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DEAR COLLEAGUES,

It is with great pleasure and pride that I present the Vincent Academy of Pathology. My personal journey in the field of pathology has been profoundly influenced by opportunities to learn and exchange with experts and colleagues on an international level. That way, I have become a passionate advocate for the continuous education in the field of pathology and in this spirit I founded VAP back in 2016. I wanted to bring together the international world of pathology in the heart of Europe in the framework of interactive courses, fellowship-programs, and research projects. By learning together about recent developments in our field, discussing actual cases and exchanging opinions and good practice we shall grow professionally and personally but above all, we shall improve to the benefit of our patients around the world. I would like to introduce this brochure as a means of information about our vision, activities and objectives but also as an invitation to join us on a journey of life-long learning and professional development.

Sincerely,

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THE VAP: ADVANCING PATHOLOGY GLOBALLY



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Are you interested in expanding your expertise in pathology through international exchange? The Vincent Academy of Pathology (VAP) was established in January 2016 as a non-profit, non-governmental organization. The mission of the Academy covers education, consultation, and research in pathology. The VAP collaborates with many pathology departments and medical faculties both nationally and internationally. The core activity of the VAP is the organization of diagnostic courses with international experts who share their knowledge with practicing pathologists and pathologists in training. A significant part of the mission of the VAP is to make its programs accessible for pathologists from around the globe. Thus, the proceeds from the courses are used to financially support disadvantaged pathologists from developing countries. This allows them to attend the courses or to participate in fellowship/observership programs of the

VAP in Linz, Austria. This approach helps create a more equitable and inclusive global pathology community.

THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME VINCENT

The name "Vincent Academy of Pathology" honors Saint Vincent de Paul, known for his dedication to helping those in need, including the sick, orphans, and the poor in the 17th century. This name reflects the commitment to compassionate care and the support of the Vincent Group in Austria, a coalition of religious hospitals established in 1995.



Are you ready to expand your expertise in surgical pathology with a program that seamlessly blends theory and practice? The Vincent Academy of Pathology (VAP) offers a comprehensive and structured approach to continuing medical education through its postgraduate courses in surgical pathology. These courses are designed to enhance both theoretical knowledge and practical skills.

COURSE ORGANIZATION AND STRUCTURE:

1. Preparation Phase (4 weeks prior):

The participants receive access to digitized cases via a virtual microscopy tool, allowing for extensive preparation. This phase is crucial for establishing a foundation for the interactive discussions during the courses.

2. On-Site Course Phase:

Our courses last for three days in a seminar-style format at the Lentos Kunstmuseum in Linz/Austria. The sessions feature live microscopy and a large projection screen for detailed visual learning focusing on diagnostic criteria, differential diagnoses, and potential pitfalls.



3. Review Phase (4 weeks post-course):

After the course, participants have an additional four weeks of access to the discussed content online. This period allows them to re-review the discussed cases at their own pace.

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COURSE TOPICS (EXAMPLES):

- Diagnostic Breast Pathology
- Diagnostic Gynecologic Pathology
- Diagnostic Lung and Mediastinal Pathology
- Diagnostic Pathology of Diffuse and Focal Liver Diseases
- Diagnostic Gastrointestinal Pathology
- Diagnostic Pathology of Bone Marrow
- Diagnostic Pathology of the Urinary System and Male Genital Organs
- Diagnostic Pathology of Head and Neck Tumors
- Diagnostic Pathology of Core Needle and Vacuum-assisted Biopsies of the Breast

- Diagnostic Pathology of Pancreato-Biliary Diseases
- Diagnostic Pathology of Salivary Glands
- Diagnostic Pathology of Infectious Diseases
- Diagnostic Thyroid Pathology
- Diagnostic Soft Tissue Pathology
- Diagnostic Pathology of Lymphatic Tissues

KEY POINTS:

The courses follow a consistent structure: a preparation phase, intensive on-site training, and a review period.

Interactive Learning: Active involvement of the participants in the case discussions, along with advanced diagnostic tools, provide a hands-on learning experience.

Blended Learning: The combination of digital preparation and review and the on-site/in-person course ensures most effective learning.

Expert Faculty: The courses are led by distinguished pathologists and experts in the field, who are experienced teachers and offer participants important insights and guidance.



