Dear Colleagues,

Please accept our warmest personal invitation to join us at the largest meeting of physician-pathologists in the world. The United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology will begin an exciting second century of educational excellence with our historic 101st Annual Meeting to be held March 17 - 23, 2012 in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, and we sincerely hope that you will be among our highly valued meeting participants.

In addition to the wonderful opportunity to explore the sheer natural beauty of coastal British Columbia and the world-class city of Vancouver, your appointed leadership and expert faculty have planned an impressive week of educational opportunities. The 101st Annual Meeting will provide the opportunity to greatly enhance your Continuing Medical Education Portfolio by earning up to 62.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s) and 60.25 SAM credit hours to satisfy the American Board of Pathology requirements for Maintenance of Certification and state requirements for Maintenance of Licensure.

Educational offerings include 60 short courses covering 24 organ systems and subspecialty areas, six special courses of which three cover Molecular Pathology topics ranging from basic skills to advanced knowledge, and an exciting new resident workshop designed to help our pathology trainees assume leadership roles throughout their careers. 28 Companion Societies, most of which are organ-based, will be represented, and 19 case-based specialty conferences will be conducted in addition to an excellent Long Course which this year will focus on Malignant Lymphomas. Attendees will be addressed by prominent scholars who will deliver the prestigious Maude Abbott and Nathan Kaufman lectures. Moreover, we anticipate more than 1,900 on-site scientific abstract presentations again this year!

For collegial fellowship, we will again hold our popular Tuesday evening reception, benefiting the USCAP Foundation, as well as the 2nd Annual 5k Run/ Walk, which will benefit the Canadian Cancer Society.

All of these activities are, of course, in addition to the thousands of warm personal encounters that will occur everywhere in the hallways, hotel lobbies, exhibit hall, and convention center thoroughfares - wherever there is an audience greater than one. This will truly be a “Coming Home” for our vast community of friends and colleagues, and we encourage you to register early and make the most of your time with us.

We also thank our many vendors and exhibitors who support this event by keeping us up to date on the latest technology and equipment to optimize our efforts in teaching, clinical diagnosis and, ultimately, treating the patients we serve.

With our traditionally low registration fees, the 101st USCAP Annual Meeting is a remarkable value.

See you in Vancouver!

With warmest regards,

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