



# ASSOCIATION FOR EUROPEAN CARDIOVASCULAR PATHOLOGY

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## Newsletter 2/2, 2006

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*Padua-I*

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### STANDING COMMITTEES

#### Educational:

Ulrik Baandrup, Chair, 2007  
*Aarhus-DK*  
Margaret Burke, 2008  
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C. James Kirkpatrick, 2008\*  
*Mainz-D*

#### Membership:

Annalisa Angelini, Chair, 2008\*  
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#### Nominating:

Anton E. Becker, Chair, 2006\*  
*Amsterdam-NL*  
Rosa Henriques de Gouveia, 2008  
*Lisbon-P*  
Paul Fornes, 2008  
*Paris-F*

#### Website:

Cristina Basso 2006  
*Padua-I*

\*last term

Dear Members,

the Meeting of the Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology is coming close and I would like to update on the Association activities.

### **1) BOARD MEETING, AMSTERDAM, JANUARY 21, 2006**

The 2006 activity of the Association was planned, including the program of the Aarhus Biennial Meeting, the participation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> InterCongress of the European Society of Pathology and the Consensus Documents Workshop on Sudden Death and Training in Cardiovascular Pathology.

### **2) AARHUS 2<sup>ND</sup> BIENNIAL MEETING OF THE AECVP**

Ulrik Baandrup did an excellent job in setting up an outstanding program, both from a scientific and social viewpoint (see enclosed) and on behalf of the Association I would like to express my deep gratitude.

The Meeting program includes 3 Symposia, 1 Master Lecture, 4 Key Note Lectures, 2 Free Communication Sessions, 1 Odd Case Session "What is it", and 1 Moderated Poster Session.

A large attendance of the members is expected with active participation.

The Board will convene the day before.

The Business Meeting will be held on November 3, 2006, h. 17:30-18:30.



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## 3) TURNOVER OF BOARD MEMBERS

The following positions are at term in 2006:

- Past-President (to be replaced automatically by the present President Prof. Thiene)
- President (to be replaced automatically by the Vice-President/President-Elect Dr. Gallagher)
- Vice-President/President-Elect (to be nominated by the Assembly at the Business Meeting)
- 1 Councillor (to be nominated by the Assembly at the Business Meeting)
- 1 Member of the Nominating Committee (to be nominated by the Assembly at the Business Meeting)

I remind the Nominating Committee to present its proposals at the Assembly.

## 4) 2<sup>ND</sup> INTERCONGRESS OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF PATHOLOGY (Ioannina-Greece, May 25-27, 2006)

Our Association took part by organizing the following Symposium :

<b>Molecular Pathology of Cardiomyopathies and the Risk of Sudden Cardiac Death</b>		
Chairperson:	<i>Gaetano Thiene</i> , Italy	cardpath@unipd.it
Co-chairpersons:	<i>T. Vujuklakis</i> , Greece	tvujuk@cc.uoi.gr
	<i>J. Vasiljenic</i> , Yugoslavia	lole@beotel.yu
<i>Allard van der Wal</i> , Amsterdam, The Netherlands	Sudden cardiac death: diseases at risk	
<i>Cristina Basso</i> , Padua, Italy	Molecular pathology of cardiomyopathies	
<i>Nikos Protonotarios, Adalena Tsatsopoulou</i> , Naxos, Greece	Cardiocutaneous syndromes and sudden death	
<i>Aris Anastasakis</i> , Athens, Greece	Sudden death in athletes: the Pheidippides Project	
<i>Paul Fornes</i> , Paris, France	Forensic pathology of sudden death	
<i>Gaetano Thiene</i> , Padua, Italy	The genetic screening: medical and ethical issues	

The quality of presentations as well as the attendance and the discussion was quite good. I believe that the target to take part to the European Society Meeting was centred with a high quality participation. I would like to thank all the speakers to have served the Association in this event.



