

# the arkadi m. rywlin international pathology slide seminar

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Dear Friends and Members:

Enclosed please find the new set of glass slides for AMR Seminar #65. Just a reminder that the comments to the previous cases as well as case histories and pertinent images for this submission will be on the official AMR web page at <http://www.amr-seminar.org>.

We request all members to submit their comments to AMR #65 by the end of June 2014. The deadline for submission of cases for the next seminar is the same. As our Club membership continues to grow, we now request (52) H&E slides sent with your submission. It would be helpful to package your slides securely with the use of "bubble wrap" or some type of protective packaging. We continue to receive submissions with broken/damaged slides which precludes us from providing all members with complete sets of slides. Kindly visit the AMR web page for additional submission instructions. The following members are due to submit cases for the next seminar:

Phil Allen	Goran Elmberger	Alberto Marchevsky	Manuel Sobrinho Simoes
N. Volkan Adsay	Franco Fedeli	Thomas Mentzel	Dominic Spagnolo
Carlos Bacchi	Jeronimo Forteza Vila	Elizabeth Montgomery	James Strauchen
David Ben-Dor	Masaharu Fukunaga	Santiago Ramon y Cajal	Paul Wakely
Ofer Ben-Itzhak	Allen Gown	Brian Rubin	Bruce Wenig
Gerald Berry	Thomas Krausz	Elvio Silva	

I am pleased to announce that during our informal gathering of AMR members at USCAP in San Diego, it was approved by unanimous vote that the next International AMR Symposium would be held next year in Bratislava, Slovakia. The dates of the event have been set for June 22-24, 2015. There will be an exciting social program, including a visit to Vienna. All members interested in participating, please contact me ASAP so we can put the program together in a timely fashion. An additional proposal was also discussed for holding the following International Symposium in Xi'an, China in 2016. Information regarding the venue has been separately circulated in an e-mail. All those interested in participating in that event please let me know at your earliest convenience.

Another issue that was discussed regards the future of the AMR Club. As many of the current members approach retirement, it is important for the sake of continuity to start replenishing our ranks with younger members. I have, thus, made an appeal to the current Club members to propose names of up-and-coming academic surgical pathologists who would benefit, appreciate, and enjoy participating in the Club activities. I would appreciate the Club members' thoughts on this.

Given that the ranks of the Club continue to grow and we are constantly having requests from all over the world for joining the Club, I believe it is time that we revisit our requirements for membership in the Club. The value of the Club is two-fold: 1. The exchange of glass slides from interesting or challenging cases, and 2. The exchange of opinions by the members regarding those cases. To be fair to all and for the club to work properly, everyone should be expected to contribute to both requirements. In the past, we had agreed that the standing rule to maintain currency in the club would be that anyone who missed two exchanges in a row without contributing slides *or* comments

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would be automatically dropped from the mailing list. I would like to propose that anyone who skips either AMR *comments and slide submission* during two consecutive exchanges be eliminated from the list. The idea of the Club is to have an *active* participation and exchange of opinions. People who only contribute slides but do not share their opinions about the cases are not fully participating in the exchange and represent passive participants. We understand that some of us are highly specialized and will not feel comfortable or qualified to offer opinions on certain cases, but at the end of the day, we are all basically general pathologists and should be expected to have *some* opinion about *some* of the cases. I would therefore encourage all club members to become more actively engaged in participating in the exchange of opinions surrounding the cases and would welcome the opinions on the members about adopting this as our new requirement for participation in the Club.

I would like to express my gratitude to all those of you who have faithfully supported the Club over the years. It has been a wonderful experience and I hope that the spirit of Arkadi M. Rywlin will continue to permeate this group of “thinking pathologists” (to borrow a phrase from AMR) and that we may hand this over to the new generation as a legacy of our love and enthusiasm for surgical pathology.

Please continue to mail your cases and comments to the attention of my assistant, Nancy Boinski. Her e-mail address is: [nboinski@mcw.edu](mailto:nboinski@mcw.edu).

I hope you will enjoy the enclosed cases and I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely yours,

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