

IAP Turkish Division Activity Report for 2025- 2026

Summary

IAP Turkish Division is willing to stay active and aiming to build bridge between the pathologists of neighboring countries. We aim to bring together colleagues from neighboring regions whose pathology training and clinical practices require support with the expert pathologists from countries having advanced pathology practices and training infrastructure. Our objective is to progress by creating remote learning solutions for both pathology residency training and continuing professional development. Our activities are applied for CME credits (ECMEC®s).

Past Activities

1- 9th Turkish & Bosnian Cytopathology School Online Cytopathology Course Lung Cytopathology May 31th 2025

Scientific Program

Time (CET)	Topic
08.30-09.00	Welcome and Introduction to the 9th Bosnian - Turkish Cytopathology School (Organizers)
09.00-09.40	Lung cytologic sample techniques, preparation methods and rapid on-site assessment of adequacy (Dr. Cisel Aydın Meriçöz)
09.40-10.10	Overview of the 2021 WHO reporting system for lung cytopathology (Dr. Olcay Kurtulan)
10.10-10.30	Radiographic assessment of pulmonary nodules: what information can it give us? (Dr. Koray Güven)
10.30-10.45	Q&A
10.45-11.00	Break
11.00-11.40	FNA cytopathology of non-small cell lung carcinoma: review with cases (Dr. İrem Onur)
11.40-12.20	FNA cytopathology of neuroendocrine neoplasms of the lung: review with cases (Dr. Pınar Uyar Göçün)
12.20-12.35	Q&A
12.35-13.15	Lunch break
13.35-14.05	FNA cytopathology of metastatic tumors to the lung: review with cases (Dr. Tuğba Taşkın Türkmenoğlu)
14.05-14.45	Use of immunohistochemistry in lung cytopathology (Dr. Rana Ramazanoğlu)

14.45-15.00	Q&A
15.00-15.15	Break
15.15-16.15	Role of predictive biomarker testing including liquid biopsy in the diagnosis and treatment of lung neoplasms (Dr. Umberto Malapelle, Dr. Serpil Dizbay Sak, Dr. Zeynep Hande Turna)
(15.15-15.35)	A journey from molecular diagnosis to clinical outcomes in lung cancer treatment (Dr. Zeynep Hande Turna)
(15.35-15.55)	Pathologists determining treatment: Therapeutic targets in pulmonary carcinoma (Dr. Serpil Dizbay Sak)
(15.55-16.15)	Predictive molecular pathology in cytopathology: a case series (Dr. Umberto Malapelle)
16.15-16.30	Q&A
16.30	Closing

More than 500 participants from various neighboring and far eastern countries were attended. This was a free of access 1 day course.

2- Online Molecular Pathology Course 4th October 2025 ADVANCEMENTS OF BIOMARKERS IN MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

Online
MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY COURSE
Organized by
IAP Turkish Division
October 4, 2025
Advancements of
Biomarkers in
Molecular
Pathology

Register Online!

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Scientific Programme

Free to register - Deadline: **October 1, 2025**

The aim of this course was to share the most recent information on molecular markers for diagnosis, predicting the prognosis and shaping the treatment of the

various malignant tumors. It was organized for the practicing pathologists how to apply molecular tests for guiding personalized treatment.
Scientific program

