~~

~~3rd International Workshop in Diagnostic Immunohistochemistry~~

~~Venue: Sydney~~

~~Friday 26th July~~

~~Trivia night~~

~~Venue: Colonial Hotel~~

~~240 King St, Melbourne VIC 3000~~

~~September 2-4~~

~~AIMS meeting~~

~~Venue: Grand Hyatt Melbourne~~

~~September 20-25~~

~~NSH Symposium Convention~~

~~Venue: Providence, Rhode Island, USA~~

~~Thursday 14th November~~

~~Scientific Meeting/AGM~~

~~Venue: Peter Mac~~