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Shaping the Future of Pathology: Integrating Innovation, Precision and Patient-Centered Care

Conference Day 1
Friday, 13 November 2026

08:00	09:00	Registration / Welcome Coffee	
09:00	**09:30**	**Opening Remarks**	**Mouza AlSharhan, President (ESPC)**
09:30	**11:20**	**Digital Pathology Chairperson: Iman Talaat**	
09:30	10:00	Workflow Issues in Digital Pathology Transition	**Aaron Han, USA**
10:00	10:30	Augmented Excellence: Shaping the Pathologist's Role in a Tech-Driven Future	**Norman Zerbe, Germany**
10:30	11:00	Implementation of AI in Pathology in Limited Settings Countries	**Hicham El Attar, Morocco**
11:00	11:20	Panel Discussion	
11:20	11:50	Symposium - Roche Evolving Spectrum of HER2 Testing: Beyond Breast Cancer	**Rawia Mohamed, UAE** Roche
11:50	12:20	Symposium - Visole and Hologic Digital Cytology: Transforming the Future of Cervical Cancer Screening with AI	**Wasnaa Ali Al Jaafari, UAE** HOLOGIC Visole Pharma & Medical Trading LLC
12:20	**14:00**	**Prayer and Lunch Break**	
14:00	**15:00**	**Molecular Pathology Chairperson: Byoungkwon Kim**	
14:00	14:30	The German GenomDE Model: Nationwide-funded Molecular Pathology and Tumor Boards for Precision Oncology	**Hauke Busch, Germany**
14:30	15:00	Bridging Histopathology and Genomics: The UAE Experience with MSK-IMPACT for Solid Tumors	**Hemad Yasaei, UAE**
15:00	16:00	AstraZeneca Workshop Biomarkers in Gastric Cancer - Cldn 18.2	AstraZeneca
16:00	**16:15**	**Coffee Break / Poster Viewing**	
16:15	**17:35**	**Molecular Pathology 2 Chairperson: Byoungkwon Kim**	
16:15	16:45	NGS Utilization for Lung Cancer Biomarkers: Our Experience	**Fouad Al Dayel, KSA**
16:45	17:15	IHC as a Molecular Surrogate: The Smart Pathologist's Triage Tool in the Era of Precision Oncology	**Imran Mirza, UAE**
17:15	17:35	Panel Discussion	

Conference Day 2
Saturday, 14 November 2026

08:00		Registration	
08:30	09:00	Welcome & Introduction	
09:00	**10:30**	**Biopsy Updates** **Chairperson: Emad Rakha**	
09:00	09:30	A Practical Diagnostic Approach to Salivary Gland Tumors: When Is Immunohistochemistry and Molecular testing Necessary	**Alena Skálová, Czech Republic**
09:30	10:00	A practical approach to endometrial biopsies	**Xavier Matias-Guiu, Spain**
10:00	10:30	Small Biopsies, Big Decisions: Diagnostic Challenges in Gastrointestinal Pathology	**Volkan Adsay, Turkey**
10:30	**11:00**	**Coffee Break / Poster Viewing**	
11:00	**12:30**	**Biopsy Updates** **Chairperson: Emad Rakha**	
11:00	11:30	Breast Pathology in 2026: Biopsies, Biomarkers, AI and Diagnostic Pitfalls	**Basel Altrabulsi, UAE**
11:30	12:00	Beyond the Classics: New Entities and Evolving Concepts in the 2026 WHO Classification of Sarcomas	**Isidro Machado, Spain**
12:00	12:30	Papillary Lesions of the Breast: Practical Approach To Core Needle Biopsies	**Emad Rakha, UAE**
12:30	13:00	Symposium - AlZahrawi / BD Closing the Gap: From Screening to Early detection for Cervical cancer screening through BD solutions	**Vignesh Pattinam, UAE** ZAHRAWI
13:00	**14:00**	**Lunch Break / Poster Viewing**	
14:00	**15:30**	**Resection Updates** **Chairperson: Haytham Dimashkieh**	
14:00	14:30	Important issues in diagnosis and staging of endometrial carcinoma in uterine resections	**Xavier Matias-Guiu, Spain**
14:30	15:00	Diagnostic Challenges in Gastrointestinal Resections: From Morphology to the Final Diagnosis	**Volkan Adsay, Turkey**
15:00	15:30	The New Frontier: Decoding Mesenchymal Lesions Through Morphology, Molecular Pathology, and Deep Learning	**Isidro Machado, Spain**
15:30	**15:45**	**Coffee Break / Poster Viewing**	
15:45	**16:45**	**Resection Updates** **Chairperson: Haytham Dimashkieh**	
15:45	16:15	Fibroepithelial Neoplasms: Navigating The Diagnostic Gray Zone	**Emad Rakha, UAE**
16:15	16:45	Update of Salivary Glandular Tumor Resections	**Alena Skálová, Czech Republic**
16:45	**17:25**	**Cytology Session** **Chairperson: Haytham Dimashkieh**	
16:45	17:05	Hürthle Cells Everywhere: Navigating Hürthle-Predominant Thyroid Aspirates	**Ayoub Nahal, UAE**
17:05	17:25	Atypical Biliary Brushing Cytology: A High-Risk Category	**Yasin Ahmed, UAE**
17:25	17:45	Ask the Expert: Interactive Panel and Case Discussion	**All Faculty**

