Thirty people travelled to the Ministry building at Marsaxlokk for a full day histopathology workshop on 'Fish Neoplasia' during the recent conference in Malta. John Harsbarger presented a review on definitions and concepts, causative factors and examples of neoplasia histology and an historical overview concerning the key areas of fish neoplasia since the work of Hofer (1896). Examples of neoplasia encountered in liver, skin, peripheral nerve, pigment cell, haematopoietic organs and intestinal tract were discussed. Presentations were also made on hepatocellular proliferative lesions including several phenotypes of altered hepatocellular foci, hepatocellular adenoma and carcinoma, hepatoblastoma, cholangioma, cholangio-carcinoma in dab, *Limanda limanda* and flounder, *Platichthys flesus*. During the afternoon case reports were presented on squamous cell carcinoma in rudd, *Scardinius erythrophthalmus*, gill filament papilloma co-existing with thyroid hyperplasia in flounder, *Rhombosolea tapirin*, fibroistiocitoma in armoured catfish, *Callichthys callichthys*, melanoma in *Xiphophorus* hybrids, rhabdomyosarcoma in gourami, *Colisa fasciata*, retinoblastoma, urinary bladder papillary cystadenoma in red oscar, *Astronotus ocellatus*, papilloma in Atlantic salmon, *Salmo salar*, lymphoma in pike, *Esoc lucius*, gangliogioma in golden shiner, *Notemigonus chrysoleucas*, B cell lymphosarcoma and hemangiopericytoma in koi carp, *Cyprinus carpio*.

A CD of the workshop will be prepared and distributed to participants in due course and later copies will available through the EAFP. Thanks were expressed to all whom helped support the workshop and the local organisers for providing microscopes and lunch. A histopathology workshop is planned for 2005 in Copenhagen.

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