

MOUNT PELION INTENSIVE COURSES IN PATHOLOGY



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Organized by the Hellenic Division, IAP



INTENSIVE COURSE IN SOFT TISSUE AND BONE PATHOLOGY

May 19-21, 2024

VALIS Hotel - Agria, Magnesia, Greece

A Resounding Success

From May 19 to 21, 2024, the 5th Mount Pelion Intensive Course in Pathology, focusing on Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology, took place. This event is a continuation of the previous 4 successful courses, reinforcing our commitment to providing high-quality education to pathologists, mostly those from Eastern Europe and the neighboring Balkan countries.

The inception of the Mount Pelion Intensive Courses in Pathology was driven by a desire to create an inclusive and motivating learning environment. We aimed to support our colleagues from regions with limited access to advanced pathology training. By offering low registration fee and affordable accommodation, we have ensured that these valuable educational opportunities remain accessible.

Our gratitude extends to the distinguished invited speakers who contributed to the success of the course. Their participation was vital in achieving our primary goal of supporting colleagues from underserved areas. The high standards maintained throughout these courses align with the International Academy of Pathology (IAP)'s mission of continuing education, qualifying them as significant scientific events.

The financial backbone of these courses is the Hellenic Division of IAP, funded through member dues and registration fees. Notably, we have maintained our independence, by not seeking support from pharmaceutical companies. This approach underlines our commitment to impartial and high-quality education.

On behalf of the Hellenic Division, I extend my heartfelt thanks to all tutors for accommodating their kind travel arrangements. We are proud that the IAP recognizes these Courses as major educational events, reflecting our dedication to advancing pathology education.

The scientific program for the Course, collaboratively prepared with the invited speakers, encompassed a comprehensive range of topics pertinent to the subject matter. Crafting this program was a challenging task, primarily due to the need to select topics that avoided overlap and redundancy. The effort was considerable, especially considering the logistical challenge of bringing together experts in Agria, a relatively obscure location on the world map.

The selection criteria for the invited speakers were stringent: they had to be renowned pathologists, recognized experts, international leaders in their fields, and contributors to the WHO classification editions. The successful outcome of the event was evident as both speakers and participants expressed their satisfaction. The tutors, in particular, made a significant impact by delivering 14 hours of lectures on 28 topics related to Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology and engaging in lively discussions. A notable contribution of the Course was the two-hour case session by Dr. George Agrogiannis, presenting his exceptional case series with a panel discussion of all invited speakers. Dr. Yong-Koo Park surprised the audience by showing off his skills as pianist by performing Ludwig van Beethoven's Moonlight Sonata.



Opening address of Intensive Course in Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology by George Kontogeorgos, former President of IAP



George Kontogeorgos, former President of IAP, delivering the closing remarks of the Course

Carefully selected chairpersons moderated the sessions, ensuring that the schedule remained tight and encouraging active participation in discussions. In addition to Greek pathologists, 37 of the 74 participants were representatives from Balkan countries, Western European countries and others, including Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Georgia, Kosovo, Latvia, Serbia, Saudi Arabia, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom.

Participants enjoyed their stay in Agria, benefiting from the local hospitality, warm weather, and clear sea waters, which made their free time enjoyable. The Valis Resort Hotel management and staff provided excellent service, ensuring a comfortable stay. Invited speakers were particularly pleased with the luxury of having their standard rooms upgraded to suites with stunning sea views of the Pagasetic Gulf.

Beyond the scientific program, social events were organized to enhance the participants' free time. A notable experience was a half-day excursion to the Monasteries of Meteora, a UNESCO World Heritage. Participants enjoyed taking photos of the monasteries and the stunning natural landscape of the area. They also visited the Holy Monastery of Great Meteoron with the Church of Metamorphosis (*Transfiguration of Christ*) and its museum, where they admired precious objects, such as paintings, manuscripts, icons and original historical documents.

