



THE CUTTING EDGE

REGION IX NEWSLETTER

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REGION IX DIRECTOR' 5 LETTER

2004 will be a very memorable year for Region 9 as it is the year in which we will be hosting the NSH Symposium /Conference in Toronto, Ontario in September 18th to 23rd. This is the first time that the SIC will be held outside of the United States and we are very pleased to be the hosts for this first.

The Local Hosting Committee chaired by Michele Shackleton worked really hard at the 2003 NSH SIC in Louisville, Kentucky to showcase Toronto as the "World Class" city that it is. Lynn Tawney, Chair of the Local Public Relations committee and her assistant Lori White who is also our Program Director, spent hours at the PR table promoting our Region. They were assisted by Region 9 attendees who volunteered their time in between workshops so that Lynn and Lori could attend some of the workshops and vendor exhibits. Promotional giveaways and items raffled off each day included Maple Leaf pins, pencils, pens, Maple Syrup lollipops, Roots wear and Icewine. Sandra Daudlin, Manager of Client Services for the City of Toronto came to the Convention and was present at the PR table from Saturday to Monday to answer questions about the City of Toronto and Canada

As mentioned the 29th Annual NSH Symposium/ Convention was held in Louisville, Kentucky from 18th October to 23rd October, 2003. The Region 9 membership meeting was held on Saturday 18th October at which 34 members were in attendance. All T-Shirts for the T-Shirt competition were sold and though Region 9 was not in the winners circle this time we had a lot of fun at the contest The First Time Attendee breakfast held on Sunday 20th was attended by 10 Region 9 first timers many of whom won gift baskets donated by other Regions.

Apart from the many workshops, clinical seminars, poster presentations and vendor exhibits many attendees took advantage of the hospitality parties hosted by companies such as Sakura Finetek, Shandon and Ventana. As usual Somagen treated the entire Region 9 contingent (spouses included) to a most enjoyable dinner at one of the fine a local dining spots. On

behalf of the membership I wish to extend our appreciation to Sandra Smith, and Tina Ing who together treated Region 9 members to a wonderful evening of feasting and comraderie. I also wish to thank Nicholas Dardano, Territory Manager for Surgipath Canada for rounding up some of us for another superb evening of fine dining.

For more information on the 2004 Symposium/ Conference please visit the NSH website at www.nsh.org.

Rachel Peters, editor

A WORD FROM OUR SPONSOR

Dear Region IX Members,

Surgipath has been a leading company in manufacturing of Histology products for over 25 years. One of our companies' philosophies has always been to keep in close contact with our customers, not only to provide excellent service but to keep ourselves up to date with our customers' needs.

I believe that with our ongoing support to the NSH, we not only become more involved with our clients but it also allows us at Surgipath to demonstrate our commitment to the industry. Our support is another way we can show our appreciation of the growing business NSH members have with Surgipath.

This is an exciting year for Surgipath as we are launching new equipment and products, some of which are listed in the "What's New from Surgipath". We look forward to the next opportunity that we can assist you with your histology needs. Yours truly,

Nicholas Dardano

National Sales Manager, Surgipath Canada Inc.

NSH "New" MISSION STATEMENT

The National Society of Histotechnology is a non-profit organization, committed to the advancement of Histotechnology, its practitioners and quality standards of practice through leadership, education and advocacy.

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THE CUTTING EDGE is the official newsletter of Region IX of the National Society of Histotechnology. It is distributed quarterly to approximately 200 members in Canada.

The objectives of THE CUTTING EDGE are to:

- Reflect both Canadian and North American articles pertinent to the practice of Histotechnology
- Publish articles that are beneficial to our discipline .
- Promote communication between Region IX members and members of the other NSH Regions
- Provide a medium for exchange of information among members.

Contributions are welcome.

Please send your articles to:

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What's New At Sugipath:

Linear Stainer. Surgipath' s new LS-1800 linear stainer is smaller than other units yet produces higher output. This unit is very ideal for high volume H&E applications. The stainer is 4 to 6 times faster than most XY stainers!

Tribune Stainer. This stainer uses a XY and Z layout to minimize footprint dimensions. The stainer has a pre- load chamber that doubles as a heated oven able to hold 5 slide racks at once (up to 10 or more racks in the entire unit at one time). This highly developed computer driven stainer has the ability to adapt to any staining protocol. Several programs and several racks can be operating at the same time.

Automated Glass Coverslipper. This unit boasts both the smallest footprint and fastest coverslipping time of any glass coverslipper on the market. This coverslipper can be adapted to most automated stainers.

Coming soon: Immuno-Prep device. Micro-cassettes: This is an economical mesh-type cas- sette excellent for even the smallest biopsy without the need of sponges or paper.

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REGION IX MEMBERSHIP MEETING
29TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM/CONVENTION
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
SATURDAY 18TH OCTOBER, 2003
MINUTES

Rachel Peters, Region IX Director called the meeting to order at 4:40pm. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the members of the executive that were present. Rachel especially welcomed the first time attendees and invited them to the First time attendees breakfast on Sunday 19th, October. Rachel also reminded the membership that Somagen Inc. had invited the Canadian contingency to dinner on Monday October 20th after previewing the Exhibit Hall of their newly acquired line: Tissue- Tek* Xpless Processing System and the Tissue- Tek * AutoTEC Automated Embedding System.

Minutes from the Region IX meeting held in Long Beach California, September 28, 2002 were accepted

Michelle Shackleton gave the annual Financial Report. Michelle's term as the Treasurer has been completed. She was nominated to serve another term by Dev Osh-

lansky and Wayne Ozanne seconded the nomination.