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## 5) WORKSHOP ON CONSENSUS DOCUMENTS ON SUDDEN DEATH AND TRAINING IN CARDIOVASCULAR PATHOLOGY *(Padova, April 29-30, 2006)*

A one day and half meeting was held in Padua in the last weekend of April 2006, addressing two major topics of interest for the Association:

- a) How to study sudden death cases
- b) Which is the best training in Cardiovascular Pathology

Eleven prominent members of the Association attended the Workshop (Annalisa Angelini, Ulrik Baandrup, Cristina Basso, Margaret Burke, Paul Fornes, Patrick Gallagher, Rosa Henriques de Gouveia, Christian Ihling, Mary Sheppard, Gaetano Thiene, Allard van der Wal) and two invited people, representative of the Italian Group of Cardiovascular Pathology (Prof. Furio Silvestri, President; Dr. Ornella Leone, Secretary):

### Saturday April 29, 2006

h.09:30-12:30

Consensus Document Sudden Death I: *introduction by Cristina Basso & Patrick Gallagher*

h.15:00-18:00 Sudden Death II: *discussion and consensus document proposal*

### Sunday April 30, 2006

h.09:00-10:00

Consensus Document "Training in Cardiovascular Pathology" I: *introduction by Annalisa Angelini & Gaetano Thiene*

h.10:00:12:00

Training in Cardiovascular Pathology II: *discussion and consensus document proposal*

The Consensus Document on the Training in Cardiovascular Pathology will be presented by Prof. Thiene at the Aarhus Biennial Meeting whereas the Consensus Document on Sudden Death will be presented by Cristina Basso and Patrick Gallagher at the ESP Congress in Istanbul, Turkey, September 2007.

## 6) RELATIONSHIP WITH "SISTER" SOCIETIES

### a) European Society of Pathology.

Our Delegate Dr. Patrick Gallagher is negotiating the participation of our Association to the Istanbul Congress 2007. A 90 minutes Seminar entitled "The investigation of Sudden Cardiac Death: Progression for a European Protocol" and a Slide Seminar entitled "Surgical Pathology of Cardiovascular Disease" were advanced as proposals as well as a 2



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hours evening Session for the Business Meeting and presentation of clinico-pathologic cases.

## b) European Society of Cardiology.

Our Delegate Dr. Allard van der Wal participated regularly at the Meeting of the Council of Basic Cardiovascular Science, to which our Association is formally affiliated. In particular, he attended the ESC Spring Summit where the strategy of the Society was discussed. Many members of our Association are also members of the WG Developmental Anatomy and Pathology, created in 1978 and chaired within the years by people of our Association.

## c) Association for European Paediatric Cardiology

Our Delegate Prof. Annalisa Angelini took over the chair position for the Morphology WG and organized the Live Video and Hands-on Specimens Presentation in Basel, May 27, 2006, at the Annual AEPC Meeting, in collaboration with Prof. Robert H. Anderson. These Sessions are ongoing since years. A formal link with the AEPC will be searched for.

## d) European Association for Cardio-Thoracic Surgery

The collaboration with the EACTS is in place since 1996, with the implementation of Anatomical Exhibition at the Annual Meeting, upon the responsibility of Professor Thiene who acts as Delegate of our Association. The Meeting this year was held in Stockholm with the following program of the Anatomical Exhibition:

<b>Monday 11 September</b>		
09:00-10:00	Normal anatomy of the heart	S. Yen Ho
10:00-11:00	The conduction system	S. Yen Ho
11:00-12:00	Hands-on specimen demonstration	S. Yen Ho, Gaetano Thiene
14:00-15:00	Left ventricular outflow tract obstruction	S. Yen Ho
15:00-16:00	Mitral atresia	Gaetano Thiene
16:00-17:00	Hands-on specimen demonstration	S. Yen Ho, Gaetano Thiene
<b>Tuesday 12 September</b>		
09:00-10:00	Transposition of great arteries	Gaetano Thiene
10:00-11:00	Mitral valve chordal rupture	Cristina Basso
11:00-12:00	Hands-on specimen demonstration	Gaetano Thiene, Cristina Basso
14:00-15:00	Hypertrophic cardiomyopathy	Cristina Basso
15:00-16:00	Bicuspid aortic valve	Cristina Basso
16:00-17:00	Hands-on specimen demonstration	Cristina Basso, Gaetano Thiene

Prof. Thiene and Prof. Basso contributed the Postgraduate Courses and Breakfast Sessions with talks on: "Anatomy of complex left ventricular outflow tract obstruction"; "Pulmonary vein stenosis: congenital, acquired, progressive"; "Surgical pathology of the



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bicuspid aortic valve”; “Hypertrophic obstructive cardiomyopathy: Surgical and interventional anatomy”.

