

Spring 2025 Newsletter for KOPANA

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Greetings from KOPANA,

We would like to thank you for participating in the 2025 KOPANA Annual Spring Seminar and the in-person gatherings at UCSCAP in Boston. Below, you will find very important information on:

- Korean Society of Pathologists 2025 Congress and Euiham award to support a KOPANA trainee to present their abstract at the Congress (please note the important deadlines below)
- Annual Spring Seminar and USCAP meeting recap
- Financial report
- Future directions

UPCOMING EVENT:

KSP 2025 77th Annual Fall Meeting of the Korean Society of Pathologists (KSP) Congress: 10/30 (Thurs)—10/31 (Fri)

Visit: <https://www.kspcongress.org/html/?pmode=main>



KSP will be holding an international meeting and would like to encourage pathologists overseas including KOPANA members, to submit abstracts and attend the meeting. KOPANA members will be speaking at the meeting, partnered with KSP members.

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- Abstract submission to KSP: 5/1—6/27/25 (please visit the website for more information <https://www.kspcongress.org/html/?pmode=main>)
- Application for Euiham Award for KOPANA trainee members to attend KSP Congress:
Due 9/1/25
 - Please email the following items to Soo-jin Cho and Eun-Young Karen Choi (Soo-jin.cho@ucsf.edu, ekchoi@med.umich.edu) by 9/1/25
 - (1) Accepted abstract
 - (2) Abstract acceptance notification from KSP
 - (3) A paragraph noting the intention to attend the KSP congress in person, and the need for financial support (Euiham award is a need-based award).

RECAP:

KOPANA 23rd Annual Spring Seminar and in-person gatherings at USCAP

We would like to thank all of the speakers from KOPANA and KSP, attendees and the KOPANA education committee (Drs. Soo-jin Cho and Eun-Young Karen Choi) for making the 23rd Annual Spring Seminar a big success [[seminar brochure](#)]. The meeting materials are uploaded on the KOPANA website, in case you would like to review these excellent presentations:
<https://kopana.org/materials>

Thanks to all of the attendees and the sponsors (SEONGKOHN, AIVIS, & HLB PANAGENE), as well as Dr. Janice Ahn (membership committee co-chair), we were able to have in-person social and dinner at USCAP this year. For all of the attendees and those of you who could not join this year, we hope to see you again at the next in-person gathering at the 2026 USCAP in San Antonio, TX.

KOPANA FINANCIAL REPORT:

Please consider renewing the membership and/or donating to KOPANA!

Below are the income and expenses since Augst 2024. The expenses have greatly exceeded the income in the recent years, and your continued support through annual membership fees and donations is essential in replenishing and maintaining the budget, in order to continue the

KOPANA activities and trainee awards. The links to donation and membership renewal can be found here: <https://kopana.org/apply-or-renew>

RENEWAL/DONATION TO KOPANA

KOPANA account current Balance: \$18,755.11 (not including Euiham account)

- **Income from payment of membership, registration, donation:** \$2,042,75
- **Expenses** (August 2024 – present):
 - Trainee Award: \$1,200 (for 2025)
 - Euiham Award: \$1,500 (for 2024 Fall KSP and 2025 USCAP)
 - RENOSI (nonprofit management): \$395 + \$51.08
 - USCAP Saturday Social at Seaport hotel: \$3,940.35 (subsidized by our new sponsor AIVIS in the amount of \$1,000)
 - Annual Sunday Dinner: \$3,610.20 (excluding the support by the three sponsors SEONGKOHN, AIVIS, & HLB Panagene, in the amount of \$4,923)

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. Hwajeong Jenny Lee, Won-Tak Choi, Hee Eun Lee, Soo-Jin Cho, and Karen Choi, the former and present KOPANA education committee co-chairs, are in the process of preparing the proposal for the annual program. We will send updates regarding the status of the application once we receive the response from USCAP.

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