Guest Speaker Testimonials

After the conclusion of the Course, several guest speakers shared their positive feedback and reflections on the event. Their comments highlight the successful outcome and provide motivation and inspiration for organizing and improving future Courses. Here are their responses:

- *Dear George,
I had a wonderful time in Agria and thank you Dr. George Kontogeorgos and Dr. George Agrogiannis for your tremendous work to arrange this wonderful conference., Yong-Koo Park.*
- *Dear George,
Thank you for a wonderful course and experience. I appreciate everything you have done for me and my colleagues. Andrew E. Rosenberg.*
- *Dear George
Thank you for the invitation. It was a very good course with great audience participation. The venue was very nice. It was great to see you all.. Jason L. Hornick.*
- *Dear George,
Thanks again for inviting us. A pleasure to participate and to see a bit of Greece. Andrew L. Folpe.*
- *Dear George,
Thanks again. I had a great time (and still do in Athens). Hope to see you again soon. Gunnlaugur P. Nielsen.*
- *Dear George,
Thank you again for organizing this amazing course. I really appreciated the opportunity. As others have already mentioned, the quality of the presentations and educational program was amazing. The hotel was wonderful and Agria was a beautiful town to stay in. The trip to Meteora was an extraordinary lifetime experience. I very much appreciate everything you have done to organizing this. Ivan A. Chebib.*
- *Dear George,
It was a great course and it was a pleasure to be there. I really enjoyed the high-level lectures of the other speakers and it was an honor to be invited. The excursion to Meteora was exceptional! Judith V.M.G. Bovée.*



George Agrogiannis, President of the Hellenic Division IAP chairing a session



Eleni Thodou chairing the session of Ivan Chebib



Vicky Tziakou, Secretary of the Hellenic Division IAP chairing a session



George Kontogeorgos and Vicky Tziakou with the Faculty



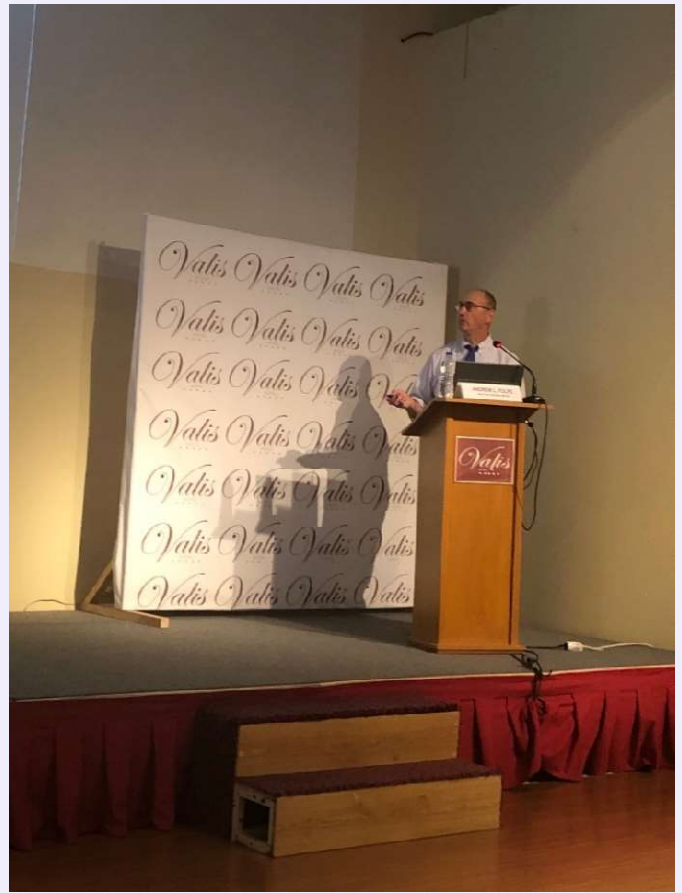
George Agrogiannis and George Kontogeorgos with guest speakers



George Kontogeorgos and George Agrogiannis with members of the Faculty and participants



