

Pathology Visions 2017 (PV17) took place in beautiful San Diego on October 1-3, 2017. PV17, the annual meeting of Digital Pathology Association (DPA), celebrates eight years of growth as the leading organization dedicated to advancing the field of digital pathology. This conference brings pathologists, scientists, technologists, administrators and industry partners together sharing the cutting-edge knowledge of digital pathology applications in healthcare and life sciences.

Throughout the Conference, participants attended CME-earning events including the keynote presentation *“Towards a Digital Pathology Commons”* by Dr. Michael J. Becich, a Plenary presentation by Dr. Keith Miller entitled *“From Diagnostics to Quality Control: The Amazing Possibilities of Artificial Intelligence in the Digital Pathology Setting”*, eighteen (18) other timely topic presentations and three (3) workshops by distinguished speakers in simultaneously run clinical and education/research tracks. Among the over 30 presenters were representatives from the DPA, College of American Pathologists (CAP), Association of Pathology Informatics (API), National Society of Histology (NSH) and academia. The distinguished presenters were from all over the world including the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. New this year, a Hot Topic Discussion revealed the partnership between DPA and NSH on Digital Pathology Certificate Program.

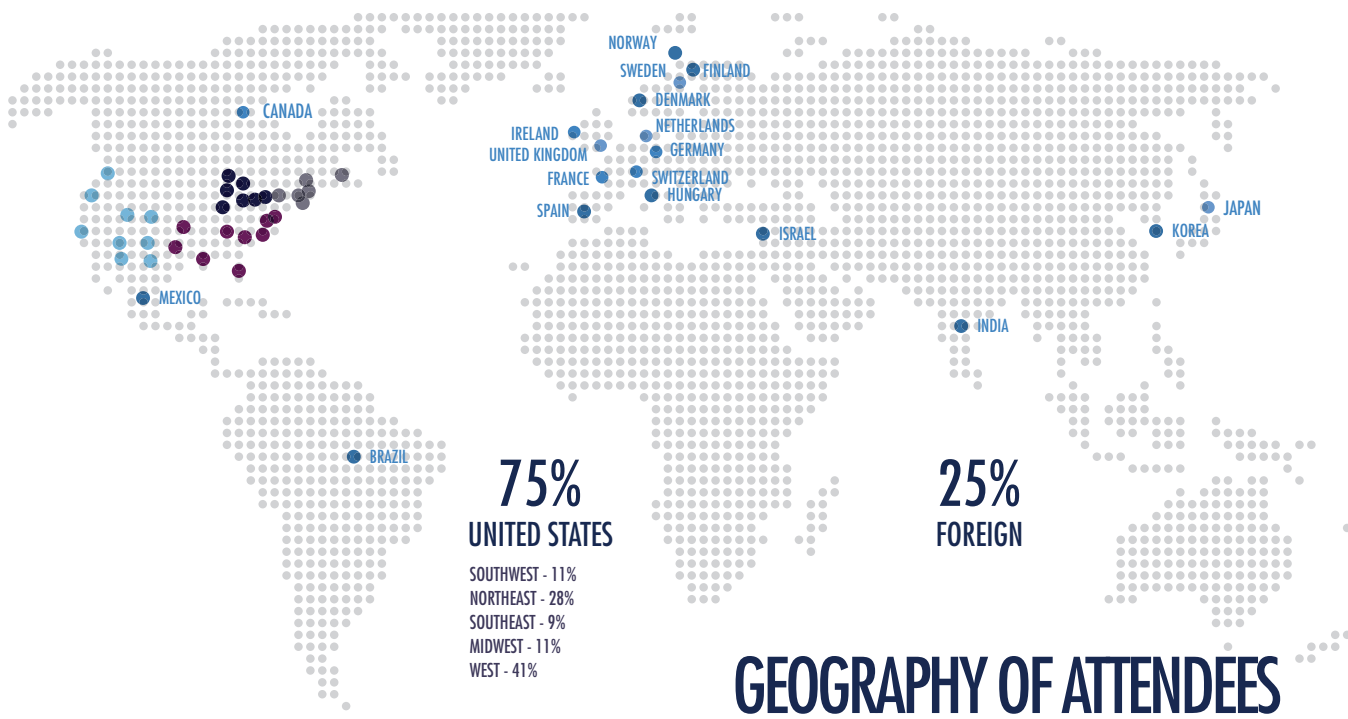
Non-CME-earning presentations included a regulatory update, vendor challenge workshop in image analysis as well as pre-conference and breakfast industry workshops. The regulatory update has been a highlight of Pathology Visions reflecting the pivotal role the DPA has played working with FDA in the recent FDA cleared use of whole slide imaging for primary diagnosis. To build on this momentum, DPA is working on the connectivity of various digital pathology platforms. New this year, working with Digital Imaging and Communications in Medicine (DICOM), a Digital Pathology Connect-a-thon was on display. It was composed of a live show and tell at the exhibition throughout the conference and a panel discussion at the end of the meeting.

This conference offered a wide range of topics including whole slide imaging for primary diagnosis, practicing digital pathology in the CLIA environment, CAP guidelines of HER2 quantitative image analysis of breast cancer, applications of digital pathology in precision medicine and translational medicine, pathology informatics, advanced image analysis, deep learning, and more. Pathology Visions 2017 provided a one-of-a-kind opportunity to meet experts and peers in the field of digital pathology. Social events included two receptions as well as refreshment and lunch breaks. This conference also brought together leading industry vendors through the trade show where they showcased their newest and best products.

Last but not the least, at PV17, not only did we celebrate the power of pixels, but also the people and talents who are doing great things in advancing digital pathology. PV17 travel award recipients and poster award recipients were revealed. Please check out the DPA website for more details on the winners as well as the conference.

We appreciate the continuous support of the Digital Pathology Association as well as the Journal of Pathology Informatics in publishing Pathology Visions abstracts which we hope you will find intriguing.

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WHY WOULD PEOPLE ATTEND?



REPRESENTED PROFESSIONS