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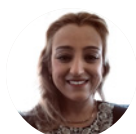
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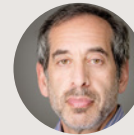
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My expectations in the seminar were not only met but exceeded! The Vincent Academy of Pathology is unique in Europe as an organization which combines a diagnostic seminar with lectures and interactive microscopy sessions. I am very grateful that I could take part in this amazing seminar and widen my knowledge, as well as meet great international faculty members who were always ready to share their knowledge with us. Meeting colleagues from other countries and being able to exchange experience and discuss with them is something that I will cherish forever. Thank you very much, Vincent Academy of Pathology!

GUIRYALLA ROMASS GOURSAM, MD,
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Vincent Academy of Pathology is synonymous with excellence in continuous medical education. They provide top-notch comprehensive diagnostic pathology courses covering the most important and recent topics. Moreover, they do so on schedule, with leading experts on each field, focused on practical clinical cases, with interactive methodology, and superb handouts that are usable in your daily routine. You cannot go wrong attending one of their courses.

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TESTIMONIALS



I participated in the GI Pathology Course in April 2024, held by a distinguished team of instructors with great professional and academic skills. All participants had the opportunity to benefit from the fascinating cases presented by Prof. Michael Vieth and Prof. Rupert Langer. The organizational staff was very hospitable and ready to support us at all times. It was the first time I participated in a VAP course. I am satisfied and I have registered for two upcoming courses.

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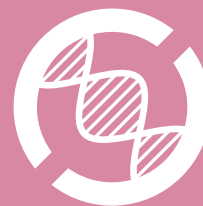
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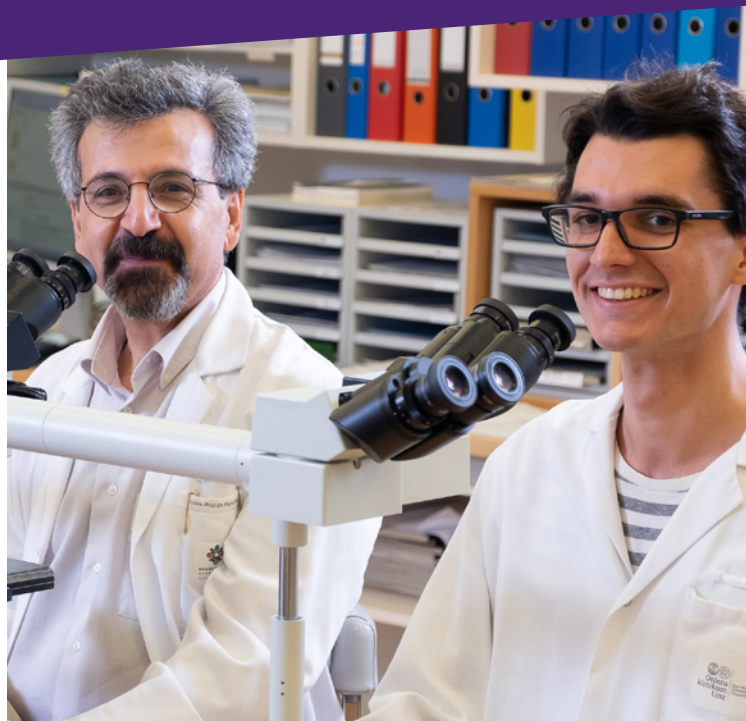
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The Vincent Academy of Pathology offers a distinctive fellowship/observership program that provides an immersive educational experience in surgical pathology with a particular focus on breast and gynecologic pathology. The program is designed to enable intensive learning and collaboration at the academy's facilities in Linz, Austria. Fully trained pathologists from developing countries are invited to join the pathology department in Linz for three-month periods, commencing in 2025. Under the guidance of Professor Moinfar and other esteemed professionals, the fellows participate in diagnostic work and join internal consultation on current and archival cases. By collaborating with pathologists from the Vincent Pathology Network and international colleagues, they gain valuable insights into daily practices across different settings.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDE:

Learning and Collaboration: The fellowship is structured around interactive sessions where participants can engage directly with experienced pathologists, contributing to discussions and gaining hands-on experience in a clinical setting.

Cost-effective Opportunity: The program covers accommodation and meals, making it a financially viable opportunity for international participants from developing countries. The fellows are only responsible for their travel and personal living expenses.

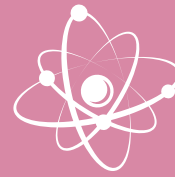
Postgraduate Diagnostic Courses:

The fellows are invited to participate free of charge in the diagnostic courses offered by the VAP during their stay.

