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**EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION
FOR HAEMATOPATHOLOGY**



NEWSLETTER

August 2008

Message from the President

Dear Friends,

In Bordeaux, the Executive Committee of our Association will be – at least in part – renewed. Han van Krieken will complete his Treasurer/Secretary mandate and I will be substituted by Philip Kluin. I wish to express my own and all EAHP members' gratitude to Han for his great and long service. If our Association is in a good stand, this is largely due to him. I wish to also thank Elias Campo for his excellent job as Meeting Secretary (that he will continue during the next presidency) and all the members of the Executive Committee who greatly contributed with their ideas and enthusiasm. Antoine De Mascarel merits a special mention for the organisation of the next Meeting in Bordeaux that - I am sure – you all will attend and contribute to make a great success: this will be the best reward for all the efforts made, time devoted and energies generously spent by Antoine. Last but not least, I wish my dear friend and successor Philip a very successful Presidency of our Association that he will be certainly improve.

I have had the chance to serve as EAHP president after Miguel Piris, who initiated its transition, to a more professional format. During the last two years, some steps have been made in such direction. The web-site we have in common with the Society for Hematopathology, our sister in the United States of America, has been improved. The Atlas on reactive and inflammatory lymphadenopathies, a masterpiece created by Karl Lennert and Jacques Diebold, has become available on the web-site, where you can also find a new discussion board. Haematologica/The Hematology Journal became the official Organ of our Association and a position of Associate Editor was attributed to an EAHP member, Elias Campo at the moment. At the same time, Han van Krieken has founded the Journal of Hematopathology that generously will give hospitality to the Abstracts of the Bordeaux Meeting (the first issue is now available at <http://www.springer.com/medicine/pathology/journal/12308>). The EAHP Executive Committee is following this initiative with great attention for possible future closer cooperation. Importantly, the relationships with the Society for Hematopathology have further been strengthened. This ensued in the joint management of the WHO Classification that represented a tremendous effort, and that hopefully will have the same impact as the third edition had. It's nice to read in the Blue Book introduction what follows: "The World Health Organization (WHO) Classification of Tumours of the Haematopoietic and Lymphoid Tissues (4th Edition) was a collaborative project of the European Association for Haematopathology and the Society for Haematopathology".

In addition, the relationships with the European Haematology Association, European Society of Pathology and International Academy of Pathology have been improved with invitation of our Association to organise sessions and workshops of their Congresses or to candidate *ad hoc* speakers.

Several Meetings have been held under the auspices of or in co-operation with the European Association for Haematopathology in different Countries and Continents (from Spain to USA, Mexico and Uganda), all resulting in great successes. Intentionally, I wish to separately remind the Meetings and Workshop organised by the European Bone Marrow Working Group. This is a very dynamic branch of our Association which pursues our scientific and diagnostic activities in the field of bone-marrow pathology by achieving excellent results: I am very proud of it.

Finally, a negotiation has been initiated with the Kiel University to preserve Professor Lennert's personal archive. I volunteered to spend some weeks there in order to make a preliminary screening of the material available and it would be great that others would follow me to complete the job. This will be my last service in the EAHP name.

I am indeed aware of the fact that my activity didn't suffice to all the needs of our Association. This reflects the limitations of the human being with the ensuing discrepancy between intentions and actions. I have tried to do my best and feel indeed honoured to have served the European Association for Haematopathology. I do hope that you haven't too many complains: in any case, I am the only one responsible, the Executive Committee members having served above themselves.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Stefano A. Pileri

Message about the website

The correct address of our website is <http://www.socforheme.org>

Some members ask about the username and password of the online directory.

Your password was initially created with a random number generator. You can learn that number by clicking on the "Forgot your password?" sentence. Put your email address into the subsequent dialogue box and submit. You will receive both your username and password by email. With both of these, you can enter the database and update your membership profile, including your password. Most choose something easier to remember than the random number.

If you still have a problem, please send an email to norman.levy@hitchcock.org.

Message from the Treasurer/ Secretary

Dear Members,

As you can see from the financial report, the balance of the EAHP has diminished somewhat, many due to the publication of "The History of the EAHP" by prof Lennert. Because of the sound financial situation I propose to keep the fee at the level of 2008, being €45,00 for full membership and €25,00 for associate membership.

Eight years ago I took over the job of Treasurer/Secretary of the EAHP from Philip Kluin and I will hand over this task in Bordeaux to Daphne the Jong. In those eight years I have served the EAHP with great pleasure and have been involved in the many activities of our Association. With presidents as George Delsol, Harald Stein, Miguel Piris and Stefano Pileri it is not difficult to be secretary and with the strong support of our members it is not difficult to be the treasurer/secretary. I believe that the EAHP has a very good foundation and a strong future, and I wish to thank all the members for their trust. I hope to see many of you at our next meeting in Bordeaux, and of course also at many future meetings. A special word of thank I wish to Judith Burgers, my secretary, who devoted many hours to the EAHP and who kept everything on track, and to Norm Levy, who was indispensable as our webmaster, and has done an amazing job for us.

