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Annalisa Angelini, IT (2016)

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Allard van der Wal, NL (2014)

Patrick Bruneval, FR (2012)

Ulrik Baandrup, DK (2010)

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Gaetano Thiene, IT (2006)

Anton E Becker, NL (2004)

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Education

Cristina Basso, IT, Chair (2017)

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Membership

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Jytte Banner, DK (2017)

Vacant (Rainer Bohle)

Nominating

Allard van der Wal, NL, Chair (2016)

Helen Doran, UK (2016)

Stephen Preston (2018)

Cardiac Transplantation

Ornella Leone, Chair (2018)

Claire Toquet, FR (2015)

Heike Goebel (2018)

Webmaster

Cristina Basso, IT, (2016)

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To all members of AECVP,

Dear Colleagues,

During the summer our two most important European sisters' societies - the European Society of Cardiology (ESC) and the European Society of Pathology (ESP) - held their meetings in London and Belgrade, respectively. Our Association contributed actively to these important events, which represents also a good opportunity for our members to meet and to share their contributions. At ESC in London we organized 3 live video sessions, and 1 symposium on Tumors. At ESP in Belgrade we organized 2 symposia, 1 oral session and 1 poster session. All these events had been excellent with outstanding contributions and lively discussions. During the Belgrade meeting we also held our Board and Business meetings, to which this newsletter is mainly dedicated.

Education Committee

The education committee reported on the main activities to which the AECVP has been invited to contribute in 2016, and in particular on our next, 7th biennial meeting in Cologne which immediately precedes the combined ESP/IAP Congress. There was discussion on topics to propose for the ESP/IAP congress but in particular on finalizing the topics for AECVP Cologne (see below).

Membership Committee

The Membership committee reported that in 2015 the AECVP had 143 members in Europe, North America, and Asia. One resignation was received. I would like to welcome six new applicants in 2015 who were accepted as members during the business meeting in Belgrade: 1. Gerald Berry, US, pathologist 2. Dylan W. Miller, US, pathologist 3. Louise Burke, Ireland, pathologist 4. Jan Janzen, Switzerland, scientist 5. Bulent Eren, Turkey, forensic pathologist 6. Matthias Sigler, Germany, pediatric cardiologist/pathologist.

Nominating Committee and Board Changes

The Nominating committee reported that after the Board meeting in Amsterdam, there were 3 vacant places on the board in September 2015 replacing Margaret Burke (Transplant), Kim Suvarna (Council), Paul Fornes (Nominating Committee).



Four applications were received. The nominating committee proposed 3 candidates who have been accepted unanimously during the business meeting. We welcome:

- Heike Goebel, (Köln University, BRD) for the Transplant SC,
- Stephen Preston (Papworth hospital, UK) for the Nominating SC,
- Giulia d'Amati (Sapienza University of Roma, It) as Councillor

Ornella Leone was proposed as the new Chair of the Transplant SC. The final composition of the AECVP Board is detailed on the front page of this Newsletter.

I take this opportunity to warmly thank Margaret, Kim and Paul for all the work they have done through the years, actively participating and promoting activities of the AECVP.

Cardiac Transplant Committee

There has been considerable activity by this committee with one important ongoing project - the Springer book on Pathology of Cardiac Transplantation, a multi-author book with comprehensive involvement of most of our network members. Almost all chapters have been submitted and reviewed by editors. The deadline may well be met.

There are several other projects which have been planned but not yet commenced as the major effort in 2015 has been on completing the book. They include a survey of transplant autopsy activities, microvasculopathy as a marker of chronic rejection and its diagnostic criteria and frequency of occurrence, reproducibility of 2013 pAMR system, extension of the IV mononuclear cell study (*Fedrigo et al Am J Transplant 2015;15:526-34*) to incorporate results of CD163 staining and grading of microvascular inflammation. We encourage involvement of Network members as leaders and/or participants in this work.

Some of our members participated actively in international meetings of interest in the field of heart transplantation: ESOT, 13 – 16th September 2015 in Brussels, BE; Banff Foundation for Allograft Pathology, October 5-10 2015 in Vancouver, Canada. In 2016 we have been asked by the ESOT-associated European Cardiothoracic Transplant Association (ECTTA) to organize a joint AECVP/ECTTA symposium on mixed rejection. AECVP members will also be active participants in the ISHLT 36th Annual Meeting, April 27 – 30 2016 in Washington DC.

Contacts with other associations/joint projects

In the context of the many activities we run with other associations a strong link has been created through the years with our sister society in the US, namely the SCVP. With them we are close to completing a paper on Degenerative Pathology of the Aorta. It is hoped that future AECVP-SCVP projects can be developed.

In the meantime the AECVP Board agreed on two European projects, each led by a cardiac pathologist and a forensic pathologist. It was decided to (1) update the SCD guidelines originally published in Virchow's Archives in 2008 (Cristina Basso, IT and Katarzyna Michaud, CH) and (2) to prepare a paper on the current situation of autopsies for SCD in Europe as discussed at the Paris AECVP meeting in 2014 (Patrick Gallagher, UK and Jyette Banner, DK).



AECVP, Cologne 2016 and others

The next AECVP meeting will be in Cologne in 2016, and will be shorter than previously, at 1½ days (23rd September and the morning of 24th September). It precedes the joint meeting of the ESP and IAP. Prof Robert Anderson has been invited to give the AECVP Michael Davies Distinguished Achievement Award Lecture. There will be also a session on forensic pathology. The outline draft of the scientific program, and call for abstracts will be announced soon.

During the joint ESP/IAP meeting, the AECVP will organise, as usual, a short course, a slide seminar and poster and oral sessions. The program will follow shortly after approval by the ESP/IAP Local Organizing Committee.

During the ESC congress in Rome in 2016 we will organize 3 live video sessions, and 1 symposium on mitral valve prolapse.

IALM workshop

The AECVP will participate in the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) meeting in Venice on June 22 (or 23), 2016 half day or 1 day (if free communications included). There will be a pre-congress AECVP workshop on forensic clinico-pathologic cases highlighting complications vs errors in interventional cardiology and cardiac surgery, a session on autopsy pathology of sudden cardiac death and live video demonstration of how to dissect the heart. Members of AECVP will benefit of the reduced registration fees as do all members of the IALM. For more details see <http://www.ialm2016venice.org>.

AECVP Constitution and By-Laws

Finally, during the Board meeting it was decided to create an *ad hoc* By-laws Working Group (Gaetano Thiene, Ulrik Baandrup) in order to update the Constitution and By-laws.

Annalisa Angelini

President AECVP