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To the members of AECVP

Dear colleagues,

Meetings are important moments and punctuate our activity as well as the life of our Association which is active in international meetings from larger societies.

First, the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation was held in Prague on April 18-21, 2012 and included a premeeting workshop organized by the Pathology Council. The antibody-mediated rejection (AMR) remains the main topic among the pathologists (and also the immunologists and the clinicians). Besides regular scientific sessions on the pathology of AMR, the premeeting workshop was crucial: the morning's work was devoted to cardiac AMR and the results of a survey using digitalized endomyocardial biopsies in a multicenter study were completed. The results are in the continuity of what the ISHLT and the Pathology Council published in 2001 keeping pAMR grading on the same criteria. Some precisions have emerged: for example, a condition to take into account intravascular macrophages seems to be their extension in more than 10% of the microvessels of the biopsy. The rest of the day was devoted to pulmonary AMR which represents a challenge or transplant pathologists in the next few years. A preliminary survey was presented by Gerald Berry listing the centers, the

pathologists and their activity in the field of lung transplantation. This was the first step to a coming

multicenter survey based on digitalized transbronchial pulmonary biopsies from transplanted lungs. It is scheduled in 2012 and the results would be presented in a premeeting workshop at the forthcoming ISHLT meeting in April 2013 in Montreal. We encourage European pathologists to participate in this survey and share their own experience in a domain where the pathological markers remain to be discovered. Thank you to advertise this information among our lung pathologist colleagues.

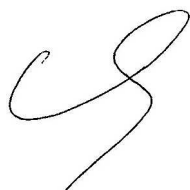
Second, important issues are coming soon. The AECVP as a sister society will contribute to the scientific program of the following meetings:

- European Society of Cardiology in Munich (25-29 August): we will put in place four video demonstrations of gross cardiac pathology and organize a symposium on the aorta including pathology, imaging, geneticq, and biomarkers.
- European Society of Pathology: the 24<sup>th</sup> European Congress of Pathology will be held in Prague (8-12 September). We will organize two sessions: A video demonstration on valve histopathology and a symposium on “Acute manifestations of cardiovascular diseases and clinical consequences: What the pathologists should know”.

At last, but not the least, our association will have its 5<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting in Cadiz, the 4-6 October. The program and the city are exciting and we should be many to meet there. It is time for registration. Check the program and information at <http://www.5thmeetingaecvp2012cadiz.comlu.com/> or <http://anpat.unipd.it/aecvp/>

See you soon in Cadiz.

Patrick Bruneval,  
President of the AECVP

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