

## Global Pathology Support Toxicologic Pathology

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## Investment in future growth

Many of us have experienced the financial crises in some way or another. Some business-wise others personally and it alerts us as to what is happening in the global financial world. In discussions with people from pharmaceutical companies and CRO's it was apparent that this time also the pharmaceutical industry and contract laboratories were affected by the economic crisis. Mergers, closings, redundancies, reorganizations took place affecting many people and families in a very serious way. Never thought this could happen in such branch of industry which is normally quite resistant to economic fluctuations. Not this time, it seemed. However, things seem to pick up again and safety of medicines and chemicals will remain a timeless and ever growing necessity in R & D. Along with that, pathology support from companies, CRO's and consultants remain crucial in this development. In this pathology evaluation process, quality, speed and cost effectiveness are even more important nowadays. This is possible using pathologists with the appropriate scientific background, training programs and guidance by "Best Practices" for pathologists world-wide (EU, USA and Asia) retaining Toxicologic Pathology Board Certification. These national training programs with Board Certifications for Toxicologic Pathologists working in the field, are meant to assure integrity of pathology data and professional quality of the safety evaluations of toxicity and carcinogenicity studies, which are imperative in the drug development and chemical safety evaluations.

Global Pathology Support has invested in these issues, despite the crisis, to meet all these criteria and expanded the archive facility as well and has further improved the pathology reporting by implementing Provantis 8.2.0.7.

In this way, we hope to deliver continues contribution and service to both existing as well as upcoming customers.

## Provantis 8.2.0.7 up and running at Global Pathology Support

GPS uses the Provantis Pathology System, as used by big pharma companies, to manage the pathology findings of toxicity and carcinogenicity studies.

After a few years and taking into consideration the current benefits of Provantis 8.2.0.7 compared to the 6.5.0.5 version, a full validated change to the new version of 8.2.0.7 was performed and operational on July 20th, 2009. GPS was the first company world-wide to have this new Pathology version validated and operational in a GLP-compliant way.

Helpful support from the people of Instem and GPS IT and QAU made it possible to implement the new version. The current version is more versatile and has additional functionalities, thus further increasing the pathology data input efficiency and pathology reporting quality.

## Updated GLP-Endorsement for Global Pathology Support by the Dutch FDA

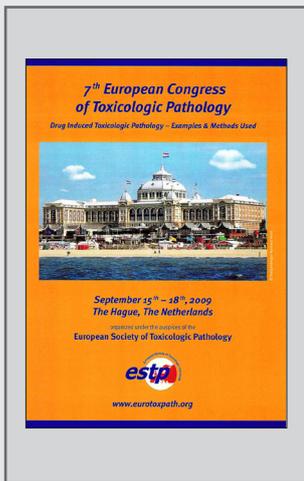
On 4-5 August 2010, the Dutch FDA of the government, Ministry of Health known as the: "Food and Consumer Product Safety Authority (VWA)" inspected GPS thoroughly and again GPS received the GLP-compliance. This is part of their 2 years GLP-monitoring programme of the Government which applies for all GLP facilities in the country working according to the OECD-guidelines.

## Archive facilities expanded

Because of increased space needed for the archive, GPS has quadrupled its archive space and now has the opportunity to store at least 100,000 slides at any point in time next to the temporary study files.

This new central archive facility is very close to the office room and meets all safety and storage requirements.





## European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ESTP) Congress in The Hague 2009 and upcoming ESTP Congress in Budapest 2010

The European Society of Toxicologic Pathology (ESTP) Congress was organized in The Hague (16-18 September 2009) and attended by more than 200 colleagues working in the field of Toxicologic Pathologists from 23 countries from all over the world. This was an interesting and global event which took place at the wonderful venue of the Kurhaus situated on the North Sea in The Hague, The Netherlands. The topic was “Drug Induced Toxicologic Pathology – Examples & Methods Used”. Several organ systems and subjects were covered e.g.: Skin and Soft Tissues, Liver, Cardiovascular System, Models Used in Toxicologic Pathology, Safety and Efficacy, The Nose-Brain Connection and update on the International Harmonization of Nomenclature and Diagnostic Criteria for lesions in rats and mice (“INHAND”).

Thanks to the IATP chairpersons, an interesting half-day IFSTP/IATP satellite meeting was organized on September 15th on “Systems Pathology: Whole Animal Responses to Toxicity”.

This event was made possible thanks to all contributors, sponsors and staff personnel who gave their professional, dedicated and pleasant support. Also thanks to all participants for attending this conference.

Next ESTP Congress will be held in the beautiful city of Budapest, Hungary (see list of meetings) from 28th September – 1st October 2010.

I would recommend everyone to visit this congress of the ever growing ESTP Society. For further information see [www.eurotoxpath.org](http://www.eurotoxpath.org) and click on the photo or contact:

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### List of meetings:

- 1) **5th Rodent Pathology Course.** September 26-28, 2010, Embassy Suites Raleigh-Durham / Research Triangle Park, Cary, NC, USA: Hepatobiliary System Pathology.
- 2) **8th European Congress of Toxicologic Pathology.** September 28 – October 1, 2010, Helia Hotel, Budapest, Hungary: Respiratory system Toxicopathology & Biopharmaceuticals - a challenge for toxicopathology. Organized by European Society of Toxicologic Pathology.
- 3) **British Society of Toxicological Pathologists 25th Annual Scientific Meeting.** November 11-12, 2010, London, UK: 1985–2010: A Quarter Century of Challenges in Toxicological Pathology.
- 4) **BSTP Module 5 – Endocrine System.** December 6-10, 2010, University of Cambridge, UK, Department of Pathology, University of Cambridge, UK,: Endocrine System. As 2010 marks the 25th anniversary of the BSTP, the 2010 Annual Scientific Meeting will reflect critically on some of the issues that toxicological pathologists have faced over the past quarter century, as well as considering some new approaches to old problems.
- 5) **Classic Examples in Toxicologic Pathology XVIII.** February 18-19, 2011, Graduate School for Biomedical Sciences Hannover, University of Veterinary Medicine in Hannover, Germany.
- 6) **NVVP – Pathologendagen.** April 14-15, 2011, Zeist, The Netherlands.
- 7) **30th STP Annual Symposium.** June 19-23, 2011, Denver Hyatt Regency, Denver CO: Toxicologic Pathology and Immune System. Organized under the auspices of the Society of Toxicologic Pathology. NTP-Satellite Symposium included.

*“One leaf can block  
your view of the Tai  
Mountain”*

Origin: Heguanzi – Tianze, by HE  
Guanzi, Warring States