Conference Day 3
Sunday, 15 November 2026

08:00	09:00	Registration / Welcome Coffee	
09:00	**10:10**	**Lung and Thoracic Pathology** **Chairperson: Byoungkwon Kim**	
09:00	09:30	Unusual and Rare Tumors of Lung	**Fouad Al Dayel, Saudi Arabia**
09:30	10:00	Interstitial Lung Disease: A Practical Pattern-Based Approach for Surgical Pathologists	**Najla Ben Ghashir, UAE**
10:00	10:10	Panel Discussion	
10:10	**10:30**	**Coffee Break / Poster Viewing**	
10:30	**12:10**	**Breast and Gynecology Pathology** **Chairpersons: Hassan Hotait**	
10:30	11:00	Practical Tips in Breast Pathology	**Manal Bastaki, UAE**
11:00	11:30	Biomarker Testing in Ovarian Tumours	**Alison Finall, UAE**
11:30	12:00	Ode to the Placenta	**Anas Bernieh, UAE**
12:00	12:10	Panel Discussion	
12:10	12:25	Symposium - AstraZeneca Decoding HER2: From Low to Ultralow	**Manal Abdelrahim** AstraZeneca
12:25	12:40	Symposium - AstraZeneca From Mutation to Action: The Evolving Role of ESR1 Testing	**Naureen Saber** AstraZeneca
12:40	**13:25**	**Lunch Break**	
13:25	**14:35**	**Pathology Training and Education** **Chairpersons: Mouza AlSharhan**	
13:25	13:55	Reimagining Pathology Education for the Next Generation Doctors	**Ismail Matalka, UAE**
13:55	14:25	Reimagining Pathology Training in the U.S.: Workforce Realities, Opportunities, and Challenges	**Eyas Hattab, USA**
14:25	14:35	Panel Discussion	
14:35	15:00	Symposium - One Health Transforming digital pathology with AI Advancing Cancer Diagnostics Through Rapid, High-Quality IHC, ISH, and FISH Solutions	Leica BIOSYSTEMS ONE HEALTH **Amr Baraka** **Kifah Abu Nar**
15:00	**15:15**	**Coffee Break / Poster Viewing**	
15:15	**15:35**	**Oral Presentations**	
15:15	15:25	Standardizing Enterprise Digital Pathology: A Multi-Vendor, DICOM-Based Roadmap for Clinical Deployment at Scale	**Mustafa Yousif, USA**
15:25	15:35	Spatial Profiling of Classic Hodgkin Lymphoma Reveals Distinct Cellular Composition in Pediatric and EBV-Positive Cases	**Sheren Younes, USA**
15:35	15:55	Poster Awards	
15:55	**16:10**	**Closing Ceremony**	