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CYTOPATHOLOGY

The Cytopathology Section and the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine, at King Abdulaziz Medical City, received a new SCDP addition to the team in July 2010, Ms. Fadwa Hargan, and her positive contributions are immediately appreciated.

Mrs. Lamia El-Hussein became the newest employee of the section with her arrival from the UK in late September 2010.

Cytopathology continues to refine technical procedures and platforms that collectively improve the overall quality of service provided. In the future, the overall FNA service will be revisited and appropriate arrangements implemented to accommodate the growing demand for prompt diagnostic support; that must also be in-tune with the new applicable quality management regulations.

The Section is also organizing a major Symposium to be conducted on January 23-25, 2011, just prior to the next round of certification examinations scheduled on January 26 and 27, 2011.

Mr. Nikolaos Chantziantoniou shall be representing the Section in the 58th Annual Meeting of American Society of Cytopathology in Boston, USA on November 12-16, 2010.

The Director of Cytopathology, Dr. Hanaa Bamaflah, and all the staff of Cytopathology are commended for their diligence and unwavering performance.

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ELECTRON MICROSCOPY

The Electron Microscopy Unit conducted a Presentation entitled "Recent Advances in Electron Microscopy" on October 26, 2010 at the small auditorium. Mr. Saleem Baig Mirza was the speaker and the event was well attended.

Mrs. Hanoof Alhamdani was promoted from Med. Tech. II to Med. Tech. I.

Anatomic Pathology Residents got one month training program in Electron Microscopy for 2010-2011.

A new test is added, Microwave Tissue Processing in TEM for reducing turn around time. This is a very advance technology which is first introduced in the Kingdom.

HEMATOLOGY

The Hematology staffs attended the Blood Pathogens lecture conducted under the Laboratory Safety Section.

Elvira Guillen, BN 53229 has been promoted from Phlebotomist to Medical Technology II. Congratulaitons to Hamda Al Enizi, who had a baby girl, she is now back to work from her maternity leave.

The Hematology section had 2 maasalama parties, one for Dr. Layla Al Gwaiz and the other for Mildred Serrano BN 47667.