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Leiden, April 24, 2000

Dear Colleagues,

During the Xth EAHP meeting in London, we will have our regular General Assembly, the agenda enclosed in this letter. During the assembly, several important issues will be raised.

First we wish to adapt the original Constitution and make a Constitution with Bylaws. A [proposal](#) is enclosed. This proposal will be put to a vote during the meeting.

Secondly, both the Society of Hematopathology (SH) and the European Association for Haematopathology

(EAHP) intend to institute a joint membership. This includes that both societies will agree that members in good standing in one society may automatically be elected to membership in the other society, by presenting to the Secretary/Treasurer evidence of membership in good standing in the home society and by paying the dues required by the other society. This will be put to a vote as well.

A third important proposal also included in the Bylaws, and in fact already achieved, is that all workshops will be jointly organized. This means that in each workshop panel at least two members from the other society should be included.

During the meeting, the Nomination Committee will propose new EXCO members. The following posts are officially vacant:

George Delsol, President 2000-2002

Peter Isaacson past-President 2000-2002

Harald Stein, President-elect 2000-2002

Miguel Piris, second term Meeting Secretary 1998-2002

vacancy, Secretary / Treasurer 2000-2004 (position Philip Kluin)*

Kaarle Franssila, councillor 1998-2002

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Nina Hurwitz)

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Carlo Baroni)

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Harald Stein)

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Janez Jancar)

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Ruth Langholm)

Nancy Harris. member at large SH 1998-2002

*The second term of Philip Kluin is from 2000-2004, but he has announced to stop in 2000.

In consequence there will be (too) many vacancies. In order to have a more fluent renewal of the EXCO, the EXCO and Nomination Committee propose the following adaptations:

George Delsol, President 2000-2002

Peter Isaacson, past-President 2000-2002

Harald Stein, President-elect 2000-2002

Miguel Piris, second term Meeting Secretary 1998-2002

vacancy, Secretary/Treasurer 2000-2004 (position Philip Kluin)

Kaarle Franssila, councillor 1998-2002

Nina Hurwitz, councillor 1996-2002, thus an extension for 2 years

Carlo Baroni, councillor 1996-2002, thus an extension for 2 years

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Harald Stein)

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Janez Jancar)

vacancy, councillor 2000-2004 (position Ruth Langholm)

Nancy Harris, member at large SH, 1998-2002

We hope you can accept these proposals. If you have suggestions for candidates, you can contact the Nomination Committee, i.e. Prof Dr HK Muller-Hermelink in Wurzburg, Germany, Prof Dr J Diebold, Paris, France, or Prof Dr D Wright Southampton, UK.

Hoping to see you all in London!

On behalf of the other EXCO members

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1. INTRODUCTION

Dear colleagues, the board of the EAHP wishes you a happy and fruitful 1999! We hope to see many of you during the second joint meeting with the Society of Hematopathology, in Barcelona, September 17-18, 1999. We apologize for the delay of this newsletter which was planned for September-October 1998.

2. SUMMING UP THE LEIDEN MEETING, APRIL 1996, AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE ON T CELL LYMPHOMAS

Three hundred seventy-eight people attended the IX EAHP meeting in Leiden. The organizers appreciated the very high scientific level of the poster and oral presentations. They again wish to thank all contributors. Two hundred thirty-one people attended the workshop, 100 of them being an active participant. The organizers were pleased by the participation of so many people in the workshop. They realized that the program with 100 submitted cases was too heavy, as was the room too crowded, and that there was too little time for discussions, making the organization somewhat chaotic. At the other hand there often is some misunderstanding in the function of the EAHP workshops, some attendees expecting full proof diagnoses while others, including the members of the panel, use the workshop to test new ideas! After the meeting, the panel met again on Sunday and Monday June 14-15, in Amsterdam, to re-review all 100 cases. After the discussions in the workshop and completing auxiliary studies and with help of the stimulating discussions with especially Elisabeth Ralfkiaer, John Chan, Masahira Kikuchi and Daniel Catovsky by Email, this was a very informative meeting. Please find the enclosed list of final diagnoses as given by the panel in the context of the (provisional) list of WHO entities.

