

## 2025 Newsletter for KOPANA

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Greetings from KOPANA,

We wish you a happy (lunar) new year! We have several exciting KOPANA events coming up in March. Please see below for the details regarding these important upcoming events, and more news.

- KOPANA Annual Virtual Spring Seminar [[Registration](#)]
- KOPANA annual social and dinner at USCAP [[RSVP](#) required, please submit by 2/28]
- Trainee abstract award and Euiham Abstract (travel) award [Submission due 2/24 via email]

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### UPCOMING EVENTS:

#### 1) **KOPANA Annual Spring Seminar (virtual 2 day event)—Please [REGISTER](#)**



Organized and moderated by KOPANA Education Committee: Drs. Soo-Jin Cho (UCSF) and Karen Choi (University of Michigan)

#### **Date/Time:**

**US:** Friday 3/14/25 and Saturday 3/15/25

- Eastern time: 7:00—9:40 pm
- Central time: 6:00—8:40 pm
- Pacific time: 4:00--6:40 pm

**Korea:** Saturday 3/15/25 and Sunday 3/16/25

- 8—10:40 am

- **Seminar program**--speakers and topics discussed: Please see the [seminar brochure \(attachment\)](#) for the details of the speakers and the topics.
- **Meeting information:**
  - Registration: Please complete the registration and pre-meeting survey in order to receive the Zoom link for the meeting (Zoom link will be sent during the week of the meeting) [[REGISTER](#)]
  - Registration fee: OPTIONAL registration fee of \$50 / annual membership may be paid to support KOPANA at the website: [Apply or renew](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page)

## **2) At USCAP: KOPANA Annual social and dinner [\[RSVP\]](#):**

We are happy to announce that we will continue our tradition of having social happy hour and dinner at the upcoming USCAP. Thanks to the membership committee co-chair, Dr. Janice Ahn (Allegheny General Hospital) for organizing the events.

### **RSVP-Please submit by 2/28 [\[seminar registration/RSVP for social and dinner REQUIRED\]](#)**

As space is limited, RSVP is required. The RSVP is included in the KOPANA annual spring seminar registration—please complete the form once. If you have completed the seminar registration, you do not need to submit it again.

- **Social (happy hour):**

Date/Time: Saturday 3/22/25 7:30-9pm

Location: Boston Seaport hotel (TAMO bar/restaurant)

Address: 1 Seaport Lane, Boston, Massachusetts, 02210 [map [link](#)]

- **Dinner:**

Date/Time: Sunday 3/23/25 7-9pm

Location: Boqueria Seaport

Address: 25 Thomson Place, Boston, Massachusetts 02210 [map [link](#)]

## **3) KOPANA Trainee Abstract Award and EuiHam Abstract Award—DUE 2/24/25.**

We are soliciting USCAP abstracts by KOPANA/KSP members for Trainee Abstract Award and Euiham Abstract (Travel) Award. Euiham Award was initially established in 2006 by the late Dr. Jae Y. Ro to help the KSP trainees in need for attending USCAP. After a successful fund raise by generous contribution from Dr. Ro's family, his mentee Dr. Kyurae Kim in Korea, and KOPANA leadership members, KOPANA has established an endowment to continue EuiHam Award. Euiham Award will be given to one KSP trainee for attending USCAP meeting in the spring and to one KOPANA trainee for attending fall KSP meeting in Korea each year.

Please submit any USCAP abstracts that are accepted for presentation wherein KOPANA/KSP trainees are first authors to the Education Committee chairs, Soo-jin Cho and Eun-Young Karen Choi (Soo-jin.cho@ucsf.edu, ekchoi@med.umich.edu) by 2/24/25. Awards (\$200 per person) will be given at the Annual KOPANA Dinner on Sunday 3/23/25 7-9 pm @ Boqueria (25 Thomson Place, Boston, Massachusetts). The trainee MUST be present in person at the dinner to receive the award [\[RSVP\]](#). Faculty members, please forward this information to your trainees who may qualify for these awards. To apply for EuiHam Award (\$750 per person), KSP trainees who have first authored abstract(s) accepted for presentation at USCAP and plan to travel to attend the meeting in Boston should indicate the intention of applying for Euiham Award when they send an application for Abstract Award with a brief personal statement on the needs of fund. A separate announcement will be made for KOPANA trainees to apply for Euiham Award in the summer KOPANA newsletter, in time for Annual Fall KSP meeting that is now an international meeting since 2024.