Finally, I wish Daphne lots of success, and I am sure, that the EAHP will prosper with her as Treasurer/Secretary!

Han van Krieken

In memoriam David York Mason (1941–2008).

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Professor David York Mason, who died prematurely on 2nd February 2008, was an internationally renowned authority in the field of human lymphoma and leukaemia. He made numerous contributions to the development and practical use of monoclonal antibodies which determined the direction of modern haematopathology and laid the foundations of the classification of lymphoma and leukaemia we use today. He was also a wonderful teacher who influenced many top scientists and doctors and a true intellectual with a wide knowledge of other fields, including art and literature. He described himself as a *free spirit*: certainly he had an enormously generous spirit, and great compassion for those in difficult circumstances.

One of his last intellectual efforts was writing the chapter on ALK negative anaplastic large cell lymphoma for the upcoming World Health Organization (WHO) lymphoma classification, which he completed just before his final illness. One striking feature about David's career was his enthusiasm for international collaboration and his openness to the ideas of others. He traveled widely and always welcomed foreign visitors to his laboratory.

David's facility for languages (he was fluent in Italian and French) and his wide cultural interests helped foster this extraordinary network of international collaborators who were later among the founding members of the International Lymphoma Study Group (ILSG). David was to be the host of the International Lymphoma Study Group annual meeting in Oxford in June this year, but his untimely death forced a change of venue. We will miss his insatiable curiosity, his acute observations, and his cheeky school-boy smile, but his spirit will live on.

Meeting calendar

Imperial College London, Faculty of Medicine. Postgraduate Short Courses "Advanced Haematopathology" from September 1st – 5th, 2008

This course is designed for haematologists and histopathologists with a special interest in haematopathology. The course focuses on the cellular and molecular pathology of the haemopoietic and lymphoid system with emphasis on microscopy and interpretation. The course includes microscopic evaluation of test cases and interpretation of immunohistochemistry by the participants, followed by discussion and review with the panel of experts.

http://www.imperial.nhs.uk/hcc/conferences/advanced_haematopathology/index.htm

The 14th Meeting of the EAHP will take place in Bordeaux from September 20-25, 2008

Please find all information about this meeting on <http://eahp.colloques-adera.fr/>

EAHP Conference secretariat, eahp@adera.fr.

The second Neoplastic Hematopathology Update: New Insights into Old Questions conference from November 13-15, 2008

The conference will be held at The El Conquistador Resort & Golden Door Spa in Puerto Rico. More information, please contact Brenda Ram, CMP, Coordinator, Center for Continuing Education, University of Nebraska Medical Center, 986800 Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE 68198-6800, Telephone 402-559-9250, Facsimile 402-559-5915, Toll Free 877-832-6924 or e-mail bram@unmc.edu or visit <http://www.unmc.edu/hematopathologyupdate>

9th International Course on Bone Marrow Pathology, Geneva, Switzerland May 7-9, 2009

Please find informations about this meeting on www.bonemarrowgeneva09.ch

9th International Course on Bone Marrow Pathology will be held close to Geneva, in Western Switzerland, close to the Alps and to the lake.

The course continues the tradition of bi-annual tutorials organized by the European Bone Marrow Working Group (previous: 2001 – Palermo, 2003 – Hannover, 2005 – Krakow and 2007 – Graz).

This is an advanced course for specialists and residents interested in bone marrow physiology and pathology. Before the course itself, a half day course on best practices in diagnostic methods will be held. The Course will extend over three days (Thursday – Saturday, May 7-9 2009) and will be conducted by internationally recognised specialists in bone marrow physiology and pathology. Like in the previous courses, the number of participants will be limited. There is no separate registration for the preliminary workshop on best practices and the Bone Marrow Pathology Course.

Early registration: before January 19, 2009

Late registration: January 20, 2009

No on-site registration.

Case submission: before January 19, 2009 (All participants are encouraged to submit their cases)

Early registration: 400 €

Late registration: 450 €

No on-site registration

The fee includes the course participation, standard congress materials, welcome reception (Thursday evening), lunch (Thursday, Friday), and the social event on Friday evening. The fee, however, does not include your accommodation.

The Organizers encourage all interested persons to limit their correspondence to e-mails, by far the most efficient and cheapest way of communication. For information, please use the following address: Laetitia.bourquin@medecine.unige.ch

Minutes general assembly Vienna, October 11, 2006 (105 members present)

1. The outgoing-president Miguel Piris welcomes the large number of members and points to the already great success of the Vienna meeting. He stresses that our society need to be more professional, due to the success of the meetings. Proposals will be prepared by the executive committee. These proposals will include possibilities for new activities, more formal relations with clinicians, especially the EHA, and industry.
2. Report of the general assembly in Thessalonicki: accepted without comments
3. Report of the treasurer: accepted without comments. After discussion on the raise of the fee, this is accepted by the general assembly: Membership €45, associated membership €25.
4. Initial impression from the Vienna meeting (Chott): the meeting is running well and has a very large attendance. A full report will be given later.
5. The new president, Stefano Pileri takes the chairmanship and thanks Miguel Piris for his outstanding service as EAHP president and strengthens the need to continue in the policy initiated by him. The executive committee will try to develop as many of the above mentioned activities as possible.
6. Association with a journal: it is decided that the ExCo can move forward with negotiations with publishers.
7. Meeting in 2008: the meeting will be held in Bordeaux, the topic will be decided by the executive committee early 2007
8. Meeting in 2010: will be help in Upsala; since there was already a proposal from Switzerland, it is decided that the 2012 meeting will take place there.
9. Election of new members of the executive committee: all proposals as listed below were accepted.

