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President's Report- Mark Bromley

Christmas is upon us and with the associated festivities in full swing and a glass in my hand, I welcome you to the fourth and final 2022 edition of TissuePaper.

Love it or hate it, 2022 has certainly been a year to remember. La Niña prolonged her stay on our eastern shores making sure we all got soggy feet, and some of us got soggy microtomes too! Are keratotic skins easier to cut in a flood? With inflation, interest rises and war in Europe thrown into the mix, it's not going to be a year easily forgotten around the world.

In Histoland, we have been able to enjoy face to face scientific meetings and social events for the whole year despite COVID rearing its ugly head in Tweed Heads (we'll blame the Victorians for that!). Many thanks to the presenters who put in a lot of work to give us such interesting talks, and also thanks to the AIMS Qld branch for once again joining us.



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We made a trip to Mater Pathology and had an excellent evening there, and Trivia was, as always, great fun. But the highlight of the year for those able to go was undoubtedly the Queensland State Histology Conference in Cairns.

It was always going to be hard to predict the level of interest after such a long period of travel restrictions and general COVID nervousness, and for a while there it looked like we had overestimated how many attendees there would be, but it all came good in the end, and it proved to be a great weekend. Big thanks to all of the sponsors, and particularly Roche, our platinum sponsor. Without (cont.)

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such support from the trade, we would never be able to put on anything like these conferences.

May I take this opportunity to thank the HGQ Committee for all of their hard work over the last year. Putting on conferences, scientific meetings, Trivia nights, producing the Newsletter and all of the things that go on under the bonnet of the HGQ take time and effort, and without the dedication of The Committee, none of this would happen. So thanks! Thanks to those who have renominated for 2023, thanks for those who decided not to, and thanks to those who are joining us for the first time. The HGQ constitution puts a cap of 13 on the number of committee members, and the AGM in Cairns saw nominations exceed that number for the first time ever. It's exciting to see this level of interest, and bodes well for a great program in 2023, which will hopefully include our repeatedly postponed workshop at QUT. We are planning to do some super sensational silvery stains, so bling it on in 2023!

So raise a glass, enjoy Christmas, the end of 2022 and a Happy New Year as we launch into of a fantastic 2023.

We are always looking for contributions of scientific articles and news, or if you have improvements and techniques that make a difference in your lab!

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Firstly this the group is indeed very lucky to be an able to have held a conference after so long, in such a beautiful and picturesque location.

When video calls and online meetings have become the norm, the opportunity to have a conference with live delegates was very exciting and we thought very very popular to those the histo group canvased about the idea.

Meeting face to face facilitates conversations and spark ideas that has the potential to move thinking about our laboratory services and help find solutions to problems shared.

Group knowledge and sharing of experiences is one of the most useful functions of conferencing. This Cairns Histo conference was a perfect hot pot people and experiences.

I think most of us found a little something to take home to their lab.

If we achieved just a little parting knowledge to the delegates and a little more generation of wonder and understanding of the Labs of our constituents and how wide and varied the type of work Histology techniques have in laboratories we have created value to everyone attending these conferences.

The getting together of people whom may not readily interact, and give them an avenue to share their love of what they do, relax and make friends of people who sometimes feel like the competition.

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The conference itself was three days starting on the Friday afternoon with a technical Assessment workshop concluding on a beautiful sunny Cairns Sunday. Delegates were presented with a myriad of interesting talks and as always the fun exciting networking functions associated with these HISTO conferences.

Conference talks varied from Parasites endemic to far north Qld – “ No where is safe” as infection pathways are still not clear!

To lively talks on Histology and Molecular techniques and how these techniques are required to correctly treat patients.

Keeping on this topic further talks were presented on Molecular BRAF and KRAS. Talks on the Algorithm assisted assessment of Her2 ISH , with further talks and in-depth review of PhD work on target receptor identification in Breast Cancer.

The topics were a very diverse range of technical and scientific findings from scientists with many years of study and interest for their subject matter.

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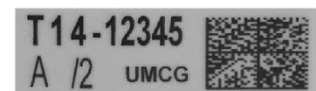


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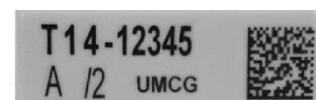


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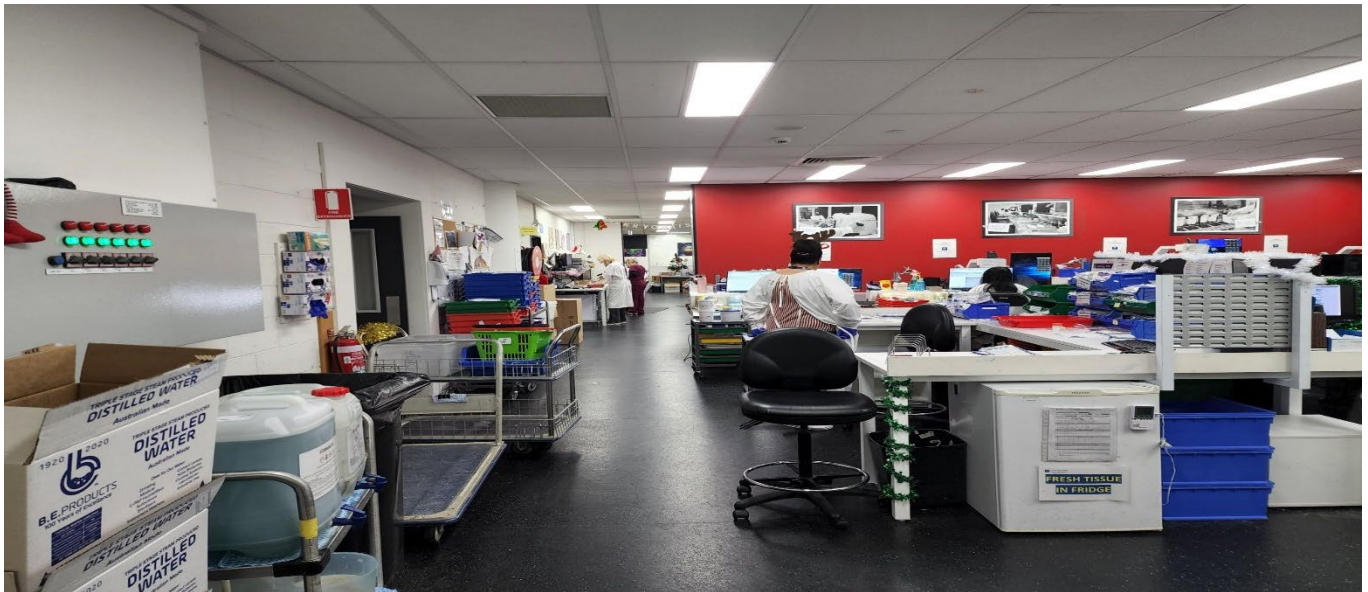
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