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President

Mary Sheppard, UK (2018)

Past Presidents

Annalisa Angelini, IT (2016)

Allard van der Wal, NL (2014)

Patrick Bruneval, FR (2012)

Ulrik Baandrup, DK (2010)

Patrick J Gallagher, UK (2008)

Gaetano Thiene, IT (2006)

Anton E Becker, NL (2004)

President Elect

Joachin Lucena, ES (2018)

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Katarzyna Michaud, CH (2020)

Councillors

Augusto Orlandi, IT (2017)

Guilia d'Amati (2018)

Standing Committees

Education

Cristina Basso, IT, Chair (2017)

Loukas Kaklamanis, GR (2018)

Rosa H. de Gouveia, PT (2017)

Membership

Ivana Kholova, FI Chair (2017)

Jytte Banner, DK (2017)

Vacant (Rainer Bohle)

Nominating

Annalisa Angelini, IT Chair (2016)

Helen Doran, UK (2016)

Stephen Preston (2018)

Cardiac Transplantation

Ornella Leone, Chair (2018)

Claire Toquet, FR (2017)

Heike Goebel (2018)

Webmaster

Cristina Basso, IT

July 2017

Dear Members of the AECVP,

This is my first newsletter as President and we look forward to a new era in the association with a new board.

I was delighted to host the board meeting at Saint George's medical School London on Saturday, 28th January. We had a very enjoyable dinner at the Royal Society of Medicine on the previous night which most of the board members attended with their partners which was very enjoyable and reflected the camaraderie within the board with most board members knowing each other over a long period of time. I was delighted to make a speech of thanksgiving to Annalisa Angelini, our outgoing President with a presentation to her for all the work she has done and will continue to do within the Association.

As already mentioned, the biannual meeting in Cologne was very successful with Heike Goebel doing a wonderful job and presenting us with a healthy surplus financially. She is to be congratulated on all the hard work she has done to make it such a successful meeting. It is also noted that we had 17 new applicants to join the association during this meeting. We must encourage these new applicants to take an active role within the Association. We have in total 163 members which are similar to numbers of our USA sister Society, the SCVP. Cristina Basso is president of the Society and we would hope to organise combined meetings with SCVP in the future. However at the San Antonio USCAP meeting there was no concrete plan made for any future meetings. We look forward to Cristina updating us on this.

Our most exciting recent development is approval of, and election of the new board. Annalisa Angelini as nominations committee lead presented on the new board which will consist of 9 Councillors nominated from members of good standing. We have now got a list of 14 candidates, some old, some new and I have just voted as I hope everybody else will do by July 15th 2017 to give us a vibrant board which will be presented at our business meeting in Amsterdam on Monday 4 September during the European Society of Pathology meeting. We will also be voting on amendment of the bylaws concerning membership at this meeting.

At ESP we have 2 seminars on myocardial infarction and infiltrative cardiac disease. Allard van der Wal is invaluable in arranging these seminars

At European Society of Cardiology in Barcelona on Sunday 27th of August the association is represented by a session on aortic disease and genetics arranged by Annalisa Angelini. As President I will be also attending a meeting of the Council on basic cardiovascular



sciences in Barcelona on Saturday 26th of August. This is a valuable conduit for basic cardiovascular science within cardiac pathology.

Cristina Basso and Katarzyna Michaud are to be congratulated on completion of the guidelines for the investigation of sudden death which had been submitted to Virchow Archive. We are confident that these will be accepted. These guidelines reflect our success as an organisation in guiding the future of cardiovascular pathology. We are also working on future guidelines on the normal heart, ischaemic heart disease and cardiomyopathies which will be discussed at the board meeting in September. This reflects the many areas of interest within the organisation.

Patrick Gallagher and Jytte Banner presented on autopsy findings throughout Europe emphasising the wide variation in the autopsy rate. Draft proposals are awaited on the paper with input from the board. Annalisa Angelini will lead on the role of the autopsy in congenital heart disease.

In transplantation the book on pathology of cardiac transplantation was published in January 2017. In antibody mediated rejection, the next step in this multicentre project will be at the 38th Annual Meeting of the ISHLT, which will be held in Nice, France, April 11-14, 2018. AA and Patrick Bruneval attended and follow the development of the project.

I ran a very successful course on cardiovascular pathology at Saint George's medical school in June 15-16 which was attended by 90 pathologists, cardiologist, paramedics, coroners and coroners' officers. Katarzyna Michaud and Annalisa Angelini were invited speakers as well as a UK based panel. We need to expand this course to a European platform as well as the Padua MSc course.

We look forward to the Annual meeting of the ESC WG "Development, Anatomy and Pathology" in Padua in September 28-30, 2017. The meeting organisers are Dr. Marina Campione and Prof. Cristina Basso, University of Padova. Dead line for abstract submission has been postponed to 23 July, 2017.

We are also in the planning stages for the biannual meeting in Lausanne in October 2018 organised by Katarzyna Michaud and Samuel Rotman, in which the topics are on sudden arrhythmic death, cardiomyopathies, coronary artery disease and cardiac failure. There will be a pre-Congress meeting on autopsy imaging by Virtangio.

We have also made a European wide grant application for a multicentre study to investigate sudden arrhythmic death as part of H2020 European initiative spearheaded by Dr Elijah Behr of Saint George's medical school, London. This represents collaboration between cardiologists, pathologists and clinical genetics. This reflects the future of cardiovascular pathology with multidisciplinary collaboration and teaching. We await the outcome of this grant application in November

All the above activities highlight an active vibrant organisation which is going forward with a new board and fresh impetus for the future. We also have the added bonus of been in a sound financial position for future meetings and providing for young investigator awards as well as the Mike Davies award.

Mary N Sheppard

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