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Dear members of AECVP,

With Christmas (and perhaps some extra holidays) in the very near prospect, I hope you will find the time to read Katarzyna's report our of latest business meeting. Worth trying it, because it will certainly remind you to our congress in Paris. The venue of the 6th Biennial meeting in Patrick's *Hôpital Européen Georges Pompidou* was perfect for our purposes. And attendance was good, as expected about the same (circa 150 participants) as in Cadiz 2012, again with attendance of many new and young colleagues. They formed 'the core' of the congress with new and original data from basic research and clinic-pathological observation presented in submitted posters (accepted 50), oral free presentations (selected 10), and difficult CVP cases (selected 5). Nice to see that these covered nearly all fields of cardiovascular pathology: at this time there is no other congress dealing with such a variety of cardiovascular pathology along two days. Also reflected in the contributions of the prize winners this year:

- *Keiko Hayashki* (Japan, what is it session): 'pathology in heart and muscle'
- *Alexander Loupy* (France, oral) 'molecular phenotype of AMR in heart transplants'
- *Wouter te Rijdt* (Netherlands, oral): 'incremental value of EMB to phenotyping of phospholamban mutation cardiomyopathy'
- *Erika Fontaine* (France, poster): 'characterization of knock out mouse model of Ehlers Danlos syndrome'
- *Esther Zorio* (Spain, poster): 'Identification of microRNA profile related to hypertrophic cardiomyopathy'

Some highlights in the program were the Michael Davies distinguished achievement award ceremony, for the first time; the plaque awarded to Professor Alain Carpentier who gave a magnificent lecture on this beautiful and complex structure of the heart: the Mitral valve. With the Greg Olson foundation we could organize again the Olson-Gourly



symposium dedicated to myocardial pathology: this time “viral myocardial disease’. And very lively discussions came up during the symposium “pathology and forensic autopsy of cardiovascular death across Europe”, which gave more insight in the real practice in 6 different European countries: Denmark, Greece, Spain, UK, Germany and France. There is a strong desire for more standardized approach, albeit difficult to achieve for several reasons, but which certainly needs attention from our Association. These are just 3 examples taken from 2, 5 days of congress: I express my thanks to all the invited speakers for their excellent lectures throughout this successful event. And many thanks again to Patrick Bruneval and his staff for their hospitality, and perfect program and organization.

Katarzyna’s summary updates most of our activities over the last year: from the reports of the standing committees, transplant working group, the guidelines together with SCVP, participation in congresses of the large sister societies ESP and ECP. Not specifically mentioned however, are the collaborative research projects that are ongoing, initiated by AECVP members from different institutes across Europe, of which I noticed several very nice examples during the congress in Paris. Such initiatives, including ensuing publications, should be placed on our website. It shows that AECVP really serves as a platform for research in cardiovascular pathology, which can be even more stimulated by visibility in our webpage. And of note: the editor of *Virchows Archiv* (The European journal of Pathology) encourages publication of such works from ESP working groups and allied Societies in his journal, as he indicated in a recent letter to me. I also believe the same applies for local congresses and courses organized by our members. For example there were such events in Seville, St Petersburg, Lausanne, Padua, Belgrade and Amsterdam this year under the patronage of AECVP. It might be a good idea to list them in the new version of the website which is now under revision by Cristina Basso. It’s good to show what you are doing in CVP; and such listed information can be of use when you are organizing your own congress or educational program. But, altogether it shows that AECVP is in good shape.

This newsletter is also the last message of my Presidency. Prof. Annalisa Angelina took over in Paris, which means that the AECVP chair is back in Padua again. With her leadership, and roots in this largest European CVP institute at the via Gabelli in Padua, visited by many of us over the years, I look forward to very successful continuation. I wish her all the best in chairing AECVP over the next 2 years.

I thank all association members, in particular the board, in supporting me as President for the last 2 years, and look forward to seeing you in Cardiovascular Pathology again in 2015.

With very best wishes, and Merry Christmas,

Allard van der Wal,

Past President

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