

President's greeting:

It is a great honor and privilege to serve as President of the Korean Pathologists Association of North America (KOPANA) for the 2026-2028 term. I am sincerely grateful for the trust and support of our members, and I look forward to working closely with colleagues across North America and Korea. Over the past several years, KOPANA has grown and transformed remarkably under the outstanding leadership of our immediate past president, Dr. Joanne Yi. Notably, in 2025, KOPANA was recognized as an official United States and Canadian Academy of Pathology (USCAP) companion society, representing a significant milestone and a new chapter for our organization. Our first companion society meeting in March 2026 was very well attended and well received, and I thank the speakers and participants who contributed to its success. I believe this momentum will further promote collaboration in education, research, and clinical practice among our members and the broader pathology community. I would like to express my deep appreciation for Dr. Yi's dedication and vision, which have strengthened our community and positioned the organization for continued success.



This year also marks a personal milestone for me, as it has been ten years since I first joined KOPANA as a clinical fellow. Since then, I have had the privilege of serving on the Education Committee and the Executive Committee, experiences that have deepened my appreciation for the mission and impact of our society. During my term, I hope to further strengthen engagement within our community, particularly among Korean pathologists practicing in the United States, while also identifying and nurturing the next generation of leaders in our field. I am equally committed to continuing and expanding our close partnership with the Korean Society of Pathologists (KSP). Through our joint efforts, including the KOPANA companion society meeting at the USCAP annual meeting, participation in the KSP annual fall meeting in Seoul, and other collaborative initiatives, we will continue to promote meaningful academic exchange and collegiality. KOPANA will also continue to host its annual dinner and social gathering during the USCAP annual meeting and recognize outstanding trainee research through Abstract Awards for those presenting their work at USCAP. I encourage all members to actively engage with KOPANA and participate in our meetings and initiatives, as your continued involvement is essential to the growth and vitality of our society. I look forward to working together with all of you to advance our shared mission.

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Thank you!
for attending the inaugural KOPANA USCAP Companion Society meeting

We were honored to host a panel of distinguished speakers from Korea and the USA who provided insightful discussions on "**Entities of Uncertain Biological Potential: Emerging Concepts and Controversies.**"

Featured speakers:

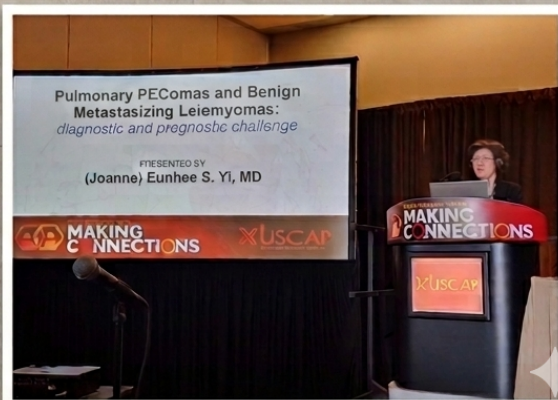
- **Dr. Won-Tak Choi** (University of California, San Francisco):
Recent updates and ongoing debate on serrated epithelial change in IBD
- **Dr. Kyu-Rae Kim** (Ewha Women's University Seoul Hospital):
Unusual presentations of hydatidiform mole and its rare mimickers
- **Dr. Chan Kwon Jung** (Seoul St. Mary's Hospital):
Controversies in follicular-patterned thyroid tumors
- **Dr. Joanne Eunhee S. Yi** (Mayo Clinic):
Pulmonary PEComas and benign metastasizing leiomyomas

The recordings are now available through **USCAP 2026 On Demand** under the "**Companion Society Meeting > Korean Pathologists Association of North America**" section! (<https://2026am.uscap.org/ondemand/>)