### **KOPANA and KSP trainee members: Please include the following information via email:**

1. KOPANA/KSP members: Award applicant
  - A. Name, affiliation, year in training (PGY)

The applicant has to be the first author and has to be in training (pathology residency or fellowship program) or should have been a trainee when the study was conducted.

- B. USCAP presentation format (poster/platform), date & time & location (poster number) of the presentation
  - C. Name of the coauthors and their affiliations (please indicate who the senior author is)
  - D. KSP members only: Are you applying for the EuiHam Abstract Travel Award as well? (KSP members only; Yes / No)
    - EuiHam Abstract Award is a travel award granted to a KSP trainee member in Korea. Therefore the applicant should have a plan to travel to US to attend USCAP meeting in person.
    - If “Yes” to above, please submit a brief personal statement addressed to Dr. Soo-jin Cho.
- 2. Title of the abstract
  - 3. Abstract

Please email this information to the KOPANA Education Committee chairs, Soo-jin Cho and Eun-Young Karen Choi (Soo-jin.cho@ucsf.edu, ekchoi@med.umich.edu) by 2/24/25. The trainee must be present at the KOPANA annual dinner at USCAP on 3/23/25, in order to receive the award (see above for details and RSVP of the dinner)

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## RECAP:

### 1) KOPANA Fall Seminar--Pioneering Pathways: Integrating AI into Modern Pathology Practice (virtual, held on November 2024)

Thank you for attending the KOPANA Fall Seminar. Drs. Whayoung Lee (Medical College of Wisconsin) and Byoung Uk Park (University of Minnesota) organized an excellent seminar for KOPANA.

We want to extend our special thanks to all of the speakers--Drs. Yosep Chong (Catholic University), Kyungmin Ko (Southern Pathology Services) and Roger Moreira (Mayo Clinic) for delivering highly informative talks on integrating AI into pathology practice for KOPANA. Please visit the KOPANA website to access the recorded lectures from this seminar:

<https://kopana.org/materials>

### 2) Korean Society of Pathologists (KSP) 76<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Meeting (Hybrid, held on October 30<sup>th</sup>--November 1<sup>st</sup> 2024 in Seoul, Korea)

Congratulations to KSP for the first, highly successful international meeting, which included two KOPANA members (Dr. Woo Cheal Cho at MD Anderson and Dr. Kyung Eun Park at NYU) as speakers at the special KOPANA Session that was chaired by Dr. Sung Sik Shin and Dr. Eunhee Yi. It was well attended and also very well received by the audience. Dr. Grace Kim and Dr. Janice Ahn were there and they can attest the quality of the talks and the active discussion at the Q&A session. Dr. Minwoo Lee, an emeritus KOPANA member who is a former president of KOPANA and one of founding members, was also there. It was such a happy reunion with the current KOPANA members.

Dr. Yeon Su Yeon (Resident at University of Illinois Chicago) was awarded the EuiHam Abstract Award (\$750 travel award) from KOPANA to present her abstract at the KSP meeting.

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## **FUTURE DIRECTIONS:**

### **KOPANA applied for becoming a Companion Society at USCAP:**

KOPANA is in the process of submitting the application to become a Companion Society at USCAP. Drs. Won-Tak Choi, Hee Eun Lee, Soo-Jin Cho, Karen Choi and Hwajeong Jenny Lee, the past and present Education Committee chairs of KOPANA, are in the process of preparing the proposal for the annual program aiming at 2026. We will send updates regarding the status of the application once we receive the response from USCAP.

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## **MEMBERSHIP:**

### **1) Membership information update 2023-2024:**

Thank you to those of you who took the time to update the KOPANA membership/contact information. If you have NOT updated the membership in the last year, or have a change in the contact information or job status, please use this link to update the info: [MEMBERSHIP](#)

- Not a KOPANA member yet? If you would like to [join KOPANA](#) and receive emails from us in the future, please apply for the membership at this same link [MEMBERSHIP](#).

### **2) To support KOPANA through the annual membership fee**, please visit the website: [Apply or renew](#) (scroll to the bottom of the page—medical students and residents are exempt)

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\*If you would like to remove your name/contact from this list please reply to this message stating as such.