4.10.2025 SATURDAY	
	Course Director: Sibel Erdamar MD.
10:00-10:15	Opening Session
10:15-11:30	Section 1 Moderators: İyinsu Kuzu MD. & Serpil Dizbay Sak MD.
10:15-10:45	Basic Principles and Practical Tips for Optimal Specimen Utilization to Improve Molecular Testing Success, Preanalytic Conditions Sibel Erdamar, MD
10:50-11:30	Testing Strategies for Tumor Type Agnostic Biomarkers: What You Need to Know İbrahim Kulaç, MD
11:30 -12:30	Section 2 Moderator: Ayça Erşen Danyeli MD.
	Methylation Profiling of Tumors: Next Level Precision Felix Sahm, MD., PhD
12:30-13:00	Break
13:00-14:00	Section 3 Moderator: Süheyla Bosturt MD.
	HRD Testing in Molecular Pathology: Current Practices and Emerging Horizons Zehra Ordulu, MD
14:00-15:00	Section 4 Moderator: İbrahim Kulaç MD.
	FGFR3 Alterations in Urothelial Carcinoma and Beyond - Practical Approach and Clinical Implication Hikmat Al- Ahmadie, MD & Jie-fu Chen, MD
15:00-16:00	Section 5 Moderator: Sibel Erdamar MD.
	New and Emerging Molecular Biomarkers for Precision Predictive Therapy for Colorectal Cancer Antonia Sepulveda, MD, PhD
16:00-17:00	Section 6 Moderators: Serpil Dizbay Sak MD. & Yeşim Gaye Güler MD, PhD
	Molecular Testing in Thyroid Carcinomas: Diagnostic and Predictive Applications in Surgical Pathology Özgür Mete, MD., FRCPC
17:00-18:00	Section 7 Moderator: İyinsu Kuzu MD. & Sibel Erdamar MD.
	Spatial Transcriptional Profiling: Seeing the Unseen in the Tumor Microenvironment Jonathan Nowak, MD., PhD

3- IAP 3rd Hematopathology Course: Challenges in Hematopathology

2 days course in 1-2 May 2026 organized in Kayseri at Cappadocia area

The format of the meeting included discussion on case examples reflecting real life how to make diagnostic approach on lymphomas for the participants who are training or practicing pathologist. The digital slides were accessible on the digital platform. On-demand registration following the meeting was also organized. **This course had been accredited by ECMEC with 12,5 CME credits.**

Goal of this course :

How we diagnose the lymphoma entities and tumor like lesions?

What are the potentials of molecular profiling in Hematopathology?

How to approach diagnosis by Flow cytometry

New morphologic markers which make our life easy for interpretation of lymphocyte clonality

134 in person participants were attended mostly from Türkiye and neighbouring countries such as; Russian Rep, Armenia, Morocco, Cyprus, Bulgaria, UK. On demand access is still open following registration by the web site www.iapturkish2026hempath.org.



CHALLENGES IN HEMATOPATHOLOGY

01-02 MAY 2026
IAP TURKISH DIVISION
3rd HEMATOPATHOLOGY COURSE
ERCİYES UNIVERSITY SABANCI CULTURAL CENTER

www.iapturkish2026hempath.org

COURSE TOPIC CHALLENGES IN HEMATOPATHOLOGY

We would like to announce our international scientific and educational activity focused on diagnostic challenges on lymphoma and lymphoproliferative disorders. The faculty are the experts on lymphoma research and diagnosis. The format of the meeting will include discussion on case examples and reflect real life for the participants who are training or practicing pathologist. The cases will be accessible on the digital platform before the meeting and on-demand following the meeting. There will also be on-demand registration. For more information, please visit meeting website: www.iapturkish2026hempath.org. We are looking forward to meeting you in person in the city of Kayseri, which is located in the beautiful and unique historical and geographical region of Cappadocia.

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Scientific Topics

- Follicular lymphoma and borders
- Hodgkin lymphoma and mimics
- Nodal Tfh lymphomas, diagnostic challenges
- Challenges in primary cutaneous lymphomas
- Flow cytometric approach for T cell lymphoma diagnosis
- Tumor like lesions (IgG4 related disease, Castleman disease and T cell proliferations)
- NGS in hematopathology: potential & pitfall



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CHALLENGES IN HEMATOPATHOLOGY

IAP TURKISH DIVISION 3rd HEMATOPATHOLOGY COURSE
01-02 MAY 2026
ERCİYES UNIVERSITY
SABANCI CULTURAL CENTER
KAYSERİ - TÜRKİYE

Thank you for sharing your experience

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

May 1st

Follicular lymphoma and borders
Hodgkin lymphoma and mimics
NGS in hematopathology: potential & pitfalls
MYC translocation in DLBCL/HGBCL-why partner matters
Tumor-like lesions (IgG4 related disease, Castleman disease, HHV8)

May 2nd

Nodal Tfh lymphomas, diagnostic challenges
Flow cytometric approach for T cell lymphoma diagnosis with case discussions
Clonal lymphomagenesis with multi-malignant potential
How to overcome the challenges in primary cutaneous lymphoma cases
How to interpret the new microscopic markers for B and T cell clonal proliferations?