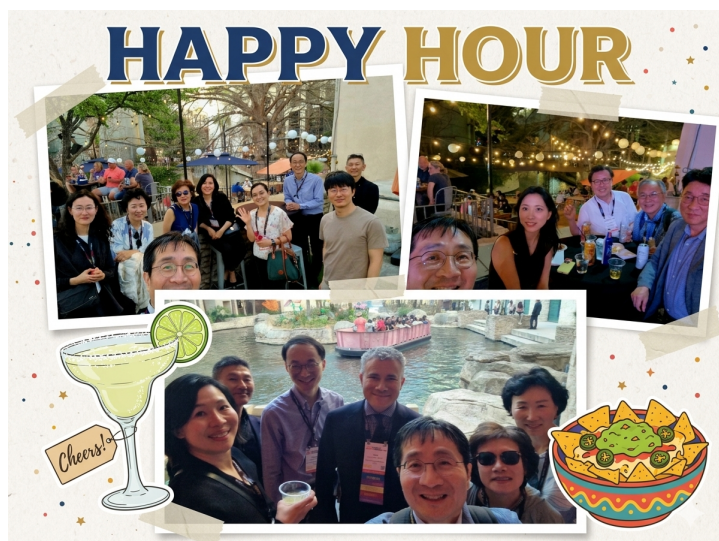
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Please be sure to complete the evaluation form, whether you attended in person or online.

First KOPANA Companion Society Lecture at USCAP 115th Annual Meeting, San Antonio 2026



USCAP Weekend Social Event recap (03/21 Sat and 03/22 Sun)



The **Saturday Social Happy Hour** was held at the **Texas River Bar**, where we enjoyed laid-back Texas charm on the outdoor patio.

Our **Sunday Dinner** followed at **Schilo's**, San Antonio's oldest German-Texan deli and restaurant. It was a wonderful evening filled with great food, catching up with old friends, and making new ones.



Congratulations to all 2026 Awardees!

Trainee Abstract Awards:

- **Kim, Hee Soo (김희수):** *Whole-Genome Sequencing in Routine Lung Cancer Practice: Preliminary Clinico-Genomic Landscape from a Korean Cohort*
- **Kim, Sungjin (김성진):** *Pathologic Response in Lymph Nodes after Neoadjuvant Therapy in Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer: Tumor Bed Extent, Not Viable Tumor Percentage, Drives Survival Associations*
- **Yeon, Su Yeon (연수연):** *Beta-Catenin Heterogeneity in Oral Squamous Cell Tumor Progression*

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Photo credits: A special thank you to Dr. Hong for capturing and sharing these wonderful memories.

Save the date!

The Korean Society of Pathologists 78th Annual Fall Meeting (3rd International Congress) will be November 5th (Thurs)-6th (Fri), 2026 at the Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Korea

- Abstract submission deadline: June 14, 2026
- Super early bird registration: May 31, 2026
- Pre-registration deadline: September 20, 2026



- ❖ To be considered for the **KOPANA \$750 Euilham Travel Award** (for US trainees planning on attending the meeting with a first-authored abstract), please submit a brief statement about your aspirations and financial circumstance. This award is made possible by generous donations from the late Dr. Jae Roh's family, Dr. Kim Kyurae, and KOPANA leadership members.
 - ❖ Award application submission deadline: **August 16, 2026**
 - ❖ Notification of awardees by: **September 11, 2026**
- ❖ Submissions and questions to **Dr. Byoung Uk Park**: byoungukpark@gmail.com

Please find more conference information at <https://www.kspcongress.org/html/>

Member spotlight:

Please reach out to the membership committee to share with us your news!
We'd love to join you in celebrating your achievements!

If you have not already done so, **annual dues** can be paid through this link
(\$50, trainees and students exempt):

<https://kopana.org/apply-or-renew#785eaf67-1be8-4269-bdf6-3e2395bddc92>

We're in search of a **KOPANA logo**!

We welcome you to submit any logo ideas to the membership committee!

KOPANA sponsor spotlight: INFINITT



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We extend a thank you to Infinitt for being one of our sponsors for the annual social and dinner!!

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