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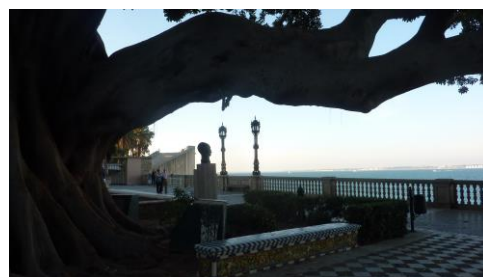
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Dear Friends,

Last weekend (25th/26th) we held our annual board meeting in Amsterdam: AECVP activities in 2013 were reviewed and some new initiatives for the upcoming year were discussed.

In this first newsletter of 2014, I can report on a very active and successful 2013: the Association is in good shape. Many thanks to all of you who contributed to our work over the last year.

The Association currently has 131 members. There is a small increase every year, often after our biennial meetings. Soon after the 5th meeting in Cadiz 2012 organized by Professor Joaquin Lucena, and attended by 152 participants from 25 countries, 9 young colleagues applied for membership. In total, 11 new members were introduced at the business meeting in Lisbon last September. Clearly, these biennial meetings are important events: after Padua, Aarhus, London, and Lisbon, the latest meeting in beautiful Cadiz (see photo opposite to the lecture hall) was another milestone in the history of AECVP thanks to



Joaquin and his staff. It will be difficult to beat Cadiz, so preparations for the upcoming meeting this year are already in full swing!

FUTURE BIENNIAL AECVP MEETINGS

2014. The 6th biennial meeting will be organized in Paris FR from October 9th to October 11th by Patrick Bruneval (Paris) and Paul Fornes (Rheims). The venue will be the Georges Pompidou European Hospital. An attractive program has been prepared by the Local Organizers and Educational Committee, and includes symposia and key note lectures on Atherosclerosis, Sudden Death, Aortic pathology and Thoracic



Transplant Pathology, all with a nice mixture of research and clinical cardiovascular pathology. Paris is a site of widely acknowledged excellence in the cardiovascular sciences so we took advantage of the availability of local experts to contribute to our meeting: a strategy that has proved very successful on previous occasions! There will be several slots in the program for oral free presentations, diagnostic cases [the famous “What is it?” cases] and, hopefully, sessions with large numbers of posters (From Cadiz 2102: 52 posters is the number to beat!). So, start preparing your best work for a presentation, mark “**October 9-11th AECVP Paris**” in your diaries, and note that young members (<35yrs of age) who send in an abstract will have free registration. The deadline for sending in abstracts will follow shortly **2016**. Meanwhile we are already preparing the 7th biennial AECVP meeting to be held shortly before the combined meeting of the World Congress of the International Academy for Pathology, the European Society of Pathology (ESP) and the German Society of Pathology. This will take place from 24th to 30th September, 2016 in Cologne DE. Since interaction with the ESP is important, we intend to organize our congress shortly before this event. Our proposal will be worked on this year by Local Organisers Rainer Bohle and Heike Goebel and even at this stage looks very attractive.

MEETINGS WITH OTHER SOCIETIES

Traditionally, the AECVP participates every year in the Scientific meetings of our 2 larger sister societies - the European Society of Pathology (ESP) and the European Society of Cardiology (ESC). Last year both congresses were organized in the same week in Lisbon and Amsterdam respectively, and unfortunately this year we will have the same situation: August 30th-September 3rd: London (ESP) and Barcelona (ESC).

The 26th European Congress of Pathology will be organized jointly with the Pathological Society of Great Britain and Ireland from August 30th to September 3rd at the ExCel Centre in London UK. The AECVP will participate with: 1) a Symposium entitled “The joint AECVP/SCVP Consensus Document on Surgical Pathology of the Aorta”, at which the results of the writing group on aortic pathology will be presented; and 2) a Short Course on “Lymphatic system: the forgotten second circulation in health and disease”. In addition there will be a 2-hour session for oral free presentations on cardiovascular pathology (note: in Lisbon 36 CVP abstracts were accepted). So, abstracts for this session will be very welcome; see website of ESP for further details (<http://www.esp-congress.org/>).