## 7) COMING EVENTS

- Dr. Yen S. Ho and Dr. Mary Sheppard are the organizers of a “Combined Adult and Congenital Cardiovascular Pathology Courses”, London, November 29-December 1, 2006. Venue: Education Centre, Guy Scadding Building – National Heart & Lung Institute, London-UK. For information, take contact with the Academic Events Office of the Imperial College School of Medicine: [academicevents.nhli@imperial.ac.uk](mailto:academicevents.nhli@imperial.ac.uk)
- The 2007 Master Course on Cardiovascular Pathology is open for registrations at the University of Padua. Deadline for application is **October 31, 2006**. For information, visit the website: <http://www.unipd.it/master/elenco/patologia.htm>

See you in Aarhus within a couple of weeks.

Best wishes.

Gaetano Thiene, MD, FRCP  
*AECVP President*



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## Program for the Second Biennial Meeting of The Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology

November 2 – 4, 2006. Søauditoriet, Aarhus University, Denmark

### Thursday, November 2, 2006

09.00 - 11.00 Board meeting

11.00 - 13.00 Registration at Søauditoriet and Sandwich lunch

13.00 - 13.30 **Key Note Lecture:**

Erling Falk, Aarhus, DK: Vulnerable atherosclerotic plaques.

*Introduced by Torsten Toftegaard Nielsen, Aarhus, DK*

### **Symposium 1 - Atherosclerosis**

Chairpersons: Paul Fornes, Paris, F and Karen Ege Olsen, Odense, DK

13.30 - 13.50 Onno J de Boer, Amsterdam, NL: Atherosclerosis and infection.

13.50 - 14.10 A.C. Langheinrich, Giessen, D: Microvessels in atherosclerotic plaques.

14.10 - 14.30 Jacob Bentzon, Aarhus, DK: Role of smooth muscle progenitor cells  
In atherosclerotic plaques.

14.30 - 14.50 Thomas Ledet, Aarhus, DK: Diabetic angiopathy – is it atherosclerosis?

14.50 - 15.10 Discussion.

15.10 - 16.00 Coffee Break / Poster viewing.

16.00 - 17.00 **Moderated poster session**

Chairperson: Chris Ihling, Frankfurt, D, Christian Aalkjær, Aarhus, DK and  
Claus B. Andersen, Copenhagen, DK

17.05 - 17.50 **Master Lecture:**

A.C. Newby, Bristol Heart Institute, Bristol, UK: Metalloproteinases in arterial disease.

*Introduced by Gaetano Thiene, Padua, I*

18.30 - 21.00 Steno Museum: Cocktail party.

The Royal Summer Residence Marselisborg Castle

### Friday, November 3, 2006

09.00 - 09.30 **Key note Lecture:**

Michael Mulvany, Aarhus, DK: Microcirculation in/and hypertension.

*Introduced by Ulrik Baandrup, Aarhus, DK*

### **Symposium 2 - Microcirculation.**

Chairpersons: Rosa Henriques De Gouveia, Lindha-a-Velha, P and Michael Hasenkam, Aarhus, DK

09.30 - 09.50 Hans Erik Bøtker, Aarhus, DK: Coronary microcirculation in health and disease.

09.50 – 10.10 Hans-Anton Lehr, Lausanne, CH: Models of microcirculation in vivo:  
challenges and applications.

10.10 - 10.30 James Kirkpatrick, Mainz, D: Models of microcirculation in vitro:  
Challenges and applications.

10.30 – 10.50 Discussion

10.50 - 11.15 Coffee Break

11.15 - 12.00 Gaetano Thiene, Padua, I: Training of cardiovascular pathologists –  
Consensus document AECVP.

12.00 -12.15 Discussion

12.15 - 13.15 **Free communication session I.**

Chairpersons: Mary Sheppard, London, UK and Hans Eiskjær, Aarhus, DK

13.15 – 14.15 Sandwich Lunch



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14.15 - 15.30 *Free communication session 2.*

Chairpersons: S. Kim Suvarna, Sheffield, UK and Thomas Ledet, Aarhus, DK

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee Break

16.00 - 17.30 *Odd cases session / "What is it?"*

Chairperson: P. Gallagher, Southampton, UK

17.30 - 18.30 Business Meeting.

