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Hello Alliance Members,

We are very excited to provide an update from The Alliance for Digital Pathology.

1. Survey:

It would be great if you can take 5 minutes to fill out the following survey to help make an informed decision about priorities for The Alliance.

Your responses will direct focus areas, especially with regards to which projects the Alliance will eventually support. [Click this link to begin.](#)

2. Project Proposals:

At this point we solicit project proposals and we kindly ask you to submit your ideas.

We need cooperation and universal input and innovative projects can help inform scientific and regulatory questions that are critical to the field's growth.

Attached is a blueprint for a one-page project outline.

Please email the completed project proposal and other questions to: digipathalliance@gmail.com

3. Next Alliance Meeting "Alliance Vision"

Hosted by DPA, the Alliance will have their next meeting in Orlando, FL at Hyatt Regency Orlando from noon to 4pm on Oct 5, prior to [Pathology Visions](#).

See attached the current agenda and speaker list for the meeting or view it here: <https://digitalpathologyassociation.org/dpa-mdic-fda-alliance-meeting>

We have an amazing list of speakers lined up. Cheng Cui (FDA) will elucidate various FDA programs that could help you answer your regulatory questions with regards to digital pathology and AI enabled technologies. Laura Lasiter (Friends of Cancer Research) will address the importance of patient perspectives as a critical component to the success of digital pathology. Jithesh Veetil (MDIC) will talk about MDIC supports member organizations through innovative projects in the pre-competitive space. Esther Abels (DPA) will introduce some unanswered scientific and regulatory questions in the field and how the Alliance can help solve these problems. Joe Lennerz (MGH) will describe the roadmap of the Alliance, from project proposal to implementation, and how members can get involved. We will also have 8 distinct break-out sessions to tackle questions on: pre-analytics, slide scanning, truthing data sets, data standardization and interoperability, practical use cases, ML/AI model creation, ML/AI integration and continuous learning, as well as payor strategies. In the end we hope to have a highly interactive afternoon and try to synthesize the most relevant aspects in one presentation. With these topics and this lineup of speakers, we hope you agree that this will be an impactful meeting.

Please make sure to e-mail digipathalliance@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us on October 5th. We will have interactive breakout sessions, so the space is limited. Participation in the Alliance meeting is free, there are no costs involved.

The Alliance for Digital Pathology now also has a website that you can find here: <https://digitalpathologyalliance.org/>

The Alliance aims to work on:

- Temporary framework to synergize and tackle larger scale projects
- Harmonizing & standardizing a reference set to be used in end to end workflow by:
 - Creating tools and datasets
 - Progressing and enabling market access
 - Creating clarity on regulatory pathways via mock submissions
 - Harmonizing efforts between various stakeholders to optimize interoperability, integration and implementation

Sincerely,

The Alliance Steering Committee

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