CHALLENGES IN HEMATOPATHOLOGY

IAP TURKISH DIVISION
3rd HEMATOPATHOLOGY COURSE
ERCİYES UNIVERSITY, SABANCI CULTURAL CENTER
KAYSERİ - TÜRKİYE
01-02 MAY 2026



EACCME[®] Accreditation

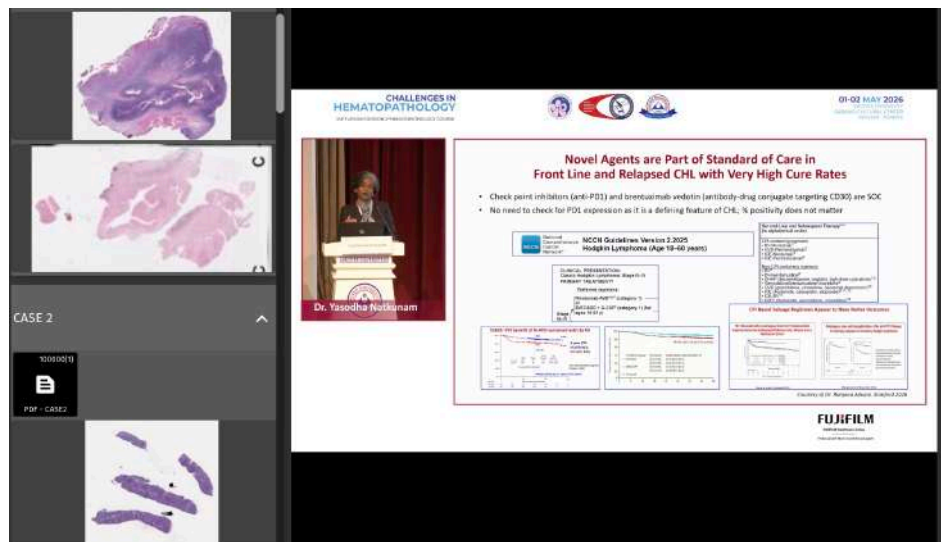
IAP Turkish Division
3rd Hematopathology Course - Challenges
in Hematopathology, Kayseri, Turkey
01/05/2026 - 02/05/2026 has been granted
12.5 European CME credits (ECMEC[®])
by the European Accreditation Council
for Continuing Medical Education
(EACCME[®])



TTB Accreditation

The TTB (The Turkish Medical
Association) STE/SMG Accreditation
and Credit Board has accredited this
event with
12 TTB STE/SMG credits.





Digital Platform includes the presentations of the faculty as well as the virtual slides of various lymphoma entities discussed during the course

4- 10th Turkish & Bosnian Cytopathology School Online Cytopathology Course Topic Exfoliative Cytology

The 10th Bosnian Turkish School of Cytopathology has been accredited by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®) with **5.5 European CME credits (ECMEC®s)**.

held fully online in June 6, 2026. Marking a decade of dedicated cytopathology education, this milestone edition focused comprehensively on Exfoliative Cytopathology.

Scientific Program

	08:30–09:00	Event	30 min
Welcome and Introduction to the 10th Bosnian-Turkish Cytopathology School Dr. Sıtkı Tuzlali, MD; Semir Vranic, MD, PhD; Işinsu Kuzu, MD; İrem Onur, MD			
	09:00–09:45	Lecture	45 min
Malignant Mesothelioma in Effusions Dr. Sevgen Önder, MD			
	09:45–10:30	Lecture	45 min
Metastatic Carcinomas in Effusions and the Importance of Immunohistochemistry in Accurate Diagnosis Dr. Pinar Firat, MD			
	10:30–10:40	Q&A	10 min
Q&A			



11:00–11:45 **Lecture** ⌚ 45 min

An Algorithmic Approach to Molecular Testing in Serous Effusions: When and Why?

