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EUROPEAN ASSOCIATION FOR HAEMATOPATHOLOGY

NEWSLETTER

May 2012

Message from the past President

Dear Friends,

After the excellent meeting in Uppsala, September 2010, you immediately should have received the Newsletter. For some reasons that did not occur, and I apologize for this omission. This does not mean that the EAHP is not in good shape. To the opposite, in these few words I take the opportunity to say that the association is doing very well in many aspects. We have a very close collaboration with the Society of Hematopathology in the USA, with the European Bone Marrow Working Group and the European Society of Pathology as well. Next year we will have a very exciting meeting in Lisboa, Portugal, to be organized by José Cabaçadas and his colleagues, and everybody is looking forward to meet there again. In my Presidential address in the Uppsala meeting, I already thanked Stefano Pileri, who was past-President at that time, but I take the opportunity again to thank him for his excellent and very energetic work for the EAHP. I further wish all the best for the new and very active board, in particular Philippe Gaulard, Leticia Quintanilla-Fend and Daphne de Jong.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Philip Kluin, past President of the EAHP

Message from the President

Dear Friends,

Thanks to Daphne de Jong, our secretary –treasurer, I am happy that, after a long silence, you can receive again the Newsletter that aims to strengthen the links between members of the EAHP from different countries and continents. I take this opportunity to deeply thank Philip Kluin (also referred as “Philip the first”), for his excellent and efficient work as last president and Christer Sundström for organizing the last successful meeting in Uppsala. Following the efforts of the past presidents, I am pleased that the collaborations with the Society of Hematopathology in the USA has been reinforced. The last meeting of the EAHP/SH in Los Angeles organized by Jonathan Said and Sophie

Wong was scientifically excellent in a pleasant place and I was pleased to see that the number of colleagues from Europe had increased compared to previous meetings. The next SH/EAHP meeting in Lisbon (October 20-25, 2012) organized by Jose Cabeçadas and his colleagues, will be another opportunity to meet with the aim to better understand the complex diseases represented by T-cell lymphomas. In addition to the educational session and the attractive bone marrow symposium organized by the European Bone Marrow Working Group, I am confident that the combination of the lymphoma symposium with high standard lectures followed by lymphoma workshop will bring new insights in the diagnostic and clinical approaches of T-cell lymphomas. We are happy to announce that the next Lisbon meeting will also include a Thymus mini-symposium organized by Prof. Marx.

Among recent actions are the development of a new and modernized joint website for EAHP and SH that will include various facilities for communication and discussion as well as the service of online payment. In view of the increasing number of attendants in our meetings, we also start to discuss the possibility to benefit from a more professional organization to help organizing the future meetings. In this respect, I would like to thank EXCO members and specially our meeting secretary, Leticia Quintanilla-Fend for their active contributions.

Warmest wishes to you all.

Philippe Gaulard, past President of the EAHP

Message about the website

Our dear US colleague Norm Levy is nearing retirement. Norm has been the driving force in the pioneering work on the joint website of SH and EAHP, the electronic communication and for years has been active in the maintenance of the joint website. Norm's nearing retirement prompted the EXCOs of both societies to evaluate the modern possibilities on communication, facilities and to explore the possibilities of a further professional approach to membership services. Currently, teams from EAHP and SH are actively working on the development of a completely new website for EAHP and SH. The website will be constructed by Cantrijn, a Netherlands-based firm, and will provide the well-know services including news form the hematopathology community, information on upcoming meetings, meeting reports, information on both societies, relevant links as we have always had them. Moreover, we will have facilities for online membership payments and modern discussion boards that support uploading of pictures of actual cases. The format will be flexible to include modern media for communication and ready for the upcoming generation of young pathologists. We expect that the website will be available by the early summer and ready well before the upcoming bi-annual meeting in Lisboa. Those, especially young hematopathologists, who are enthusiastic to participate in the development of the website and to discuss new applications are invited to contact the secretary-treasurer (secr.eahp@nki.nl)

Daphne de Jong

Meeting calendar

June 7-8, 2012

1st Edinburgh Haematopathology Tutorial:

"Integrating technological advances into diagnostic practice"

The Roxburghe Hotel, Edinburgh

Meeting website: www.edinburgh-haematopathology.org.uk

Further details available from flyer and from Dr John Goodlad, Department of Pathology, Western General Hospital, Edinburgh, EH4 2XU. Telephone +44(0)1315371969; Fax +44(0)1315373168; email john.goodlad@nhs.net

June 22-23, 2012

Basel Seminars in Pathology Postgraduate Course in Hematopathology

Basel, Switzerland

October 20-25, 2012

XVIth Meeting of EAHP with a symposium and workshop on Peripheral T and NK cell lymphomas and their mimics; taking a step forward. The meeting venue will be the main hall "Aula Magna" of the University of Lisboa. The preliminary program of the symposium is now published at the website. Participants are invited to submit abstracts for oral or poster presentation. Case and abstract submission is now open.