The organizers also wish to apologize for the dreadful weather in April. Already in early November it became evident that for the last century, 1998 broke all records for rainfall. We really hope that London will be any better in 2000 and we wish professor Peter Isaacson a very successful Millennium meeting.

The nomenclature committee is preparing a summing up on T cell lymphomas with a manuscript to be published in "Histopathology". We hope to complete it in 1999. All EAHP and SH members and attendees of the workshop will receive a reprint.

On behalf of the organizing committee,

Philip M Kluin

3. MINUTES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, STADSGEHOORZAAL, LEIDEN, APRIL 27, 1998

AGENDA

1 *President's address*

2 *Secretary/treasurer's account*

3 *Report of the Nomenclature committee 1996-1998 (J.Diebold)*

4 *WHOclassification (H.K.Muller-Hermelink)*

5 *Report of 1st Joint Meeting with the SH, Orlando, 1997 (H.K.Muller-Hermelink)*

6 *Report of Educational Activities*

-*Tutorial Thessaloniki (C.S.Papadimitriou)*

-*Tutorial Warsaw (W.Th.Dura)*

-*Tutorial Ljubljana (J.Jancar)*

-*Bone marrow working group (J.G.van den Tweel)*

-*Tutorial Leiden (J.H.J.M. van Kneken)*

7 *Membership fee for 1998/1999*

8 *Proposal for new EXCO members by the nomination committee (K.Lennert, D.Wright, J.Diebold)*

9 *Member at large from Society of Hematopathology (N.L.Harris)*

10 *Approval LOGO EAHP*

11 *Approval access to membership list EAHP on WWW*

12 *Forthcoming EAHP meetings*

2nd Joint Meeting with the SH, Barcelona, 1999 (E.Campo, M.Piris)

Xth EAHP Meeting, London, 2000 (P.Isaacson)

XIth EAHP Meeting

13 *Forthcoming EAHP sponsored meetings*

Bone marrow course, Athens (Dr. D.Anagnostou-Keramidas)

14 *other business*

1. *PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS*

The president stated that the EAHP is fully alive and in good health. He commemorated the succesful Paris meeting in 1996 organized by Jacques Diebold with the excellent workshop report published in Histopathology, as well as the successful first joint meeting with the SH in Orlando. He emphasized the improved relationships with our colleagues in the USA, Canada, Japan and other Asian countries and Australia. At present, there is increasing unanimity on most aspects of lymphoma classification, the REAL classification being accepted and the coming WHO classification being at the horizon. Much of this success

is due to the endeavour of ES Jaffe and NL Harris. Still the EAHP feels that the concepts of these classifications are based on the Kiel classification, which is entirely the work of Professor Karl Lennert.

For that and many other reasons, the executive committee felt it appropriate to institute the "Karl Lennert Lecture". The President very much welcomed Professor Lennert and his wife who were present during this first lecture, and also welcomed Professor Klaus Rajewsky from the Department of Genetics, University of Cologne, to give the first Karl Lennert Lecture.

The EAHP feels that more and more SH members are interested to become members of the EAHP and vice versa. This has led to the idea to have a member at large in the boards of both organizations (see below). Moreover, it has been suggested to have shared membership lists for both the SH and EAHP. Both issues might further improve the exchange of scientific ideas and information. The President further mentioned the coming meeting in Barcelona (see below).

At the end of his address the President brought in memory the death of our member and colleague from Monaco, Dr Monique Lasserre.

2. SECRETARY/TREASURER'S ACCOUNT

Philip Kluin reported on the financial account of the EAHP. At the moment he could not give full data since there was uncertainty of some transfers of membership fees. A provisional report was given and approved by the audience. The definitive report on the period 01-01-1996 to 31-12-1996 and 01-01-1997 to 31-12-1997 is given below and has to be approved during the London in 2000. The treasurer mentioned that the possibility to pay by credit card was used by many members and will be continued.

