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Newsletter 2/2, 2005

Dear Friends,

our participation at the ESP Congress in Paris was successful, much more than foreseeable in terms of attendants and number of contributions:

- A) Two Symposia on Cardiovascular Pathology, organized by the group (Myocardial Infarction in the Era of Interventriational Cardiology; Surgical Pathology of Vascular Disease);
- B) A Business Meeting with presentation of 8 demonstrative cases;
- C) Several free communications and abstracts.

Thus, the link with the ESP has revealed to be effective and I realized that our Association is kept in great consideration. I take the opportunity to thank Prof. Patrick Bruneval for the role played in making possible this achievement. A special thanks also to Prof. Pierre Bedossa for the perfect organization of the Congress.

There are two major happenings in the future in which the Association will be involved:

**A) 2ND INTERCONGRESS OF THE ESP, IOANNINA-GREECE
MAY 25-27, 2006**

Like in Baveno in 2001, a scientific event will be organized by the ESP in Ioannina, in between the Biennial Congress. The President Elect Prof. Niki J. Agnantis, which by the way is working in Ioannina, took over the initiative and, as usual, asked for active participation of Groups/Associations linked to the Society.



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After a preliminary correspondence and following the Board Meeting held in Paris, the AECVP decided to participate with a topic which can involve Greek colleagues, i.e. cardiomyopathies and sudden cardiac death.

The topic will include the burden of the phenomenon, disease at risk of sudden death in the athlete and forensic implications, medical and ethical issue of genetic screening. The Intercongress is open to free and poster communications, thus all member are warmly invited to plan an active participation.

B) 2ND BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE AECVP, AARHUS-DENMARK OCTOBER 5-7, 2006

The next biennial meeting of the AECVP will be held in Aarhus (Denmark) on October 2006, under the responsibility of Prof. Ulrik Baandrup, local organizer and chairman of the Educational Committee. A first announcement will follow soon. The Board, during the meeting held in Paris, made a few suggestions that will be pondered by Ulrik (which unfortunately could not attend):

- reducing the costs by avoiding non-member speakers and/or choosing local low-cost speakers for the Symposia/Lecture
- registrations fee also for members
- preserve a minimal-standard, as the printing of the program (preliminary program only on the web and/or e-mail) and social program
- scheduled date: October 5-7, starting on Thursday 5 at noon (avoiding the need to arrive the evening before) and finishing on Saturday 7 at noon
- provisional topics: atherosclerosis, cardiac transplantation, microcirculation, myocarditis/cardiomyopathies

The President, President Elect and Secretary-Treasurer will meet Prof. Baandrup in January-February 2006 to finalize the plan of the 2nd Biennial Meeting.

C) COMMITTEES

There are expiring positions in 2005 which allow some turnover:

- Margaret Burke in the Educational Committee
- Ranier Bohle in the Membership Committee
- Rosa Henriques and Paul Fornes in the Nominating Committee
- James Kirkpatrick was confirmed in the Educational Committee and Kim Suvarna in the Membership Committee. Annalisa Angelini will continue to chair the Membership Committee.

D) COUNCIL

Patrick Bruneval has been confirmed as a Councillor.

Thus, the final composition of the Executive Committee, Council and Standing Committees is the following:



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Executive Committee		Name	Term
Officers	Past President	Anton E. Becker	2006*
	President	Gaetano Thiene	2006*
	Vice President/President Elect	Patrick J. Gallagher	2006*
	Secretary-Treasurer	A.C. van der Wal	2006
Councillors	Name		Term
	Marck Kockx		2006*
	Hans Anton Lehr		2007*
	Patrick Bruneval		2008*

Standing Committees:

Educational	Name	Term
	Ulrik Baandrup, Chair	2007
	Margaret Burke	2008
	C. James Kirkpatrick	2008*
Membership	Name	Term
	Annalisa Angelini, Chair	2008*
	Rainer Bohle	2008
	S. Kim Suvarna	2008*
Nominating	Name	Term
	Anton E. Becker, Chair	2006*
	Rosa Henriques	2008
	Paul Fornes	2008
Webmaster	Name	Term
	Cristina Basso	2006

**final term*

For the position in the Council to be vacant in 2006, a proposal will be forwarded to the Nominating Committee (chair Prof. Becker) for Mary Sheppard.

E) The Treasurer informed me that the saldo of the AECVP is 4.505,00; however, there are still members that did not pay the 2005 fee (and a few even 2003-2004). Those, who did not jet, are kindly invited to do soon.

F) I officially contacted both the European Society and the European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery, to achieve a formal acknowledgment of our Association and to be formally included in their Education Plans. I received a preliminary positive feedback and I will keep you informed.



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Please, do not hesitate to contact me for any issues.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Gaetano Thiene', written in dark ink.

Gaetano Thiene, MD, FRCP
AECVP President