👤 Çisel Aydın Meriçöz, MD



11:45–12:15 **Lecture** ⌚ 30 min

Bronchial and Bronchoalveolar Lavage Cytology

👤 Olcay Kurtulan, MD



12:15–12:30 **Q&A** ⌚ 15 min

Q&A



12:30–13:30 **Break** ⌚ 60 min

Lunch Break 🍴



13:35–14:20 **Lecture** ⌚ 45 min

Approach to Cerebrospinal Fluid Cytopathology

👤 Canan Sadullahoğlu, MD



14:20–15:05 **Lecture** ⌚ 45 min

Cerebrospinal Fluid Cytopathology: Review with Cases

👤 Ayşegül Aksoy Altınboğa, MD



15:05–15:15 **Q&A** ⌚ 10 min

Q&A



15:15–15:30 **Break** ⌚ 15 min

Break ☕



15:30–16:15 **Lecture** ⌚ 45 min

Urinary Cytology: The Paris System and Diagnostic Challenges and Potential Pitfalls

👤 Levent Trabzonlu, MD



16:15–17:00 **Lecture** ⌚ 45 min

Whole Slide Imaging and Artificial Intelligence Applications in the Context of Cytopathology

👤 Alex Baras, MD, PhD



17:00–17:10 **Q&A** ⌚ 10 min

Q&A

This course approached over 1000 participants from all over the world

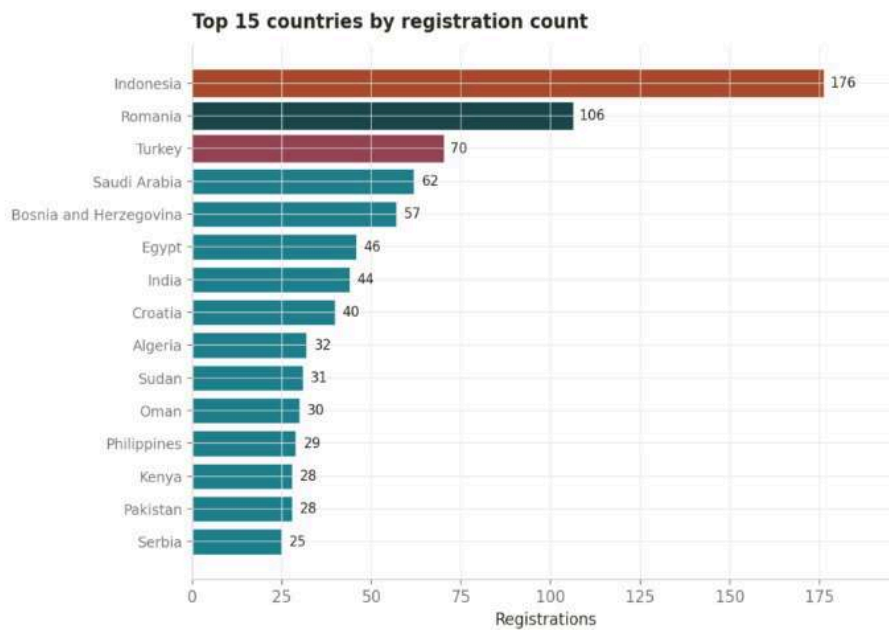


Figure 6 — Top 15 countries by registration count.

Registrants by category

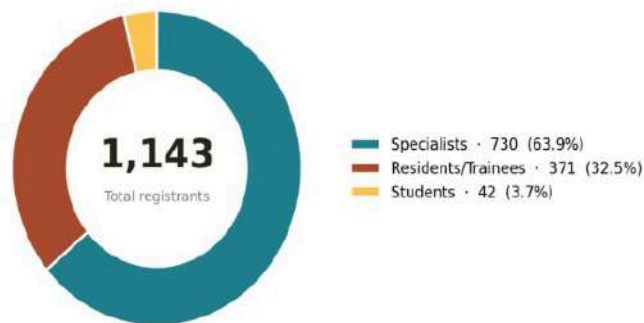


Figure 4 — Registrants by professional category.

Category	Registrations	Share
Specialists	730	63.9%
Residents/Trainees	371	32.5%
Students	42	3.7%
Total	1,143	100.0%

Upcoming/Ongoing Activities

1- IAP TURKISH DIVISION ANNUAL MEETINGS

IAP Turkish Division has planned to organize 2 days Annual Meetings every year overlapping the National Pathology Congresses every year. These meetings will cover 2 pathology topics every year and include abstract submission. The recording of these meetings will be done

and on demand access will also be available for the participants who could not be able to participate in person.