Information on new fellowship opportunities, the application process and periods and the required documents are available on the VAP website.

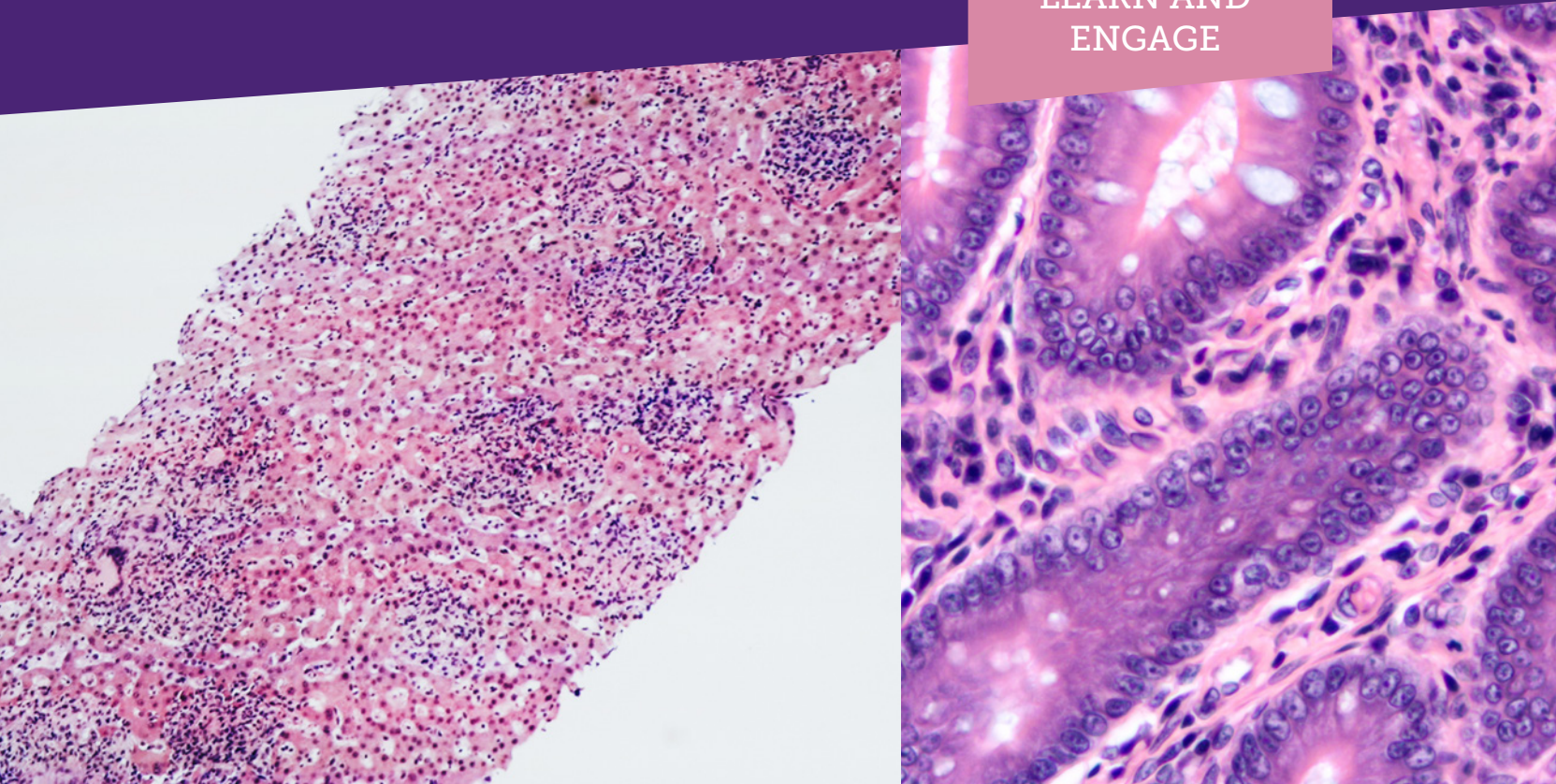


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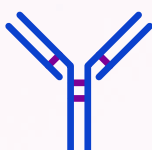