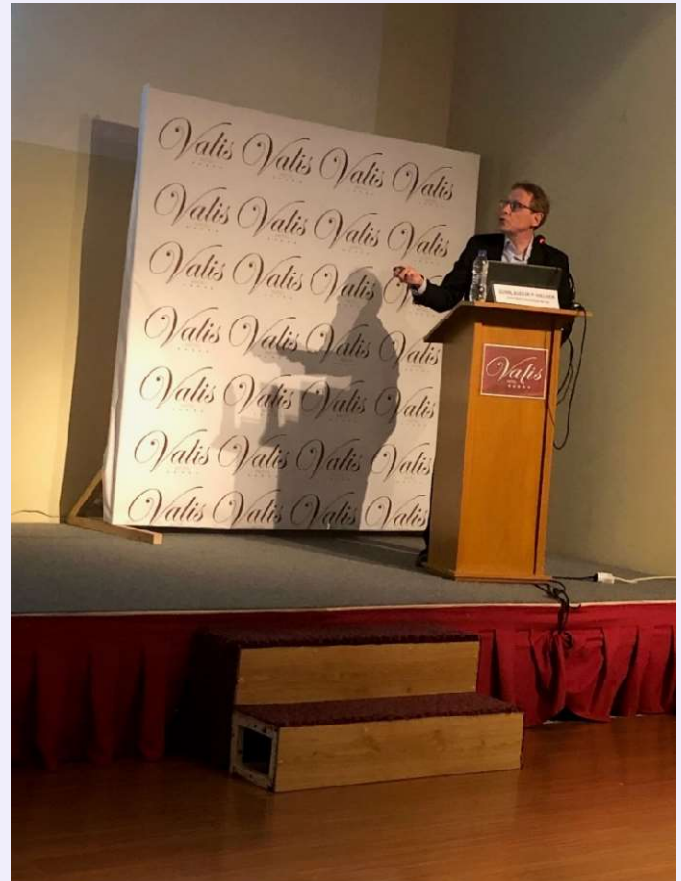
Judith Bovée during her presentation



Andrew giving an update on tumor of skeletal muscles



Jason Hornick delivering his presentation



Petur Nielsen during his presentation



Yong Koo Park presenting the Paget's disease of the bones



Armaz Mariamidze from Georgian IAP Division providing Anrew Rosenberg the Silver Medal with the logo of the Courses



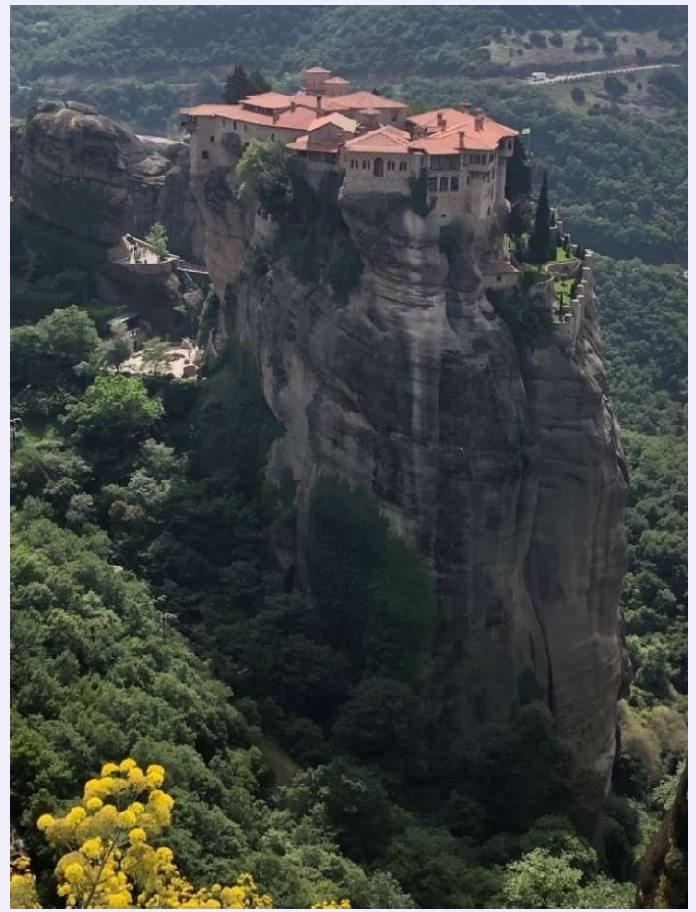
George Agrogiannis with Jason Hornick during case presentations of his own material series



Another picture from the case presentation series



George Kontogeorgos with Petur Nielsen, Judith Bovée and Andrew Rosenberg in front of the Great Meteoron



Magnificent view of the Monastery of Holy Trinity, used in the James Bond movie 'For your eyes only' with Roger Moore starring