The annual ESC Congress will take place in Barcelona, also from 30th August to 3rd September. We have organized a symposium “Sudden death, cardiomyopathies and pathology” together with the ESC Working Group on Myocardial Disease, and there will be 3 sessions of live video demonstration dealing with topics on cardiac anatomy and pathology. These sessions have been organized for many years by Annalisa Angelini (Padua IT). It is worth noting that they are highly appreciated and attract large numbers of attendees during this largest Cardiology event worldwide. The AECVP also takes part in the Basic Science Council of the ESC and Cristina Basso (Padua IT) now chairs the working group of Cardiac



Development, Anatomy and Pathology - itself also Basic Science orientated. However, we are moving to a more translational approach in order to bridge the gap between Basic Science and Clinical Cardiology in the ESC; Gaetano Thiene (Padua IT), on behalf of the AECVP Board, is currently involved in negotiations on this with the ESC Board.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – BOARD CHANGES

At the business meeting in Lisbon last September, 2 new board members were welcomed: Prof Augusto Orlandi (Roma) as councillor and Dr Helen Doran (Manchester) as member to serve on the Nominating Committee.

For the single vacancy in 2014 the Nominating Committee will officially propose Jytte Banner, Professor in Forensic Pathology (Copenhagen, DK), at the forthcoming business meeting in Paris. I believe this is an important nomination as many Scandinavian colleagues have joined the AECVP in the last few years.

I am happy to inform you that in Paris, Mary Sheppard (London UK) will be nominated as our new President-Elect. We also congratulate Mary, who, in January, took up a new appointment as Professor of Cardiovascular Pathology (a personal Chair) at St George's Hospital Medical School in London, where, previously, Mike Davies had held a personal Chair for many years.

In 2015, other positions on the AECVP Board will become vacant. So if you are interested in taking part in, and further developing the work of AECVP, please send Katarzyna or me your application, including a short CV, for consideration by the Nominating Committee. We strongly encourage participation of younger AECVP members in the activities of the Board.

CARDIAC TRANSPLANT STEERING COMMITTEE

There has been considerable activity in our newest Steering Committee, now chaired by Margaret Burke (London UK), with members Ornella Leone (Bologna IT) and Claire Touquet (Nantes FR). In summary:

- The Transplant page of the AECVP website is now up and running since October 2013.
<http://anpat.unipd.it/aecvp/index.php/aecvp-working-group/>
- The network of confirmed Network pathologists is now 48 from 35 centers in 17 countries.
- The pAMR Working Formulation paper has been published in J Heart Lung Transplant 2013; the authorship is transatlantic in origin, many of the Europeans being AECVP members.
- A very successful combined seminar on vascular pathology in cardiac and renal transplantation was held at the ECP meeting last September in Lisbon
- Collaborative research projects and educational ventures are ongoing and have involved AECVP members from several transplant centres in Europe.



FORENSIC PATHOLOGY

A small delegation from the AECVP met Prof Davide Santos Ferrara, President of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM), in Padua in late September, 2013 to discuss future collaboration between our two societies on important educational projects. It is worth recalling that in most European countries many autopsies on sudden cardiac death (SCD) victims are performed by forensic pathologists; clearly SCD is a problem in the overlapping border zones of cardiovascular and forensic pathology; so it is not surprising that several of our members (including 4 Board members) are forensic pathologists. A good example of our collaboration is the course on SCD to be held at the 6th biennial meeting in Paris later this year. It will be practically orientated, on how to do the autopsy, and will highlight current practice throughout Europe illustrating the variation in limitations and perspectives, so will certainly be of interest for forensic pathologists. Again, initiatives and ideas for future projects are welcome.

WEBSITE UPDATE AND RENEWAL: <http://anpat.unipd.it/aecvp/>

Website update and renewal is receiving close attention from our webmaster Cristina Basso (Padua IT), and will take place this year. In the meantime, all the documents will be added to the existing AECVP website. An old but not forgotten initiative will be to place names of all members in a password-protected part of the website to facilitate informal communication. Here we follow the strategy of many other societies, and I believe this is very important. You will be asked for your permission for this soon, and of course if you have personal objections, these will be respected.

Altogether, there is an exciting year in prospect. We look forward to seeing you in either Barcelona or London, and of course in Paris.

Best wishes,

Allard van der Wal,

President

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