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To the members of AECVP

Dear colleagues,

This is time for me to wish you a happy new year.

Coming back to 2010, our Association was active in several aspects. Our 4<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting in Lisbon (21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup> October) was successful with an attractive scientific program. We thank for the excellent hospitality Rosa H. de Gouveia and our Portuguese hosts. Continuing our relations with our North American colleagues, two "guidelines" papers are reaching completion: one on "Recommendations for Processing Cardiovascular Surgical Pathology Specimens" led by Cristina Basso and James Stone, and the other on "Endomyocardial Biopsies" led by Ornella Leone and John Veinot. Concerning the current hot topic in organ allograft pathology, the antibody-mediated rejection (AMR), European pathologists from our Association, Margaret Burke and Annalisa Angelini, had an active part in the symposium held during the last ISHLT meeting in Chicago last April leading to a consensus formulation of the pathological diagnosis of AMR to be published soon in J Heart Lung Transplant.

In 2011 we should also have a promising year. At the 23<sup>rd</sup> European Congress of Pathology in Helsinki, Finland (August 27<sup>th</sup>-September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011), we have been given a very fair representation thanks to Ivana Kholova. Our program will

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include a short course on vasculitis (2.5 hours), a symposium on updating cardiovascular pathology (2.5 hours), a slide seminar on vasculitis (2.5 hours), and a business meeting and a quiz diagnostic case session (1.5 hours). The next meeting of the ISHLT, in San Diego on April 2011 should be the opportunity for our Association to make its voice heard on allograft pathology. In the same field, the Banff conference on allograft pathology will be held in Paris in June 6-10<sup>th</sup> and this is an opportunity for us to attend this biennial meeting (<http://cybernephrology.ualberta.ca/banff/2011/theconference.htm>). Our Association is involved in working groups of the European Society of Cardiology and will have to prepare its participation in their scientific meeting, Frontiers in Cardiovascular Biology, to be held in London in 2012. At last, our Association wants to keep its position of promoter of guidelines papers initiated with the article on autopsy in sudden death: we will soon discuss of new topics at our board meeting to develop in partnership with our north american colleagues of the SCVP.

The next board meeting will be held in Amsterdam at the end of January: in addition to all these subjects, an important issue will be the preparation of our 5<sup>th</sup> biennial meeting hosted by the Sevilla team in Cadiz.

As you can see our Association is present in different aspects of cardiovascular pathology, but to continue our action we need you to participate these events and to attract new members.

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At last I would like to engage you visiting our website to get informations, consensus documents...

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Best regards.

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