Contact: Dr. J. Cabecadas, jcabecadas@ipolisboa.min-saude.pt

Meeting website: www.haematopathology2012.org

Minutes General Assembly Uppsala, September 28, 2010

1. Opening by the President and presidential address

The President Philip Kluin stated that the EAHP is in very good shape and an excellent collaboration exists with the EBMWG. The meeting thus far has been a great success and especially the high scientific level of the abstract and posters is mentioned.

2. Minutes of general assembly 2008

No comments

3. Report by the meeting secretary

Just prior to the meeting, it became known that the previously set date for the EAHP meeting 2012 in Lisboa has a complete overlap with the ESP meeting in Prague. For this instance, the dates of our meeting could be changed to October 20-25, 2012. Since the ESP now has meetings planned every year instead of every two years, the problem of coinciding meetings as well as the possibilities for the contribution of EAHP to ECP may be an increasing problem. Therefore, the option for a structural change from September to either April/May or October was discussed. The first week of October would have the advantage to be in line with the SH workshops. On the other hand, problems may arise with IAP meetings. The collaboration with the ESP is discussed with the members. Thus far, the EAHP has obligations to organize educational sessions, symposia and workshops during ECP meetings and it is mostly felt that this should be continued. However, the terms of the collaboration should be renegotiated to be at more equal terms.

4. Report by the Secretary / treasurer

- a. Fourteen applications for waivers/grants for Uppsala meeting were received and 9 were granted 9 with either travel grants and a waiver or the registration fee or only the latter option. The special funds program was brought under the attention of the membership once more.
- b. In January 2009, 191 of 419 registered members had not paid their dues for 3-8 years. Of these members, the majority has been identified and contacted. As solutions to avoid similar problems in the future the following issues were proposed: notifications of changes of address/E-mail address, online payment, which is planned to be operational by the end of 2011, yearly notifications and a larger financial benefit for registration to meetings for members as done for Uppsala, supported by a direct link to the membership list at registration.
- c. Overview of the current financial situation and trends over the past 4 years: no comments.

5. Proposal for new EXCO

The Nomination committee (Pileri, Stein, Piris) proposes José Cabaçadas, John Goodlad, German Ott and Elena Sabatini as new members of the EXCO to replace Martin-Leo Hansmann and Andrew Wotherspoon. Anna Porwit will replace Hans Kreipe as representative of EMBWG. Elias Campo is announced as new President-elect, Leticia Quintanilla-Fend as the new Meeting Secretary. The new members were all approved. The retiring EXCO members and especially Stefano Pileri as past-President are warmly thanked for their contributions.

6. Presentation of Turkey 2014

Isinsu Kuzu gives a spectacular presentation of Istanbul as the meeting venue for 2014.

7. Invitation for proposals

Members are invited to submit proposals for the venue of 2016 to the Meeting Secretary (LQ-F).

8. Change of Presidency and Closure of the meeting by New President

The stamps of EAHP are handed over from Philip the first to Philippe the second and thereby Philip Gaulard takes over the Presidency and with warm words of thanks to Philip Kluin for his successful period of presidency and to Christer Sundström and his team for the excellent organization of the meeting.

Financial report

The EAHP is in a financially sound state. However, a major issue on backlog in membership payments and membership administration has precluded a sound overview of the situation. In January 2009, we had 419 registered members of EAHP, of these, 191 (45%) had not paid their dues for 2-8 years. Some of those still received the advantages of a full membership, including the lower registration fees at our meetings. That was partly caused by administrative inconsistencies and certainly in mostly not due to ill-will. Since the summer of 2009, we have been able to trace back 136 members and thereby received approximately € 15.000 dues. The updated membership per September 2010 was 415. During the Uppsala meeting, we were happy to register more than 50 new members and indeed the EAHP is thriving. In view of the development of the new website and the facilities for online payment as a service to our membership, we have postponed the call for payment of membership dues until May 2012. Due to unexpected delays in the launch of the website, an alternative method was chosen for the dues of 2012.

Balance January 1, 2010			€ 122,636.25	
Revenues				
	Membership fees	€ 19,965.21		
	Special funds	€ 1,610.00		
	ADERA participation Bordeaux	€ 26,611.23		
	Interest normal account	-€ 46.31		
	Interest busin. account	€ 35.36		
	Interest bonusbusin. account	€ 1,324.57		
Revenues subtotal			€ 49,500.06	+
Expenses				
	Secretarial costs	€ 26.30		
	Expenses meeting Uppsala/EXCO	€ 15,490.53		
	Expenses website	€ 378.53		
	Charges bank	€ 180.19		
Expenses total			€ 16,075.55	-
Balance sept 2010			€ 156,060.76	
Balance accounts sept 2010				
	Balance normal account	€ 58,387.60		
	Balance bonusbusin. account	€ 94,214.32		
	Balance busin. account	€ 3,458.84		
		€ 156,060.76		

Daphne de Jong, secretary-treasurer