The attendees were shown a draft of the proposed 10gQ for the 2004 NSH Convention. The response was positive because the logo incorporated all areas of this vast region.

The Surgipath Award of Excellence for 2003 was presented to Mr. Wayne Ozanne by Nicholas Dardano, Territory Manager for Surgipath Canada..

A team from various regions of Canada was suggested to create the T-shirt for Toronto. Interested individuals were urged to contact the executive. A suggestion was made for each Province to donate prizes for the PR booth in Toronto next year.

Minutes Recorded by Trish Wegrynowski, Region 9 Secretary

NSH 2003 S/C - Region 9 Facts

45 Attendees from Region 9

10 were first time attendees

Region 9 members won 2 baskets at the First Time

Attendee Breakfast

Workshop Presenters

Maria Amenta, RT, from University Health Network in Toronto teamed up with Dr. Jagdish Butany to present a workshop titled "Atherosclerosis: Pathology, Histotechnology and Technology".

Repeat Poster Presenter:

Suzanne Tjan, RT, from Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto

First Time Poster Presenters:

Mona Reid, RT, and Clara Goodwin, RT, both from Mount Sinai Hospital, Toronto, presented a Poster titled: "Double Embedding: Double The Trouble?"

Michael Ho, from The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto presented a poster titled: "Comparison of 102 and MCM71 immunocytochemistry to MYCN DNA copy Number and mRNA Levels in Neuroblastoma",

Prizes

Michael Ho won First Prize for his Poster Presentation

Awards

Wayne Ozanne won The 2003 Surgipath Award of Excellence

HISTOTECHNOLOGY EDUCATION DAY SATURDAY, MAY 29TH, 2004 0900-1 700

Somagen Diagnostics, along with NSH, Region IX, are sponsoring an education day at The Michener Institute in Toronto.

The confirmed speakers are: .Ms. Diana Booth, MLT, ART

OLA: Experiences and Lessons Learned

.Ms. Tina Langlois, LLB

Self-Regulation -Professionalism in Action

.Dr. Sheila Singh

Cancer Stem Cells in the CNS

.Dr. Ghazarian

Sentinal Lymph Nodes

Somagen will also be presenting product information.

The cost for the day is \$25.00 and includes breaks and lunch.

On behalf of all technologists, a big thank you to
Somagen!

Further information about registration will follow in mailings to your laboratory by your Somagen representative.

NSH Convention Toronto, Canada September 18-22, 2004

September is fast approaching and we have been overwhelmed by the number of people that have volunteered to help out at the PR booth, Registration and the Banquet. We would like to offer our thanks now for your willingness to give so much of your time to help make this convention the success we all know it will be. In the last issue, we mentioned a few of the milestones we had achieved and I would like to continue with that now.

- The committee managed to secure welcoming letters from the mayor of Toronto, the Premier of Ontario and the Prime Minister of Canada. We believe all of these letters were important as Region IX is all of our country.
- The Public Relations, Registration and Banquet coordinators have emailed their volunteer schedules to all participants.

- Over 100 Canadians have registered for the meeting at of this date.
- We have also had an amazing number of vendors, both from the states and locally, come forth with donations. These donations have far exceeded our expectations.

We would like to ask one more favour from you. One of the NSH workroom volunteers collects hockey pucks. If you would be able to bring an 'Official Souvenir NHL Hockey Puck' from your city then please email Dev Olshansky at dev.olshansky@uhn.on.ca and Dev will reimburse you.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in September and truly hope whether this is your first experience or your 10th convention, that it will be a memorable one.

Michele Shackleton,
Chair, 2004 local Convention Committee NSH Region IX

Volunteer Form

The National Society of Histotechnology convention will be held in Toronto, September 18-23rd, 2004. To date, the committee has had an amazing number of technologists' telephone, email or write, to express their wish to help out with the convention. We have been overwhelmed by the response and are trying our best to keep an accurate listing of everyone who has volunteered. Unfortunately, we may not have an accurate listing of the people who have come forth so far and would therefore like you to complete the following form. A description of the duties involved with each position are as follows;

PUBLIC RELATIONS: You would take a shift or two at the PR table which may involve answering questions about tourist activities, handout PR items, encourage entries for the daily prize draws etc.

REGISTRATION: You would take a shift or two for 1-2hrs at a time, maybe more and register attendees, hand-out information packets, prepare information packets and binders on Friday night before the convention commences.

LIASON: The liason positions are very important. You must arrive 30-45 minutes ahead of the scheduled workshop, assist in the set-up, introduce the speaker, give handouts, collect workshop cards, collect assessment forms at the end of the workshop, etc. If you express an interest in this volunteer position, then you will receive an email from the local committee on the sign-up procedure with NSH in May.

WORKSHOP ROOM: You would assist with set-up and wet workshops, ensure all equipment and other supplies are in the room, set-up workshop signs, etc. Times needed are Saturday early thru to Wednesday.

BANQUET: You would assist in setting up the hall before the banquet, preparing some decorations before the event, taking tickets at the door (approx. 4 people), etc. When you receive this form, one of the following three options may pertain to you;

- If you receive this letter attached to another form "stating your preference of jobs", then please complete this form in addition and send it back to us so that we have a record of the activities you would like to be involved in.
- If you received this letter and have volunteered before, but there is no form attached then please accept our apologies, complete the form and send it back to us.
- If you have not volunteered and would like to, then please complete the form.

NAME: _____

PHONE: w - _____

H - _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT: _____

VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC RELATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> REGISTRATION |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIASON | <input type="checkbox"/> WORKSHOP ROOM |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BANQUET SET-UP | |