George Kontogeorgos with Ivan Chebib and Yong-Koo Park on the balcony of the Great Meteoron



Relaxing time with members of the Faculty for a late drink in Agria



George Kontogeorgos and Yong-Koo Park with participants on the balcony of the Great Meteoron



Meteora, a gorgeous rocky landscape



Andrew Folpe with a participant from Serbia in Meteora



George Kontogeorgos, George Agrogiannis and Vicky Tziakou with guest speakers and pathologists from Kosovo



Andrew Folpe with Jason Honick and Petur Nelson at Valis Hotel



The Cytopathologists Ivan Chebib and Eleni Thodou

The Faculty of the Intensive Course in Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology



Ivan A. Chebib

- Assistant Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School
- Director of Immunohistochemistry, Cytopathology, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston, MA USA
- Recipient of Alexander Rutherford Prize, Government of Alberta, CA, 2004
- Recipient of Anatomic Pathology Excellence in Teaching Award, Massachusetts General Hospital, 2014
- Member of the WHO Reporting System for Cytopathology of Soft Tissue, 2023
- Co-author in more than 80 papers published in peer reviewed Journals and Chapters in several books



Judith V.M.G. Bovée

- Professor of Pathology, Vice-Chair, Department of Pathology LUMC, Leiden, The Netherlands
- Journal editor "Laboratory Investigation", "Clinical Sarcoma Research", "Modern Pathology", "American Journal of Surgical Pathology", "Cancers", etc.
- Co-author of 285 peer reviewed articles
- Contributor to WHO classification soft tissue and bone (expert editorial board 2019/2020)
- Recipient of many Awards, including VICI laureate, NOW,
- PI "Leiden Center for Computational Oncology; the sarCOma project" and others



Andrew L. Folpe

- Department of Anatomic Pathology, Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN USA
- Co-Chair of the Mayo Clinic Cancer Center Sarcoma Disease Group
- Author of over 250 medical publications, principally in soft tissue pathology and diagnostic immunohistochemistry, and co-author of several Chapters in books including the AFIP Fascicle on Soft Tissue Tumors, and the 3rd, 4th and 5th editions of the WHO Classification of Tumors of Soft Tissue and Bones
- Recipient of the Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Pathology Prize
- Associate Editor of Modern Pathology, also serves on the editorial board of numerous Medical Journals



Yong-Koo Park

- Jangwon Medical Foundation, Seoul, South Korea
- Emeritus Professor of Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea
- Author and co-author in 365 publications and several book chapters
- Contributor to WHO Classification of Soft Tissue and Bone Tumors
- Vice President Asia of IAP
- Awarded with the David Hardwick International Academy of Pathology Gold Medal, 2022



Jason L. Hornick

- Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School
- Director, Surgical Pathology & Immunohistochemistry, Brigham and Women's Hospital
- Consultant, Dana Farber Cancer Institute Boston, MA USA
- Vice President, United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology, President, Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists
- Editor-in-Chief, 5th series, AFIP Atlases of Tumor and Non-tumor Pathology
- Editor, Practical Soft Tissue Pathology: A Diagnostic Approach
- Editorial board, 4th, 5th editions of WHO Classification of Tumors of Soft Tissue & Bone
- Published more than 500 original articles, reviews, and book chapters
- 2012 Arthur Purdy Stout Society of Surgical Pathologists Annual Prize
- 2014 Jack Yardley Investigator Award from the Gastrointestinal Pathology Soc.
- 2023 Mostofi Distinguished Service Award from the USCAP



Gunnlaugur P. Nielsen

- Professor of Pathology, Harvard Medical School Boston MA USA
- Director of bone and soft tissue pathology and electron microscopy, Massachusetts General Hospital, Boston MA USA
- Contributor to the 4th and 5th editions of the WHO Classification of Tumors of Soft Tissue and Bones
- Author of over 250 articles and case reports, several book chapters and textbooks on Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology
- Recipient of teaching awards and Doctoris Honoris Causa at the Universitatea de Medicina si Farmacie, Victor Babes, Romania



