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Dear Members of the AECVP,

I feel deeply honored to address all of you as the new President of the AECVP. This is my first newsletter as President and it coincides with the traditional Christmas season newsletter, which summarizes our activities during the year.

First of all, I should thank Katarzyna Michaud who led the Association before me in the difficult period of COVID-19 pandemic. She was able to keep alive and in good health the Association.

I took over from her during the 10th Biennial Meeting, held in Padua, September 21-23, 2023.

The 10th biennial meeting in Padua corresponded to the return to real life of the AECVP, after the difficult period of the virtual connections. We decided to have an in-presence-only meeting in order to have the chance to meet each other again. We won the bet: the meeting was extraordinary for many reasons, particularly for the high participation of non-European members coming from far away. I had the positive feeling of returning to the normal life of our small but so important CVPath community.



President and Past Presidents of the AECVP together with Professor Lina Badimon, Michael J. Davies distinguished achievement award 2023 (Padua 10th Biennial meeting, September 22, 2023)

We already look forward to the next biennial meeting which will be organized by Mary Sheppard in London, October 16-17, 2025.

Regarding other activities of 2023, we participated in many successful sessions the 35th Congress of European Society of Pathology (ESP) in Dublin and we are planning a high attendance to the 36th ESP Congress to be held in Florence next September.

The project dealing with new tissue-based criteria for myocarditis is ongoing and preliminary data will be presented in March 2024 in Baltimore, just before the annual USCAP meeting. Meanwhile, we are waiting for the starting of the joint project on pericardial diseases, led by Stephen Preston on the European side. Any new idea from members is encouraged.

I would like to thank Jytte Banner, who left the board this year, and welcome the new board members Pilar Molina and Joseph Westaby.

Last but not least, let me thank the Executive committee for their advises, Giulia d'Amati for her effort as Educational councilor and Ivana Kholová for her invaluable and efficient support as Secretary-Treasurer.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Cristina Basso

AECVP President

Padova, December 22, 2023