Present:

Miguel Piris (president, 2004-2006)
Harald Stein (past-president, 2004-2006)
Stefano Pileri (president-elect, 2004-2006)
Han van Krieken (treasurer/secretary; 2004-2008)
Elias Campo (meeting secretary; 2002-2006)
Lorenzo Leoncini (2002-2006)
Elisabeth Ralfkiaer (2002-2006)
Jon van der Walt (representing the bone marrow-group, 2002-2006)
Steven Swerdlow (representing the SH, 2002-2006)
Konstantine Papadimitriou (2004-2008)
Andreas Chott (2004-2008)
Thierry Molina (2004-2008)
Hans Kreipe will be adviser of the ExCo on behalf of the bone marrow-group

Proposed:

Stefano Pileri (president, 2006-2008)
Miguel Piris (past-president, 2006-2008)
Philip Kluin (president-elect, 2006-2008)
Han van Krieken (treasurer/secretary, 2004-2008)
Elias Campo (meeting secretary, 2006-2008)
Konstantine Papadimitriou (2004-2008)
Andreas Chott (2004-2008)
Thierry Molina (2004-2008)
Roger Warnke (for the SH, 2006-2010)
Martin Hansmann (2006-2010)
Leticia Quintanilla-Martines (2006-2010)
Anna Porwit (2006-2010)
Andrew Wotherspoon (2006-2010)
Hans Kreipe (adviser on behalf of the bone marrow group)

10. Other business; matters from the floor: it was proposed that for the workshop the slides should be send unstained. It is decided that the workshop without microscope for each participant work well.

Agenda general assembly Bordeaux September 2008

1. Welcome address and brief report of the outgoing-president (Stefano Pileri)
2. Report of the general assembly in Vienna
3. Report of the treasurer/secretary (Han van Krieken)
4. Initial impression from the Bordeaux. Meeting (Antoine de Mascarel)
5. Address of the new president (Philip Kluin)
6. Meeting in 2010
7. Election of new members of the executive committee

The present committee consists of:

Stefano Pileri (president, 2006-2008)
Miguel Piris (past-president, 2006-2008)
Philip Kluin (president-elect, 2006-2008)
Han van Krieken (treasurer, 2004-2008)
Elias Campo (meeting secretary, 2006-2010)
Konstantine Papadimitriou (2004-2008)
Andreas Chott (2004-2008)
Thierry Molina (2004-2008)
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Andrew Wotherspoon (2006-2010)
Hans Kreipe (adviser on behalf of the bone marrow group)
Roger Warnke (for the SH, 2006-2008)

Proposed are:

Philip Kluin (president 2008-2010)
Stefano Pileri (past-president 2008-2010)
Philip Gaulard (president elect 2008-2010)
Daphne de Jong (secretary/treasurer 2008-2012)
Elias Campo (meeting secretary 2006-2010)
Martin Hansmann (2006-2010)
Leticia Quintanilla-Martines (2006-2010)
Anna Porwit-Macdonald (2006-2010)
Andrew Wotherspoon (2006-2010)
Laszlo Krenacs (2008-2012)
Antoine de Mascarel (2008-2012)
Christer Sundström (2008-2012)
Hans Kreipe (adviser on behalf of the bone marrow group)
Jonathan Said was appointed SH representative (2008-2012) at the last SH Meeting in Denver

8. Other business matters from the floor

Financial report (by Han van Krieken)**Financial accounts 01/01/2007 - 31/12/2007****Balance January 1, 2007****116.527,26 €****Revenues**

Membership fees	3.463,10 €	
Special funds	285,00 €	
Revenues EAHP congress	21.244,59 €	
Interest normal account	68,50 €	
Interest busin. account	162,46 €	
Interest bonusbusin. account	2.533,38 €	
<i>Revenues subtotal</i>		<u>27.757,03 € +</u>

Expenses

Secretarial costs	1.014,65 €	
Expenses meeting Bordeaux	12.790,87 €	
Expenses books Lennart	21.682,80 €	
Expenses Website	638,86 €	
Charges bank	551,48 €	
<i>Expenses total</i>		<u>36.678,66 € -</u>

Balance 31-12-2007**107.605,63 €****Balance accounts 31-12-2007**

Balance normal account	16.723,07 €
Balance bonusbusin. account	87.594,60 €
Balance busin. account	3.287,96 €
	<u>107.605,63 €</u>