

## **Fernando Schmitt, M.D, PhD, FIAC**

Dr. Schmitt is a Professor of Pathology at the University of Porto, Portugal and serves as the Medical Director of the Unit of Pathology at Institute of Pathology and Immunology of Porto University (IPATIMUP). He was born in Santa Maria Brazil in 1959 and received his medical degree from the University of Santa Maria (Brazil) in 1983. Fernando served his pathology residency at the Medical Faculty of Botucatu, São Paulo and performed a fellowship in Clinical Cytology at Karolinska Medical Hospital, Stockholm under the supervision of Torsten Lowagen and Lambert Skoog. Back in Brazil, he developed an aspiration clinic at University Hospital in Botucatu and earned his PhD in Pathology in 1990.



After ten years in the University of São Paulo, Fernando moved to Portugal in 1993. He established a research group in breast pathology and a FNA service at IPATIMUP. As Director of the Unit of Pathology he prepared this Unit and got the CAP accreditation making the only anatomic pathology lab accredited by CAP in Iberia peninsula.

Dr. Schmitt holds 11 national and international society memberships, including FIAC obtained after examination in 2006.

Dr. Schmitt has authored more than 300 papers in peer-review journals and 14 book chapters and has presented widely on cytologic and breast cancer subjects. He serves as Associate Editor of Diagnostic Cytopathology and BMC Cancer and belongs to the Editorial board of a number of journals (Acta Cytologica, Breast Cancer Research, Cytopathology, Journal of Clinical Pathology, Pathology Research and Practice, Virchows Archives). Dr. Schmitt has served on various national and international committees of Pathology and Cytology Societies. He was chairman of the Working Group of Cytopathology of the European Society of Pathology (ESP) during six years, past-president of the Portuguese Society of Cytology during four years and scientific director of the Brazilian Society of Cytology for four years. Actually, he is General Secretary of the International Academy of Cytology (IAC) and President of the European Federation of Cytology Societies (EFCS). He organized several slide seminars, courses and other activities related to cytology and breast pathology in the last European congresses of Pathology and Cytology and was the President of the 35<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Cytology that took place in Lisbon in September 2009.

His main areas of research are cell adhesion and invasion in breast cancer, as well as the study of therapeutic targets and mechanisms of resistance. He was recently awarded as Educator of the Year 2011 by the Papanicolaou Society of Cytology (US).

Teach medical students, research in breast pathology and diagnostic on FNA are his favorite's activities at this moment.