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Dear Members,

the meeting of the Executive Committee, Council and Standing Committees was held in Amsterdam on January 21, 2006, to discuss the plan of activity of the Association in 2006.

The following people were attending:

- G. Thiene, President
- P.J. Gallagher, President Elect
- M. Burke, Educational Committee
- U. Baandrup, Educational Committee - Chairperson
- R. Bohle, Membership Committee
- A. Angelini, Membership Committee - Chairperson
- P. Bruneval, Councillor
- C. Ihling
- P. Fornes, Nominating Committee
- R. Henriques de Gouveia, Nominating Committee

Regrets: A.E. Becker, H-A. Lehr, Cristina Basso

A) AARHUS 2ND BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE AECVP.

Because of an overlapping with the European Conference on Myocardial and Pericardial Disease, planned on October 6-8, 2006, where many of us are involved, it was decided to postpone the Biennial Meeting of our Association in Aarhus from October 5-7 to November 2-4, 2006. Please, take note of the change in your diary.

The Organizing Committee will consist of:

- Ulrik Baandrup, Chair
- Annalisa Angelini
- Rainer Bohle
- Allard van der Wal

The format of the Meeting will be similar to that held in Padua on October 2004, starting in the midday of Thursday November 2 and ending in the midday of Saturday November 4, 2006.



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Three Symposia (atherosclerosis, cardiac transplantation, microcirculation), one main lecture (Andrew Newby on metalloproteinases) and 3 key lectures (Falk on plaque instability, Mulvany on microcirculation, Bruneval on pathology and cardiac surgery).

Allard van der Wal and Ulrik Baandrup were committed to set up the program on atherosclerosis; Tony Lehr and James Kirkpatrick on microcirculation; Margaret Burke, Annalisa Angelini and Ulrik Baandrup on cardiac transplantation. Combination of basic science and clinical translation was recommended.

As usual, a session on Odd Cases is forecast: 90 minutes with presentation and discussion of 6 cases. Patrick Gallagher will make selection with appropriate titles.

Individual contribution is expected from members and non-members with oral and/or poster presentations. A novelty will be up to 5 awards, Euro 300,00 each, for young investigators presenting the best original papers. The Educational Committee is entrusted to review and select the submitted abstracts and to award the prizes. Registration fee will be Euro 100,00 for members, Euro 200,00 for non-members and waived for young trainees. A social dinner is forecast for Friday November 3. No post-congress tour is planned. The preliminary program will circulate by March 15, 2006. Deadline for abstract submission will be June 30, 2006.

B) 2ND INTER-CONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY (Ioannina, May 24-27, 2006). The AECVP will take active part. This event will focus on activities of the WGs and of Associated Societies of the ESP. Our Association will contribute with the following Symposium on Molecular Pathology of Sudden Cardiac Death, which will involve Greek colleagues as speakers and Chairpersons:

Friday, May 26th, 2006 Molecular Pathology of Sudden Cardiac Death h.16:00 – 18:00

Chairpersons: Gaetano Thiene (*Padua- I*), Jovan Vasiljevic (*Belgrade-YU*), Theodore Vougiouklakis (*Ioannina-GR*)

- Sudden cardiac death: diseases at risk
Allard van der Wal (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)
- Molecular pathology of cardiomyopathies
Cristina Basso (Padua, Italy)
- Cardiocutaneous syndromes and sudden death
Nikos Protonotarios, Adalena Tsatsopoulou (Naxos, Greece)
- Sudden death in athletes: the Pheidippides Project
Aris Anastasakis (Athens, Greece)
- Forensic pathology of sudden death: medico-legal implications
Paul Fornes (Paris, France)
- The genetic screening: medical and ethical issues
Gaetano Thiene (Padua, Italy)

The Inter-Congress will end on Saturday May 27 with presentation by Chairpersons of WGs and Associated Societies on what is new in their own field. An excursion is forecast, following the end of the Meeting.



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Individual contributions are expected in the form of posters. For information please visit the website: <http://www.pathology2006.com/>

C) The next Congress of the ESP will be held in Istanbul, Turkey, on September 2007. Patrick Gallagher, as the incoming President, has been committed to negotiate our participation with the ESP.

D) Following the foundation of AECVP, formal contacts have been taken with the European "sisters" Societies operating in cardiovascular medicine, in order to implement links. The following Officers have been charged to maintain contact for collaborations:

- European Society of Pathology: Patrick Gallagher
- European Society of Cardiology: Allard van der Wal
- Association for European Pediatric Cardiology: Annalisa Angelini
- European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery: Gaetano Thiene

E) Sudden cardiac death is becoming a hot topic, for which cardiovascular pathologists are required more and more to give professional and scientific service. Patrick Gallagher and Margaret Burke since years are soliciting the Association to take the initiative for a protocol of investigation. It has been decided to set up a Committee (Basso, Burke, Gallagher, Fornes, Henriques de Gouveia, van der Wal, Thiene) to write a consensus document, to be presented at the next ESP Congress in Istanbul and possibly to be published in Journals. On the other hand, there is an urgency for the Association to establish the ideal training for qualification in Cardiovascular Pathology. A Committee (Angelini, Becker, Bruneval, Ihling, Sheppard, Baandrup and Thiene) has been entrusted to write recommendations.

Both the Committees will meet on April 29-30, 2006, in Padua where the President will provide accommodations and facilities. The document will be presented and discussed at the Aarhus Biennial Meeting on November 2006.

F) The reserve fund of the Association is nearly Euro 5.000,00. It will be used in part for Young Investigators Prizes at the Biennial Meeting in Aarhus 2006.

G) **WEBSITE.** The permission to insert the address of the members is largely missing. A picture of each member would also be nice. The Secretary Treasurer will urge the members.



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H) A one-day meeting, free of charge, will be organized by the British Cardiovascular Pathology Group, chaired by Patrick Gallagher, on Friday June 2, 2006, at the Royal Brompton in London. It will include a guest lecture on grown-up congenital heart disease, the recent government initiatives and arrhythmias/sudden death, what is it? Case presentations and one or two presentations on original work. For information please contact: **Dr. Margaret Burke MB FRCPATH**, Department of Pathology, Harefield Hospital, Harefield, Middlesex UB9 6JH, UK - Tel: +44 1895 828929, Fax: +44 1895 828949 – Mobile: +44 780 861 0789, Email: M.Burke@rbht.nhs.uk

A one-day and half meeting will be organized in Padua, June 23-24, 2006 by the Italian Working Group on Cardiovascular Pathology. Main topic will be pathology of conduction system and pulmonary atresia with intact septum. A main lecture by a Honorary Member is forecast as well as posters and oral contributions on free topics. For information contact: **Cristina Basso, MD, PhD**, Institute of Pathological Anatomy, University of Padua Medical School, Via A. Gabelli 61, 35121 Padova, Italy – Tel: +39 049 8272286, Fax: +39 049 8272284, Email: cristina.basso@unipd.it

Best wishes.

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