20.00 - 23.30 Congress Dinner City Hall of Aarhus

## Saturday, November 4, 2006

08.30 - 9.00 *Key Note Lecture:*

Marlene Rose, Harefield, UK: Role of antibodies in cardiac allograft rejection.

*Introduced by Margaret Burke, Harefield, UK*

### **Symposium III – Transplantation**

Chairpersons: Rainer Bohle, Giessen, D and Henning Mølgaard, Aarhus, DK

09.00 - 09.20 Claus B. Andersen, Copenhagen, DK: Revision of the ISHLT cardiac allograft rejection grading system.

09.20 - 09.40 M. van Oosterhout, Utrecht, NL: Immunopathology of allograft vasculopathy.

09.40 - 10.00 Annalisa Angelini, Padua, I: Antibody-mediated rejection – the 2005 ISHLT system in practice.

10.00 - 10.15 Discussion.

10.15 - 10.45 Coffee Break.

10.45 - 11.45 "What is it?" – Four cases from the world of cardiac transplantation

Chairperson: Margaret Burke, Harefield, UK

11.45 - 12.15 *Special key note lecture:*

Patrick Bruneval, Paris, F: The role of the cardiac pathologist working with the cardiac surgeon.

*Introduced by Cristina Basso, Padua, I*

12.15 – 12.30 *Closure of Meeting.*

## COMMITTEES

### *ORGANIZERS*

The Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology - <http://anpat.unipd.it/aecvp/>

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Claus Bøgelund Andersen Dpt. of Pathology, RH, DK

### *SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE*

Ulrik Baandrup chairman, Dpt. of Pathology, Aarhus University Hospital, DK

Patrick Gallagher Dpt. of Pathology, University Hospitals of Southampton, UK

Allard van der Wal Dpt. of Pathology, AMC, Amsterdam, NL

Margaret Burke Dpt. of Pathology, Harefield Hospital, UK



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## ASSOCIATES:

Aarhus University  
Danish Cardiac Society  
Aarhus University Hospital  
Danish Society of Pathological Anatomy & Clinical Cytology

## AWARDS:

The AECVP will offer up to 5 awards (cheque + certificate for best posters and/or presentations) to young scientists.

## REGISTRATION:

All participants must submit completed Registration Forms. On-line registration is not possible but here below you will find a pdf Registration Form – print it and send it to the secretariat at KongresKompagniet or use the attached Word.doc Registration Form.

Registration forms, hotel reservations and all correspondence concerning registration and accommodation (payment, charges, cancellation, social programme etc.) must be send to:

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## Accommodation:

KongresKompagniet has made preliminary hotel reservations for the delegates. Reservations can be made on the Registration Form. The organisers cannot guarantee accommodation for participants who have not registered in advance. **To obtain the stated conference price all reservations must be made through the conference secretariat KongresKompagniet.** The hotels will be booked on first-come first-serve basis. Payment directly to hotel upon departure.

## Confirmation of registration and accommodation:

A receipt and a confirmation of accommodation will be send once the Registration Form and full payment have been received. Please bring this confirmation to the registration desk. At the beginning of October, all early registered participants will receive this confirmation.

## Accommodation changes:

Participants changing accommodation must do so through the conference secretariat [aecvp@kongreskompagniet.dk](mailto:aecvp@kongreskompagniet.dk) and not by contacting the hotels directly.

## Payment:

All payment can be forwarded in Danish currency (DKK) and can be made by cheque, drawn on “Danske Bank”; bank transfer or credit card (Visa, Eurocard, Mastercard, JCB, Diners, Maestro, American Express and Dankort). Please state name and address and AECVP on all documents.

## Cancellation Refund Policy:

Notification of cancelling must be **in writing** and send to KongresKompagniet. For cancellation before 15 October 2006 all fees except a cancellation charge of DKK 350 will be refunded. Cancellation after this date will not be refunded. Refund claims must include name of the bank, bank address, IBAN, S.w.i.f.t. code, account number and name of the account owner for money transfers. All refunds will only be processed after the meeting.