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Standing Committees

Education

Cristina Basso, IT, Chair (2017)

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Membership

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Vacant (Rainer Bohle)

Nominating

Allard van der Wal, NL, Chair (2016)

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Cardiac Transplantation

Ornella Leone, Chair (2018)

Claire Toquet, FR (2015)

Heike Goebel (2018)

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Cristina Basso, IT, (2016)

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Dear Members,

this newsletter will update you on the results of our annual board meeting held in Padua the last weekend in January and remind you about the planned activities and deadlines for our 2016 appointments.

AECVP MEETING

Next AECVP meeting, the main appointment of the year on 23-24 September 2016

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. The program has been shaped and covers three main topics: **aortic valve stenosis pathology and treatment, heart failure, sudden unexpected death in forensics- diagnostic approaches and prospects. The M. Davies Award Lecture will be assigned to Bob Anderson.**

A dedicated website has been arranged by Heike Göbel, following the discussion during the Padua meeting. You can access to the website at <http://aecvp2016.weebly.com>, where you can find all the information related to the meeting including, **deadline for abstract submission, 31st May 2016**, registration fees, accommodations informations and abstract submission format.

As tradition, to favour young people attendance, there will be five award grants (300 Euros each), three for best oral presentations, one for best poster and one for best *what is it case*.

MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES WITH OTHER SOCIETIES

SCVP 2016 annual meeting in Seattle, 12-13 March 2016 (<http://www.scvp.net/Meetings.html>) and **USCAP meeting 12-18 March** (<http://www.uscap.org/meetings/detail/2016-annual-meeting/>). Some of our board members will attend the meeting and will have the opportunity to further explore the possibility of future joint activities as it has been done with the aorta papers.

ISHLT 2016 annual meeting in Washington, DC, USA 27-30 April 2016, (<http://www.isHLT.org/>). Some of our board members will participate in this important appointment. A pathology meeting supported by ISHLT members, Banff people, AECVP



members has been arranged on the Thursday 28th April to inspect the possibility to perform a collaborative study on inflammation in AMR.

2016 Symposium of the International Academy of Legal Medicine (IALM) will be held on the 21-24 June 2016 in Venice, Lido. A joint AECVP-IALM pre-meeting symposium of one day on the 21st of June 2016 in San Servolo Island and AECVP parallel CV session inside the main congress with contribution of our members have been arranged on the 23rd of June. (AECVP Parallel Session: Autopsy Pathology of Sudden Cardiac Death). You can access the website at <http://www.ialm2016venice.org/> . This will be an important appointment to reinforce collaborations with forensic pathologists through Europe.

The European Society of Cardiology meeting in Rome, 27-31 August 2016, see website for all informations <http://www.escardio.org/Congresses-&Events/Upcoming-congresses/ESC-Congress/ESC-Congress>. A joint symposium ESC/AECVP has been organized on mitral valve and Cristina Basso, Patrick Brunewald, and Allard van der Wal will represent AECVP. The traditional live video demonstrations again a joint activity ESC/AECVP will be given by Yen Ho, Annalisa Angelini and Gaetano Thiene with the moderation of Giulia D'Amati, Stefania Rizzo.

The European Society of Pathology (ESP) and IAP meeting will be held on 25-29 September 2016, in Cologne following our Biennial meeting. As Tradition, we will actively participate to this meeting with relevant activities, see website (<http://www.espcongress.org/>). **The deadline for abstract submission is 28 April 2016.**

During the board meeting Gaetano Thiene presented some proposals for modifications to the statue and by law of our association which should be finalized and further discussed among all the members. These modifications will be finally presented to the business meeting in Cologne to be voted. Gaetano and Ulrik will produce some materials which will be shortly circulated among the members.

REPORTS OF THE STANDING COMMITTEES

Reports of the standing committees have been presented during the meeting

- A. **Education committee:** (Cristina Basso) strategy and list and programs of upcoming meetings have been extensively discussed (see above)
- B. **Membership committee** (Ivana Kholova),
156 members, 6 new members last year. Contact with ECP and IAP newsletter editor Prof. Cooke has been made and AECVP advertised. More actions will be taken to increase our visibility and enroll new members.
- C. **Cardiac transplantation** (Ornella Leone)
 - Springer book on Pathology of Cardiac Transplantation has been the priority project in 2015. The book is now completed and it will be published before the end of the year.
 - Two appointments at the 2016 ISHLT Annual Meeting in Washington. The Pre meeting Consensus conference on the management of antibodies in heart transplantation, chair Jon Kobashigawa, Invited: Annalisa Angelini, Ornella Leone , Patrick Bruneval



- Together with Gerald Berry, Annalisa Angelini and Ornella Leone are organizing a meeting of pathologists to develop the pathology project on inflammation in AMR discussed in Vancouver. If you are attending the Washington meeting please contact Ornella Leone or Annalisa Angelini to be involved.
- A new project within the AECVP Tx Network. A survey to update the network will be send around focusing on the activities performed in each European TX centres (EMBs, autopsy) and the pathologist profiles in each centre.

D. **Nomination committee** (Allard van der Wal) During the board meeting Allard van der Wal has proposed the name of Joaquin Lucena as candidate for the position of president elect. He will be voted during the business meeting in Cologne. Moreover some names have been presented for the vacant positions on the board which should be renewed in Cologne .A call for more applications will be send out soon.

PROJECTS

Ongoing European projects on sudden cardiac deaths (SCD)

Current autopsy practice in SCD in Europe (project endorsed in Belgrade following the symposium in Paris) (Patrick Gallagher and Jytte Banner). The goal of the paper is to report on similarities and differences in the current autopsy practice in different European countries and to explore pro and cons for potential unifying European approach to SCD. During the board meeting Jytte Banner presented the project, and the proposal of a questioner survey to be sent out has been accepted.

Update of the SCD AECVP guidelines published in 2008 (Cristina Basso, Katarzyna Michaud). The goal of this project is to review the paper on the experience gained through the last eight years and considering the progresses made in diagnostic tools. This project will start soon and the first draft should be prepared for the Venice meeting.

SCVP or joint SCVP/AECVP? Sudden death reporting project

In the last Email from Barbara Sampson, President SCVP, was negative for the joint projects which we had proposed. At the moment SCVP has a sudden death reporting project going on, probably concerning reporting for cases of SCD in USA. More information will follow after the SCVP meeting in Seattle where Cristina Basso, Katarzyna Michaud, Giulia d'Amati and Gaetano Thiene will be present.

UK protocol for autopsy examination in cases of Adult Congenital Heart Disease

Helen Doran has recently been asked to draw up protocols for her region (North West England) for autopsy examination in cases of Adult Congenital Heart Disease. Since it was recognized that congenital heart disease is a very specific topic and that there is nothing available in the literature it was agreed that some members, practicing the autopsy of congenital heart diseases after surgery (H. Doran, R. de Gouveia, S. Preston, O. Leone, M. Sheppard, G. D'Amati, A. Angelini and G. Thiene), led by Gaetano Thiene, will write the protocol.

INVOICES for annual AECVP renewal will be sent soon. You can pay on line or through our bank account.

Best wishes,

President AECVP
Annalisa Angelini

Secretary Treasurer
Katarzyna Michaud