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Dear members,

before the summer break, I am sending you, in my new position, as President of AECVP 2014-2016 my first newsletter to update you about all our activities.

My duty during my mandate will be to increase visibility of our Association, enroll new active members, finalize the ongoing projects, like the degenerative aorta paper, the text book on pathology of cardiac transplantation (edited by Angelini, Bruneval and Leone) with the contributions of many transplant group members, and support new initiatives on the sudden cardiac death and molecular autopsy, including updating the old 2008 guidelines, on autopsies in CV, on microvasculopathy in Tx and many others .

The Association is in good shape and I take the opportunity to thank our Past-President, Allard van der Wal , and our Secretary Katarzyna Michaud for their invaluable help and all of you who contributed to our work over the last year.

Some information regarding our Association:

The Association currently has:

Members: N=143, in 2014 13 new members accepted in Paris, since then 4 other applications, missing details from approx. 12 members.

European members: The Netherlands (21), Britain (20), Italy (19), Germany (9), Denmark (8), Finland (6), Belgium (6), France (6), Spain (5), Switzerland (5), Poland (4), Sweden (3), Serbia (3), Romania (3), Russia (2), Portugal (2), Croatia (1), Greece (1), Ireland (1), and Czech Republic (1).

Non-European members: Australia (5), USA (5), Turkey (2), Japan (1), Philippines (1) and Argentina (1).

Professional background: pathologists 90, forensic pathologists 25, anatomists 3, and cardiologists/surgeons 4, not known for many. Lately about half of new members has a forensic background.

There is a small increase every year, particularly after our biennial meetings



Some important news regarding our activities:

During **the annual board meeting in Amsterdam** we have revised our AECVP activities in 2014 and we have planned our future commitments on different grounds, outside the AECVP, taking part to the ESC and ESP annual meeting and also to IALM in Venice in 2016 and to go on with the organization of the 7th Biennial AECVP Cologne meeting before ESP-IAP in 2016.

Next AECVP meeting

The 7th Biennial AECVP meeting in Cologne 2016 (Heike Göbel, Reiner Bohle as local organizers) will be held 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. Please, take note of the date.

Full day on Friday 23rd of September 2016 with a lunch break, and 24th of September a half a day (9-12), before ESP/IAP meeting. (3 half-day sessions). The AECVP Michael Davies Distinguished Achievement Award 2016 has been already assigned through electronic vote to Prof. Robert H. Anderson (London, UK), who has been already informed about the date and have already agreed. The title of his lecture will follow. The scientific program will be worked on by Local Organizers, Rainer Bohle and Heike Goebel, and Allard van der Wal as AECVP representative at ESP, together with our educational committee, chaired by Cristina Basso.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES 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: August 30th-September 3rd: London (ESP) and Barcelona (ESC) with relevant contributions of our members.

ESP- Allard van der Wal is our liaison at ESP and is in charge of the program of the annual ESP meeting, together with the educational committee.

Belgrade ESP congress, date 5-9th September 2015. The cardiovascular program this year is diverse and challenging:

Sunday 6th:

14.30-16.30: A joint slide seminar of AECVP and ESP Paediatric Pathology working group: *Cardiovascular causes of sudden death*

Monday 7th:

8.30-12.00: AECVP symposium: *cardiovascular pathology in systemic auto immune disease*

9.30-10.30. a Cardiovascular poster session, with presentation of 37 posters

14.30-16.30: A live Video microscopy entitled '*difficult areas in autopsy pathology of sudden cardiac death*'. At the end of this session (16.00-16.30) we have planned a business meeting

Tuesday 8th:

8.30-12.00: A symposium of the WG History of Pathology: *History of cardiovascular diseases*

14.30-16.30: Oral Free paper session: a Joint meeting AECVP of WG soft tissue pathology



ESC: Gaetano Thiene is the official representative on Basic Science for AECVP; Annalisa Angelini has written to Fausto Pinto to allow AECVP to be officially recognised in the scientific program committee for annual meeting preparation and to increase our visibility at the annual meetings. At the ESC annual meetings specimen demonstrations were arranged and there were symposia on many cardiovascular relevant topics. Congratulation to Cristina Basso (Padua IT) now chair (2014-2016) of the working group of Development, Anatomy and Pathology and to Allard van der Wal, who has been elected as pathology nucleus member.

The annual ESC Congress will be organized in **London, between 29th August-2nd Sept, 2015**. There will be 3 sessions of live video demonstration dealing with topics on cardiac anatomy and pathology on the 30th- 31st Aug and 1st Sept between 11:00 - 13:00, every day. It is worth noting that they are highly appreciated and attract large numbers of attendees during this largest Cardiology event worldwide. A joint session AECVP- ESC on Update on cardiovascular tumors will be held on 31 Aug 2015 between 11:00 - 12:30

SCVP– Congratulation to Cristina Basso who has been nominated president elect of SCVP, tenure 2017 and to the councillors Giulia D’amati (2016), and Patrick Bruneval (2017). It was agreed that we should reinforce official contact with SCVP with joint activities as already done in previous years with guidelines and papers.

On Going Proposal for two projects on Molecular autopsy and SD (AECVP leader Gaetano Thiene) and on Myocarditis (leader Ornella Leone).

