

Newsletter 2016:3

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President

Mary Sheppard, UK (2018)

Past Presidents

Annalisa Angelini, IT (2016)

Allard van der Wal, NL (2014)

Patrick Bruneval, FR (2012)

Ulrik Baandrup, DK (2010)

Patrick J Gallagher, UK (2008)

Gaetano Thiene, IT (2006)

Anton E Becker, NL (2004)

President Elect

Joaquin Lucena, ES (2018)

Secretary Treasurer

Katarzyna Michaud, CH (2020)

Councillors

Augusto Orlandi, IT (2017)

Guilia d'Amati (2018)

Standing Committees

Education

Cristina Basso, IT, Chair (2017)

Loukas Kaklamanis, GR (2018)

Rosa H. de Gouveia, PT (2017)

Membership

Ivana Kholova, FI Chair (2017)

Jytte Banner, DK (2017)

Vacant (Rainer Bohle)

Nominating

Annalisa Angelini, IT Chair (2016)

Helen Doran, UK (2016)

Stephen Preston (2018)

Cardiac Transplantation

Ornella Leone, Chair (2018)

Claire Toquet, FR (2017)

Heike Goebel (2018)

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Cristina Basso, IT

Dear Members of the AECVP,

This is the traditional newsletter at Christmas Time and at the End of the Year, recapitulating all the scientific activities of 2016.

This year has been the year of our Biennial Scientific Congress, which has reached the 7th edition. The meeting has been held in Cologne in September, well organized by Heike Goebel at the Institute of Pathology of the Cologne University. It has been a great experience and once again I would like to thank Heike for the excellent work she has done for the success of the meeting. A detailed report of the Congress has been already send out with the minutes of the Business meeting and is available on the website of AECVP. Two important issues have characterized the event: the adoption of the new Statute and By Laws and the change of the Presidency with the decision of freezing all the positions on the Board for another year. Mary Sheppard has become the President, and Joaquin Lucena has been elected as Vice President. Allard van der Wall has become Past-Past President and has left the executive council. I have taken up the position of Past-President. Katarzyna Michaud has been confirmed as Secretary-Treasurer. **The new Statute and By Laws** have changed the structure of the Board of our Association, moving from 3 to 9 councilors. The composition of standing committees has been changed from 3 members to only one officer for each standing committee. This officer will be appointed among the 9 Councilors by the President and the Board. The news Statute and By Laws has been already send out with the minutes of the Business meeting and are available on the web site of AECVP at [www:// aecvp.com](http://www.aecvp.com). At the beginning of next year in February/March there will be the official call for the positions of the 9 Councilors within the Board. The renewal will be voted during the next Business meeting at the ESP meeting in Amsterdam in September 2017. The next biennial AECVP meeting will be organized in 2018 in Lausanne, CH hosted by Katarzyna Michaud. For 2017 our duties will be signed by the traditional appointments at ESC and ESP.

This newsletter coincides also with my last duty as President. I take this opportunity to thank all the members of the Board for their contribution to the growth and reinforcement of the Association. It has been a challenge to coordinate all the activities and conducting, finalizing and setting up many projects. In particular, I would like to thank Allard van der Wal for sharing with me his acquired experience as President, to Mary for her exuberant advice and to Katarzyna for her invaluable and efficient support as Secretary-Treasurer. The team work has been very fruitful both scientifically and personally. During my term among the many different activities I would like to highlights some achievements and some limitations. Among the firsts I would like to mention the introduction of the new Statute and By Laws which I hope will give a more dynamic proactive shape to our Board which will be possibly more active and effective in activities and decisions. New projects have been set up on Sudden Death. However, I was unable to promote a new collaborative project with our American Colleagues and this represents one of my major regrets.



On the side of heart transplantation, first of all I would like to thank two people Margaret Burke and Ornella Leone for their friendship and wise advice in supporting the collaborative projects within the AECVP and all the members of the Transplant Group and European Network. This collaboration has led to the publications of papers and as last effort to the publication of the book *The Pathology of Heart Transplantation*, with the contribution of many experts from the all around Europe and US, endorsed by the AECVP and so brilliantly coordinated by Ornella Leone.

I will continue to be part of the AECVP and with the same enthusiasm I will ensure my contribution to its growth for guarantee a future to our subspecialty, the Cardiovascular Pathology.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, full of Joy, Peace, Happiness and Friendship.

Best wishes,

Annalisa Angelini

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