Andrew E. Rosenberg

- Professor, Vice Chair, Co-Director of Anatomic Pathology; Director of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology, Miller School of Medicine, University of Miami, Miami, FL USA
- Author of over 400 scientific articles, 85 book chapters, co-authored in 3 books and contributor to WHO Tumor Classification Fascicles including Bone and Soft Tissue Tumors, Skin Tumors, Pediatric Tumors and Central Nervous System Tumors
- Member on numerous editorial boards of scientific Journals
- Founding President of the International Society of Bone and Soft Tissue Pathology

Intensive Course in Soft Tissue and Bone Pathology

VALIS Hotel - Agria, May 19-21, 2024

Sunday 19 May, 2024	12:00-14:00	Transportation from the airport		
		Welcome to Valis Hotel		
	14:00-16:20	Registrations		
	16:20-16:30	Opening		
			Chairperson: George Agrogiannis	
	16:30-17:00	BONE	Judith Bovée	Differential diagnosis of benign cartilaginous tumors
	17:00-17:30	BONE	Judith Bovée	Differential diagnosis of malignant cartilaginous tumors
	17:30-18:00	BONE	Judith Bovée	The use of molecular diagnostics in bone tumor diagnosis
	18:00-18:30	SOFT TISSUES	Judith Bovée	Differential diagnosis of round cell sarcomas
	18:30-19:00	Coffee break		
			Chairperson: George Kontogeorgos	
	19:00-19:30	BONE	Yong-Koo Park	Practical Pathologic diagnosis of Bone Tumors. Imaging - Pathology Correlation
	19:30-20:00	BONE	Yong-Koo Park	Surface lesions of the bone and Mimics
	20:00-20:30	PAGET'S DISEASE	Yong-Koo Park	Paget's disease of Bone - Part I
	20:30-21:00	PAGET'S DISEASE	Yong-Koo Park	Paget's disease of Bone - Part II
	21:00-22:00	Dinner		
Monday 20 May, 2024	6:50 -7:00	Pick-up Breakfast in a Box		
	7:00-14:00	Excursion to Meteora - optional		
	14:00-15:00	Lunch		
	15:00-16:00	Free Time		
			Chairperson: Eleni Thodou	
	16:00-16:30	SOFT TISSUE	Ivan A Chebib	Metastasis, Myeloma and Lymphoma
	16:30-17:00	SOFT TISSUE	Ivan A Chebib	Introduction to WHO/IARC/IAC Reporting System for Soft Tissue Cytopathology
	17:00-17:30	SOFT TISSUE	Ivan A Chebib	Approach to Soft Tissue Cytopathology, Part 1
	17:30-18:00	SOFT TISSUE	Ivan A Chebib	Approach to Soft Tissue Cytopathology, Part 2
	18:00-18:30	Coffee break		
			Chairperson: Armaz Mariamidze	
	18:30-19:00	BONE	Andrew E Rosenberg	Osteoblasts and Osteoclasts in Health and Disease
	19:00-19:30	BONE	Andrew E Rosenberg	The Morphologic and Genetic Diversity of Endothelial Tumors of the Skeleton
	19:30-20:00	BONE	Andrew E Rosenberg	Diagnostic Problems in Bone Forming Tumors: An Algorithmic Approach
	20:00-20:30	BONE	Andrew E Rosenberg	Advances in the Diagnosis of Osteoclast Rich Tumors of Bone
	20:30-21:00	Free Time		
	21:00-22:00	Dinner		
Tuesday 21 May, 2024	7:30-8:30	Breakfast		
			Chairperson: Paraskevi Tziakou	
	8:30-9:00	SOFT TISSUES	Jason L Hornick	Subclassification of pleomorphic sarcomas: How and why should we care?
	9:00-9:30	SOFT TISSUES	Jason L Hornick	Spindle cell tumors of deep soft tissue: Differential diagnosis and novel markers
	9:30-10:00	SOFT TISSUES	Jason L Hornick	Beyond dermatofibroma: What's new in cutaneous mesenchymal tumors?
	10:00-10:30	SOFT TISSUES	Jason L Hornick	Gastrointestinal mesenchymal tumors (other than GIST)
	10:30-11:00	Coffee break		
			Chairperson: Dimitrios Bouklas	
	11:00-11:30	SOFT TISSUES	Andrew L Folpe	Pitfalls in the Diagnosis of Well-differentiated liposarcoma
	11:30-12:00	SOFT TISSUES	Andrew L Folpe	Angiosarcoma and its Mimic
	12:00-12:30	SOFT TISSUES	Andrew L Folpe	Tumors of Skeletal Muscle: Rhabdomyosarcoma and Beyond
	12:30-13:00	SOFT TISSUES	Andrew L Folpe	Selected Aspects of Peripheral Nerve Sheath Tumor Pathology
	13:00-14:00	Lunch		
			Chairperson: Dionysios Papachristou	
	14:00-15:00	Free Time		
	15:00-15:30	BONE	G Petur Nielsen	Notochordal cell tumors
	15:30-16:00	BONE	G Petur Nielsen	Cystic lesions of bone
	16:00-16:30	BONE	G Petur Nielsen	Synovial tumors
	16:30-17:00	SOFT TISSUES	G Petur Nielsen	Non-neoplastic orthopedic pathology
	17:00-17:30	Coffee break		
	17:30-19:30	CASE PRESENTATION	George Agrogiannis	PANNEL DISCUSSION
	19:30-19:35	Closing remarks		
	19:35-21:00	Free Time		
	21:00-22:00	Dinner		
Wendsday 22 May, 2024	7:30-8:30	Breakfast		
	7:00-11:00	Transportation to the airport		
	12:00	Latest Check-out		

