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Dear Colleagues,

We held a Board Meeting in Amsterdam at the end of January. Almost all Board members attended and we felt that it was a very successful session. It began after lunch on the Saturday and extended through the morning of the Sunday. We decided that this should be an annual event. We will therefore hold an a Board Meeting in the Academic Medical Centre in Amsterdam on the last weekend of January each year.

Much of our discussion was about forthcoming scientific meetings. Our Association will be presenting a half day seminar on Tumours of the Cardiovascular System at the Third Inter-continental Congress of Pathology in Barcelona on May 21st. If you are attending this congress we very much hope that you will come along and participate. The full programme should be posted on their web site shortly.

We discussed in some detail the programme for the forthcoming meeting in London on October 8th-10th. An outline programme is on our website and we are making good progress with the detailed programme. The meeting will begin after lunch on Wednesday 8th October with a seminar on Arterial Pathology. Thursday 9th October will be an Education day and has been sponsored by the Cardiomyopathy Association. Not surprisingly the morning session will be on Cardiomyopathies with both clinical and pathological speakers. There will be a key note lecture at lunchtime on Stem Cells to be presented by a senior member of the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland. In the afternoon we will have the customary case presentations. Michael Ashworth and Yen Ho are organising the Friday morning session which will be on Congenital Heart Disease. We hope to have registration and abstract submission forms available on the website in the near future. We will also include information on hotel accommodation in London which I am afraid is rather expensive. However we have been successful in attracting sponsorship and aim to restrict the registration fee to 100 Euros, to include catering and social events. Finally we confirm that the 4th Biennial meeting in 2010 will be held in Lisbon, the principal organiser being Rosa Henriques de Gouveia.

We had a long discussion about how to take forward our work on Sudden Cardiac Death. We will approach Virchow's Archiv to request permission to submit the manuscript to the European Heart Journal and to arrange for its translation for publication in national journals of Pathology or Cardiology. We decided to apply for a specific session at the European Society of Pathology Meeting in Florence on the Methods of Investigation of Sudden Cardiac Death. We have heard recently that this is likely to be agreed. Other matters that were discussed included a revision of the protocol for Endomyocardial Biopsy that was recently published in three separate journals. It was felt that this was not of a particularly high standard and that the AECVP should take this matter forward.

About fifteen members of the AECVP are actively involved in Transplant Pathology and it was agreed that we should strongly support our colleagues in this demanding work. They are currently working on two projects, C4d staining of Endomyocardial Biopsies and a reproducibility study of the new classification.

Our last discussion was on training in Cardiovascular Pathology. The Padua pathologists outlined their proposals. These will be further discussed at a specific meeting in Padua in mid April.

Appointments to the Board and Standing Committees of our Association is the responsibility of the Nominating Committee. However we strongly encourage members of the Association to consider putting themselves forward for these positions. There will be several vacancies in the near future. If you are interested in doing this please could you contact either Gaetano Thiene or myself.

Patrick J Gallagher.

Southampton, April 2008