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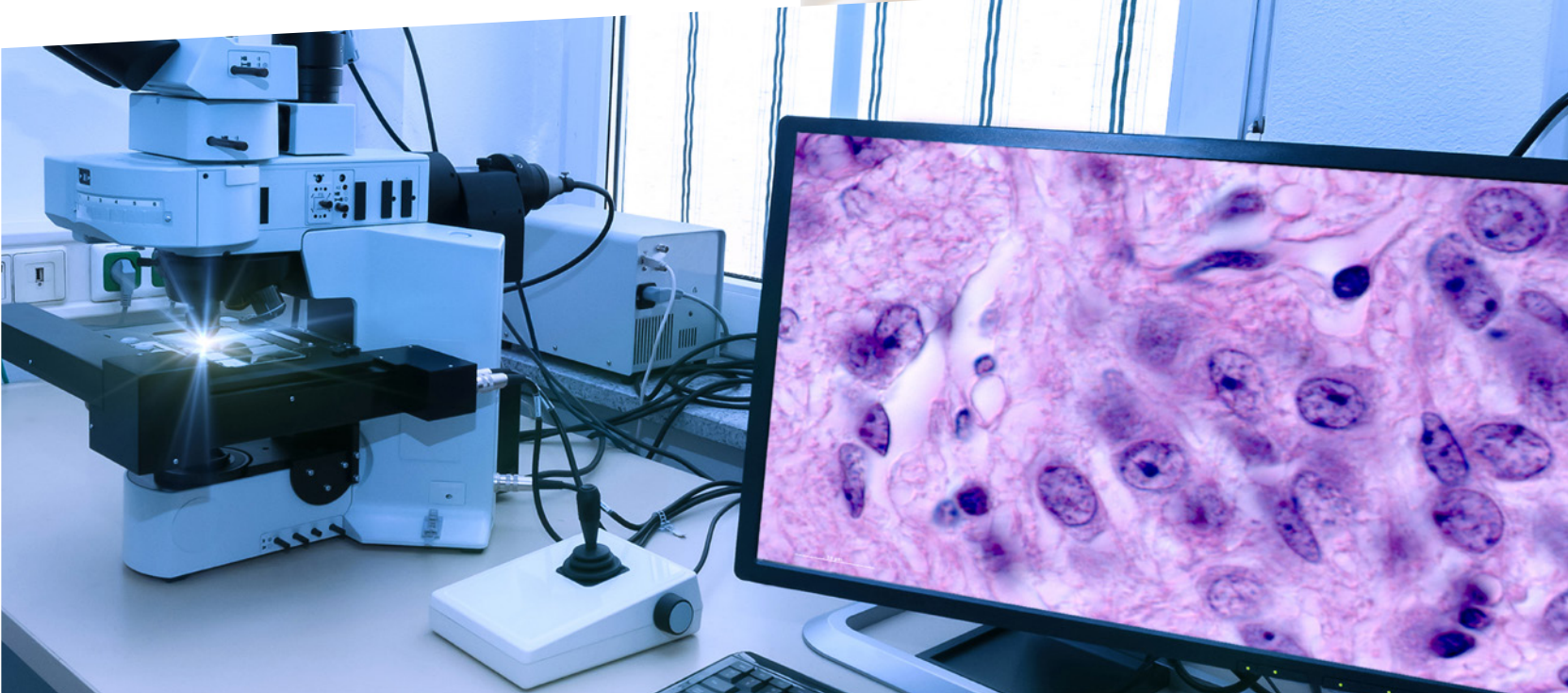
We all know the impact a second opinion can have on diagnosis, treatment, and a patient's life. However, colleagues in developing countries often lack the resources to consult international experts on difficult cases.

To address this, the VAP offers free consultation services for breast and gynecologic pathology. Selected challenging cases may be used in our diagnostic courses to explore potential issues and errors, for the benefit of both colleagues and patients.

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STRONGER TOGETHER: THE VINCENT PATHOLOGY NETWORK



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The Vincent Pathology Network is one of the largest providers of pathological diagnostic services in Upper Austria. Established in 2016, the network is co-managed by Prof. Dr. Farid Moinfar, and focuses on surgical pathology, molecular pathology, and microbiology. It combines the expertise of the pathology departments of the Ordensklinikum Linz and the Hospital of the Sisters of Charity in Ried, offering a comprehensive and specialized diagnostic spectrum. This collaboration strengthens the oncology focus of both hospitals, ensuring optimal patient treatment.



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