European Cardio Thoracic Transplant Association (ECTTA): ECTTA, a Section of the European Society for Organ Transplantation has contacted AECVP last year through the President, Dr. Luciano Potena (Bologna, IT) to start a close collaboration between our two associations. Their mission is to improve cardiothoracic transplant research, education, and quality of care, by cooperating with any other professional organization involved in the field. A symposium has been organized jointly at their annual meeting in in Budapest, October 3-4, 2014, with Ornella Leone officially representing AECVP and lecturing on AMR in cardiac transplantation.

IALM Venice meeting in 2016

The 2016 Symposium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) will be held on the 21-24 June 2016 – VENICE. Our association in 2013 has already committed to participate to this important event for forensic pathologists coming from all round the world with a joint AECVP-IALM pre-meeting symposium of one day on the 21st of June 2016 and with many other contributions during the congress. This will be an important appointment to reinforce collaborations with forensic pathologists through Europe.

Contacts with and contribution to Virchov Archiv

A review on lymphatic system is in preparation, acute manifestation on cardiovascular diseases should be considered as possible future topic. Other idea: postoperative pathology, vasculitis etc.



Paper on the Pathology of the Aorta

The paper on inflammatory pathology of the aorta has been published recently in Cardiovascular Pathology, entitled 'Consensus statement on surgical pathology of the aorta from the society for Cardiovascular Pathology and the association for European cardiovascular Pathology: I. Inflammatory diseases'. Stone JR, Bruneval P et al. Cardiovasc Pathol 2015 may 16 Doi:10.1016/j.carpath.2015.05.001. The article is published with open access (thanks to the publisher Elsevier), a beautiful document as the result of several years hard work coordinated by Jim and Patrick

The Degenerative pathology paper has been discussed at USCAP meeting in Boston and a grading scheme for medial degeneration has now been developed. The paper has been extensively review by the two coordinators: Mark Halushka from SCVP and Allard van der Wal from AECVP.

CARDIAC TRANSPLANT STEERING COMMITTEE

There has been considerable activity in our newest Steering Committee, 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. <http://www.aecvp.org/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.

Springer-commissioned book on "Pathology of Cardiac Transplantation"

Ornella Leone, Annalisa Angelini and Patrick Bruneval submitted a successful proposal in early 2014 for the above-titled book, basing it on a sound clinic-pathological approach and a comprehensive authorship. Twenty-four chapters have been planned with a number of protocols as appendices. The three co-editors have successfully commissioned many colleagues in Europe and North America as contributors. Submissions are in progress and are of good quality.

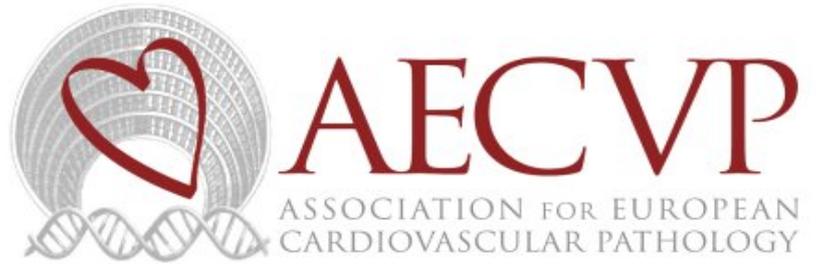
SCVP tutorial on AMR: Several AECVP members contributed to the SCVP tutorial on AMR led by Dylan Miller (Utah) and was published online in time for the ISHLT 2014 meeting in San Diego. It is an excellent tutorial and includes quiz cases. The SCVP (Marc Halushka) have agreed for a link to it from the AECVP website and also from the ECTTA website (see below).

WEBSITE UPDATE AND RENEWAL:

An update report from Margaret Burke, Ornella Leone and Annalisa Angelini will be produced for rules to update and use of website.

Membership annual fee: Paypal on line payment

The on line payment of the annual membership fee has been in place successfully with the paypal system since last year. However, due to automatic payment option adopted by some of our members at the time of their first payment, some of you have experienced an unwanted double charge of annual fee. To solve the issue with our website engineer, we have blocked all the automatic annual payments. For the future, you will receive an official remind by our Secretary/Treasurer at the beginning of the year for membership renewal.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE – BOARD CHANGES

During the Paris meeting we have the election of the new Board as follow:

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By 2015 there will be 3 vacant positions in the board of the Association. Up to now we have received 2 applications from members. When you are interested in a more active participation in our association by joining the AECVP board please send your application and short CV, within 2 weeks, to Allard van der Wal (chair nominating committee) or Katarzyna Michaud. Please note that also in 2016 new vacancies in the board will arise, and we heartily welcome the participation of more young and active colleagues in this group.

Best wishes,

Annalisa Angelini,

President

Association for European Cardiovascular Pathology

<http://anpat.unipd.it/aecvp/>

Please, take note of the following appointments for Belgrade 2015:

- board members: Board meeting on Sunday, 6th of September; Crown Plaza Hotel ; 5:00-6:40pm.
- aorta paper meeting of the authors: Sunday , 6th of September ; Crown Plaza Hotel; 6:45-8:00pm
- all members: Business Meeting; Monday 7th of September, congress center, Hall 3, after video session; 4:00 pm