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Dear Colleagues,

This is the first newsletter to incorporate our new logo. This was designed in outline by Cristina Basso and then modified after a democratic email consultation. Feedback has been universally positive with many members commenting favourably on the design, colouration and font. It should serve us for many years to come!

The highlight of our scientific activity this year was our participation in the European Congress of Pathology in Istanbul. We organised a symposium on sudden cardiac death and attracted over 80 delegates. The presenters, Allard van der Wal, Paul Fornes, Cristina Basso and Gaetano Thiene were, of course, well practised but on this particular day were especially good. The session came together well and was clearly a success. We also presented a surgical pathology slide seminar on Cardiovascular Pathology and the customary interactive *What is it?* series of clinicopathological presentations. These too attracted good audiences. Gaetano Thiene and I attended the meeting of speciality representatives and emphasised our commitment to future meetings of the ESP. The Congress in 2009 will be held in Florence. We will do our utmost to ensure that the profile of Cardiovascular Pathology is maintained and enhanced.

The last newsletter described our work in drafting a consensus document on the Investigation of Sudden Cardiac Death. This was accepted for publication by Virchow's Archiv and is now available on line. It sets out the minimum standards that should be applied throughout Europe. British pathologists have endured many difficulties in post mortem practice and are especially grateful for this publication.

We were especially pleased to welcome Patrick Bruneval, Paul Fornes and Gaetano Thiene to a recent meeting of the UK Cardiac Pathology Network in London. Many of the 100 or so delegates were Pathologists in Training. Two, Declan McGuone and David Pontefract, gave excellent case presentations on the theme of unexplained left ventricular hypertrophy.

It is planned to hold a Board meeting of the Association in Amsterdam on the week end of January 26th and 27th. It is important that we maintain and develop the momentum of our scientific and educational work. We will of course discuss details of forthcoming events, especially the 3rd Biennial Meeting in London on the 8th-10th October 2008. However the main purpose of getting the Board together is to discuss future developments in Cardiovascular Pathology. The majority of the meeting will therefore have an interactive "brainstorming" format. Please let Allard van der Wal know what you think we should be discussing. We need your input!

Lastly could I report that our membership is now grown to xx. Can you please do all you can to persuade colleagues to join. Application forms can be found on the web site and membership is open to all. On behalf of all British Cardiovascular Pathologists can I send you our best wishes for Christmas and the New Year. We look forward to welcoming you to London in October

Patrick J Gallagher.

Southampton, December 2007