Our aim for these annual meetings is to build collaboration with various scientific pathology organizations from different countries and continents and discuss the recent advances on different pathology topics. This year the topics on molecular pathology is organized by American Molecular Pathology Association (AMP), Hans Popper Hepatopathology Society, Rodger C Haggitt Gastrointestinal Pathology Society, USCAP Pancreatobiliary Pathology Society.

THE 1ST IAP TURKISH DIVISION ANNUAL MEETING will be held in 28th and 29th October 2026 in Istanbul. <https://www.patoloji2026.org/iap/>



Scientific Program

28th October 2026

IAP TURKISH DIVISION & AMP JOINT MEETING MOLECULAR PATHOLOGY

Moderators: Dr. İbrahim Kulaç, Dr. İsmail Yılmaz

Molecular Pathology Applications in Surgical Neuropathology

Dr. Melike Pekmezci

Digital Transcriptomics and Digital Spatial Pathology

Dr. Sertaç Kip

Moderators: Dr. Serpil Dizbay Sak, Dr. Sibel Erdamar

Molecular Panels and Innovation for Gastrointestinal and Neuroendocrine Tumors - Why and When?

Dr. Çiğdem Uşşaklı

Molecular Testing for Thyroid Nodules and Innovations

Dr. Sertaç Kip

Moderators: Dr. Hüseyin Baloğlu, Dr. Işinsu Kuzu

Molecular Surprises in the identification of tumors of unknown origin "Case discussion"

Speakers:

Dr. Sertaç Kip

Dr. Melike Pekmezci

Dr. Çiğdem Uşşaklı

PANEL

Moderators: Dr. Işinsu Kuzu, Dr. Hüseyin Baloğlu

Q&A on Evolution of Molecular Pathology Training. Global opportunities Why, When, Where, and How?

Pannelists:

Dr. Ghazi Zatari: IAP solutions

Dr. Çiğdem Uşşaklı: AMP options

Dr. Sertaç Kip: ESDIP examples

IAP TURKISH DIVISION MEETING ORAL PRESENTATIONS

Scientific Program

29th October 2026

IAP TURKISH DIVISION & HANS POPPER HEPATOPATHOLOGY SOCIETY JOINT SESSION CONFERENCE

Moderators: Dr. Maha Guindi, Dr. Nesrin Turhan

09:00-09:30

Acute and Chronic Hepatitis, Practical Approach to Liver Biopsy

Dr. Maha Guindi

09:30-10:00

Metabolic Liver Disease, Going Beyond Morphology

Dr. Dhanpat Jain

10:00-10:30

DILI-pattern Based Differential Diagnosis

Dr. Brent Larson

CONFERENCE

Moderators: Dr. Funda Yilmaz Barbet , Dr. Dhanpat Jain

Well Differentiated Hepatocellular Lesions a Practical Approach

Dr. ILKe Nalbantoglu

Case Based Learning

Dr. Kwun Wen

IAP TURKISH DIVISION & RODGER C HAGGITT GASTROINTESTINAL PATHOLOGY SOCIETY JOINT SESSION

CONFERENCE

Moderators: Dr. Sibel Erdamar, Dr. ILKe Nalbantoglu

Rethinking How We Report Endoscopic Samples of CRC

Dr. Rhonda Yantiss

CONFERENCE

Moderators: Dr. Sibel Erdamar, Dr. ILKe Nalbantoglu

Mimickers of Inflammatory Bowel Dise

IAP TURKISH DIVISION & PANCREATOBILIARY PATHOLOGY SOCIETY JOINT SESSION

ONFERENCE

Moderators: Dr. Volkan Adsay, Dr. Özgül Sağol

Pathology Updates on Solid Pancreatic Tumors

Dr. Huamin Wang

Cystic Pancreatic Tumors

Dr. Irene Esposito

Gallbladder-Bile Duct Tumors

Dr. Juan Carlos Roa

Pancreatobiliary Cytopathology

Dr. Miguel Perez-Machado

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