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To the members of AECVP

Dear colleagues,

First of all I would like to wish you a happy new year.

In 2011, our Association fulfilled several teaching and research tasks . In association with our North American colleagues, the guideline paper on "Endomyocardial Biopsies" led by Ornella Leone and John Veinot was completed and is now on line in Cardiovascular Pathology. Also the paper on "Recommendation for processing cardiovascular surgical pathology specimens" led by Jim Stone and Cristina Basso has been published on Cardiovascular Pathology. Our Association was very active during the 23rd European Congress of Pathology in Helsinki organizing 4 sessions: a symposium on Updating in Cardiovascular Pathology, a short course and a slide seminar on Vasculitis, and a business meeting including a "What is it" session. In cardiac transplantation pathology, our members did high level presentations at the two 2011 meetings, ISHLT in San Diego in April and the Banff conference on allograft pathology in Paris in June. The project of a multicentre European Study on antibody-mediated rejection was designed, focusing on the phenotype of the cells in microvascular inflammation.

2012 should be also a busy year with several important commitments, the last but not the least being our biennial AECVP meeting in Cadiz in October 4-6, 2012. Its preliminary program is now on our website.

Our Association is involved in working groups of the European Society of Cardiology and will be a stakeholder in the scientific meeting, Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology, to be held in London in April 2012 and at the European Society of Pathology Annual Meeting in September in Prague with two commitments : a symposium on “Acute manifestations of cardiovascular diseases and clinical consequences: what the pathologist should know” with 5 presentations scheduled on this topic; and a session on “Valve pathology” using live-video microscopy and possibly gross surgical specimens.

The meeting of the International Society for Heart and Lung Transplantation in Prague in April will represent the opportunity to elaborate more on the pathology of the antibody-mediated rejection in the heart to confront European and North American experiences. The paper on The Pathology of the Aorta will be discussed at USCAP meeting in Vancouver in March: all involved members are cordially invited to attend the session on the paper on Tuesday 20th of March from 11 am to 14 pm. The AECVP transplantation group is going on to finalize its project on AMR/vascular inflammation.

The next board meeting will be held in Amsterdam at the end of January 2012 and you will soon heard about it.

Best regards.



Patrick Bruneval

President of AECVP

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