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Judith V.M.G. Bovée, Leiden, Netherlands

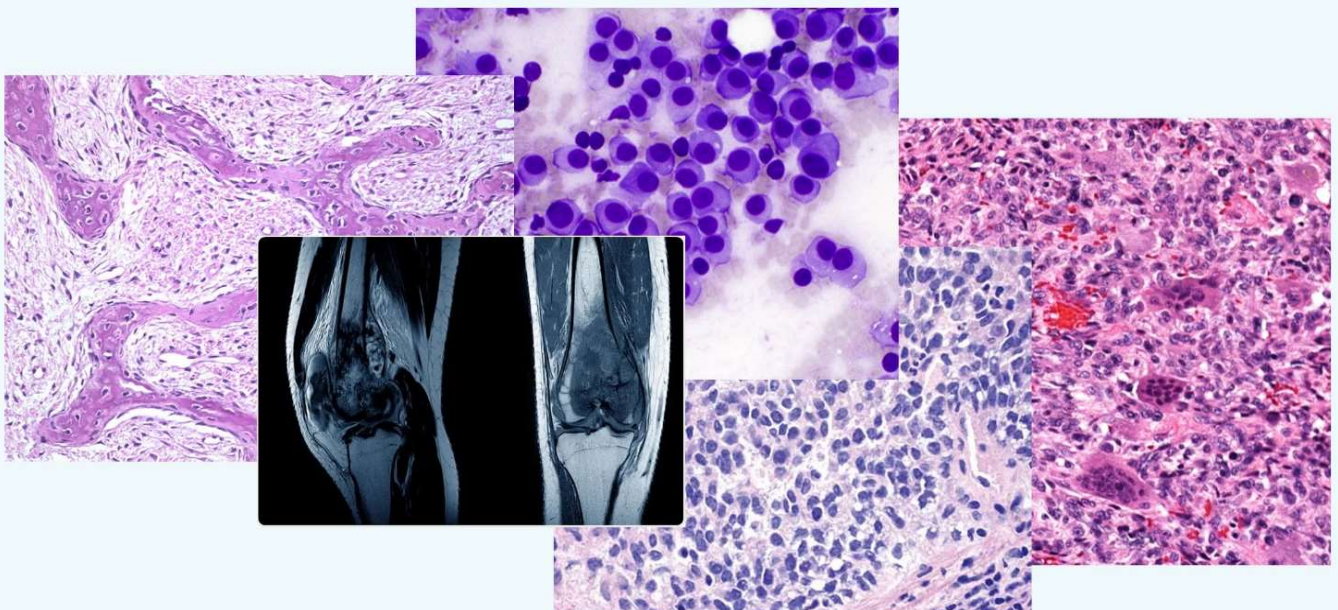
Andrew L. Folpe, Rochester, MN USA

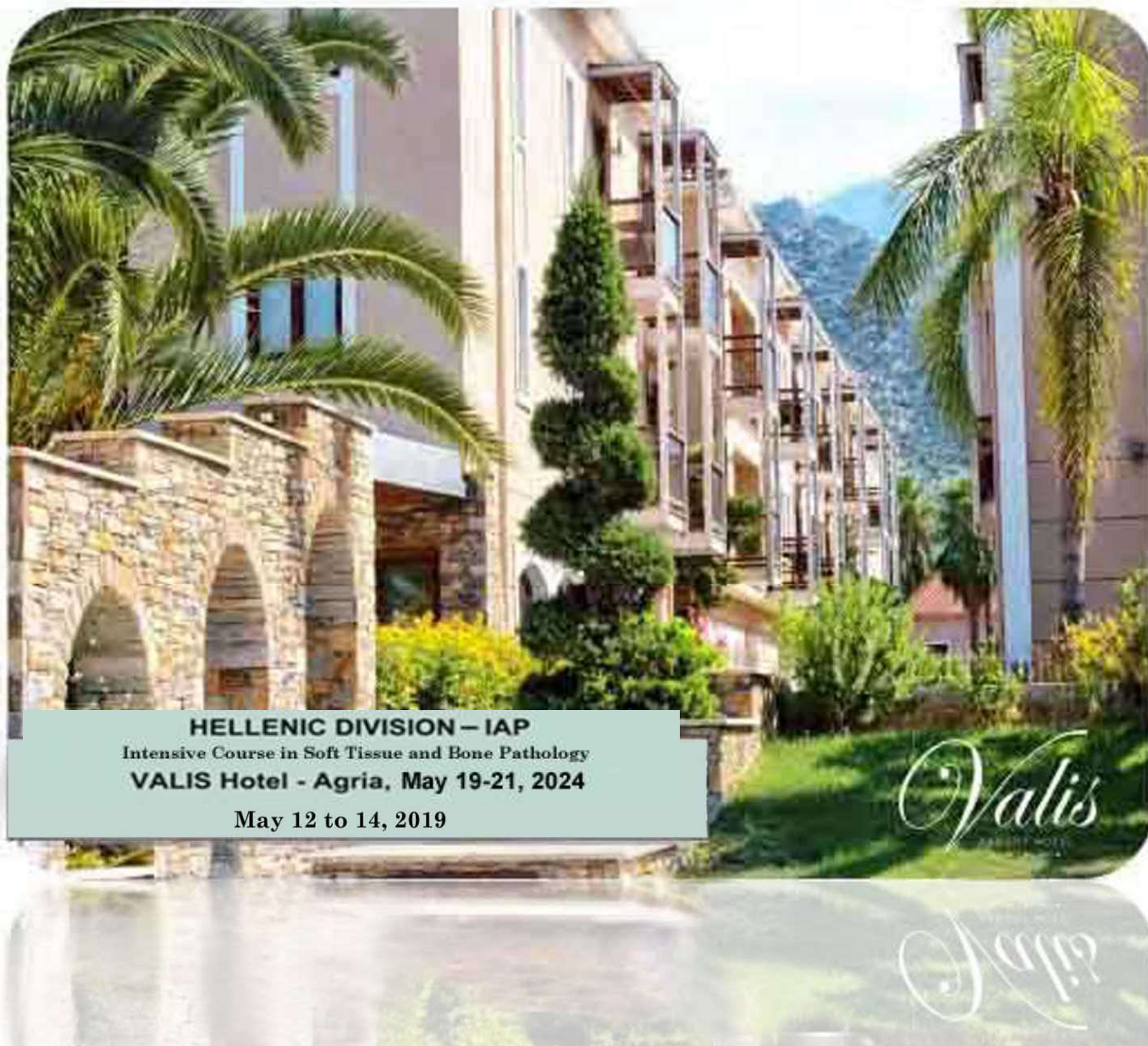
Jason L. Hornick, Boston, MA USA

Gunnlaugur P. Nielsen, Boston MA USA

Yong-Koo Park, Seoul, South Korea

Andrew E. Rosenberg, Miami, FL USA





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NEXT COURSE

Hematolymphoid Tumor Pathology is the topic of the next Course to be held on May 18-20, 2025. We promise to prepare a comprehensive scientific program. Please, mark the dates in your calendar and come back to Agria again.



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