

L' Anatomie Pathologique vécue à l'USJ

Pr. Edgar GÉDÉON

Pr. Amjad MUFARRIJ (in memoriam)

Pr Gérard ABADJIAN Beyrouth, Jan. 2017



**“Those who don’t study history are doomed to repeat it.
Yet those who *do* study history are doomed to stand by
helplessly while everyone else repeats it.”**

RP Ambroise Monnot, USJ Founder 1875



Faculty of Medicine founded in 1883

Academics : 4 stages



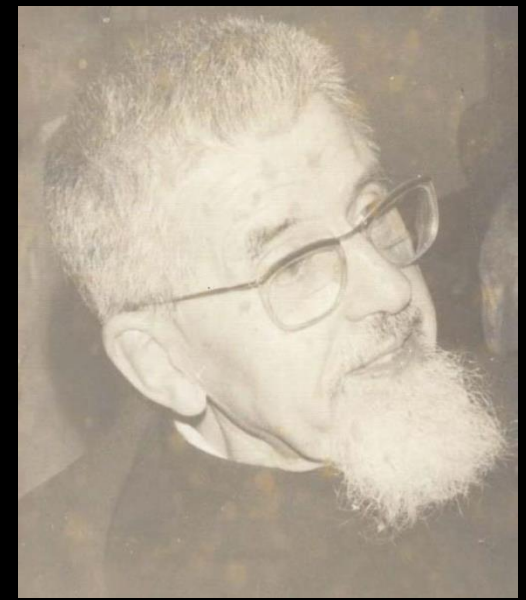
1 – Internists, Histology and Pathology:
RP Pierre Loiselet, Pr. De Peyrelongue, Pierre de Brun..



2-Pathologists

1926 - 1934 †: Pr Geoffroy, Marine MD

1934 - 1952 : Pr Pourcines



3- 1952-1977 : 2 characters:

RP Jacques Flamet

- From Shanghai, China, after Communist occupation
- Well structured courses, with outstanding documentations

Pr Théophile Maroun (1942-1945)

- Very elegant, very busy (Histology, Pathology, Forensic medicine, Psychiatry)
- Gave importance for dates and names
- Requested the tie at exams!
- No slide projection!





4- 1965: Death of Pr T. Maroun

Dr Haddad, called back for 1 year

Pathology: Pr Wafic TABBARA : USJ Class 1955, Specialised in Paris Fr.

1976 Histology: Pr Edgar GEDEON : USJ Class 1955, American Path. Board

"Pr Tabbara strongly advised Dr. Georges AFTIMOS to specialize in Pathology, and became his assistant ," in the 80. (EMG)

Dr. Siham FLEYFEL, RP Johan de WITT, G. ABADJIAN



Rough times, teaching in underground parking lots





- 1986 : Pr. W. Tabbara, G. Abadjian: Lab. Upgraded
- 1988: Pr. E. Gédéon, J. Tomb
- 1990 : Filing and reporting computerised
Immunohistochemistry introduced in Lebanon

Pathologists' Family gained in number...need for a Society!

History of the Lebanese Society of Anatomic Pathology. 1992-1998

Amjad A MUFARRIJ, MD.

The Lebanese Society of Anatomic Pathology (LSAP) was established on March 7, 1992. It is one of the youngest scientific societies of the Lebanese Order of Physicians (LOP), although Anatomic Pathology (AP) is one of the oldest specialties in the country (1) (2).

The **delay** in its establishment was due to several factors. Prior to 1975 Pathologists were few in Lebanon. Many of them were not Lebanese and would visit the country for short periods. Their practice was sheltered in academic hospitals. The activities of some of them were absorbed by other specialties, like legal medicine, histology, oncology or clinical biology; this latter having its own syndicate. When the number of Lebanese Pathologists increased, the 1975-1990 situation in Lebanon was the main factor for delay. In spite of those events, several attempts were made to create a society. A MUFARRIJ addressed a letter to the LOP on April 22, 1983, asking if their records showed any request to establish such a society (3). The answer was negative, and the LOP encouraged this activity (4). This did not materialize. Nevertheless some colleagues met several times, while others could not join, but a society could not get started.

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The **general goals** of the LSAP are those of the scientific societies of the LOP (5). They include: promoting relations between Pathologists and other colleagues, maintaining professional and ethical standards, improving continuing medical education, encouraging research and publications, organizing scientific meetings, defending the interests of the specialty in all domains, and insuring regional and international cooperation.

Its **specific goals** strengthen the role of the Pathologists (6). AP should be represented in the following activities: those **coding** for medical acts and their relative **values**, stressing the **separation** of the Pathologist's honoraria from technical fees, the **Medical Committee** of hospitals, **Quality Control**, **Tissue Committee**, **Morbidity and Mortality**, **Cancer Committee**, **Tumor Registry**, Hospital and Laboratory **Information** system; promoting new **diagnostic tools**: In Situ Hybridization (ISH), Fluorescent ISH (FISH), Polymerase Chain Reaction in situ (PCRis), Image Management (IM), Static Cytometry (SCM), Quantitative Image Analysis (QIA), and Telepathology; freeing the

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Editorial

Pathologie, Équipe, et Esprit d'équipe.

Merci Gérard.

Le 'Bulletin' a bien démarré. L'initiative a relevé les défis. La présentation est excellente, et cela par le témoignage de plusieurs collègues pathologistes et cliniciens. Il faudrait en assurer la continuité en formant une équipe qui dirigerait cette activité.

La Société Libanaise d'Anatomie Pathologique a aussi démarré. Nos fonctions -médicales, académiques, administratives, et publiques- ont pour buts de servir le malade, et l'amélioration du niveau de la Médecine et de la Pathologie.

Mais nous avons des problèmes à résoudre. Des problèmes de nature globale, ceux d'une Pathologie qui évolue, des problèmes d'un pays qui se reconstruit, qui se développe, et des problèmes purement locaux. Nous devons constamment clarifier le rôle de la Pathologie au public, aux malades, aux cliniciens, aux tiers payants, aux administrations hospitalières, et aux autorités...

Nous sommes aussi différents les un(e)s des autres. Mais nous devrions résoudre nos problèmes, planifier l'avenir de notre profession, et définir nos relations entre nous mêmes et avec les autres. Personne d'autre ne le ferait pour nous. Nous devrions continuer à travailler ensemble avec un esprit d'équipe. Cette habitude doit être encouragée. Elle n'est pas innée.

L'esprit d'équipe est un effort, une participation, une conviction, une solidarité, et peut être un sacrifice. Il se cultive et se pratique.

Continuons à le faire localement durant nos réunions. Après ce rodage nous pourrions mieux organiser notre rôle local, régional, ou international.

C'est notre diversité et notre esprit d'équipe qui garantiront notre 'Pathologie'.

Bon Courage.

Anjad MUFARRIJ
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Société Libanaise
d'Anatomie Pathologique



2000 Pathology dept. relocated





Pr Jean-Michel COINDRE July 1999



LSAP Committee 2000

Drs G. Abadjian, F. Ghandour, F. Assi, W. Dayeh, A. Aoun, N. Bejjani-Doueihy, Pr. W. Tabbara



Pr Daumas-Duport Mai 2003



Pr Janine Wechsler June 2004





Pr Coindre Oct. 2005



Pr JF Flejou





Pr Gaulard





Pr A. de Mascalrel,
T. Molina and Co.



...Some IDEAS to discuss, and keep in mind..

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“Study the past if you would define the future.”

Confucius

Thank you for being here !