3. REPORT OF THE NOMENCLATURE COMMITTEE 1996-1998 (J.DIEBOLD)

Jacques Diebold reported on the successful workshop on splenic pathology in Paris, 1996. A full report has been published in *Histopathology* 1998; 32: 172-9. The report has been distributed among all EAHP members.

4. WHO CLASSIFICATION (H.-K. MULLER-HERMELINK).

The president summarized the progress made in the WHO project. The steering committee consists of Elaine Jaffe, Nancy Lee Harris, Jacques Diebold and Hans-Konrad Muller-Hermelink. The previous members Karl Lennert and Costan Berard both resigned. Last November a very successful meeting with the clinical advisory committee was held. It was felt that for the lymphomas major steps forward were made as at the end, most clinicians including important oncologists such as Saul Rosenberg and Wolfgang Hiddemann fully supported the proposals as made by the REAL classification and amended by the WHO proposals. This includes the full list of all entities, and not a short list of "top ten" entities. One major problem is the disagreement for the myeloid disorders including the myelodysplasias, chronic myeloproliferative disorders and acute myeloid leukemias. James Vardiman and George Flandrin have been invited as additional experts to help the Steering Committee. Publication of the lymphoma classification is withheld until this problem has been solved, since one book for both lymphoid and myeloid disorders has been scheduled by the WHO.

5. REPORT ON THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE SH, ORLANDO, 1997 (H.-K. MULLER-HERMELINK).

The president summarized the joined SH-EAHP meeting, held in Orlando, March 1997. The main topic of this meeting was "Clinical translations from Hematopathology". The meeting was a success with a considerable number of participants from Europe

6. REPORT OF EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES

-Tutorial Thessaloniki (Constantine S.Papadimitriou)

-Tutorial Warsaw (W.Thomas Dura)

-Tutorial Ljubljana (Janez Jancar)

-Bone marrow working group (Jan G. van den Tweel)

-Tutorial Leiden (J.Han J.M. van Kneken)

The abovementioned meetings with their special topics were briefly commemorated by the abovementioned members.

7. MEMBERSHIP FEE (H.-K. MULLER-HERMELINK).

The president and treasurer proposed to maintain the fee at the present level. In Euro's (C) it is: 36.30 for full members and 18.15 for associate members (Dfl 80.-- for full members and Dfl 40.-- for associate members; the currency is one C = Dfl 2.2037). This was approved by the general assembly.

8. PROPOSALS FOR NEW EXCO MEMBERS BY THE NOMINATION COMMITTEE.

The nomination committee consisting of Karl Lennert, Dennis Wright and Jacques Diebold proposed as new members:

-President-elect: George Delsol, Toulouse

-Meeting secretary: Miguel Piris (second term)

-new councillor: Kaarle Franssila, Helsinki

Furthermore the president proposed to invite the past-president for board meetings. The rationale is that due to the fact that EAHP meetings are only once in two years there is loss of expertise and continuity within the board. Since the past-President will have the right to vote, it will be necessary to change the constitution of the EAHP. This proposal was approved.

9. MEMBER AT LARGE FROM SOCIETY OF HEMATOPATHOLOGY (H.-K. MULLER-HERMELINK).

The president again emphasized the improved relationships with our colleagues in the USA, Asia and Australia. The SH has already one member at large from Europe (Sibrand Poppema, Groningen, The Netherlands). Inclusion of one member at large from the SH will formalize these important relationships and improve communication. The current President of the SH, Nancy Lee Harris is willing to join the EAHP board. Again the constitution has to be changed accordingly. This proposal was fully approved by the audience. The composition of the board is listed below.

10 APPROVAL LOGO EAHP (H.-K. MULLER-HERMELINK).

The current logo representing Europe as a germinal center or lymphocyte, was approved by the audience. The secretary treasurer can provide members with the logo, either in Powerpoint, Harvard Graphics or another format on a floppy disk.

11 APPROVAL ACCESS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST EAHP ON WWW (H.-K. MULLER-HERMELINK).

The President asked the audience whether there was any opposition to have the membership list on WWW. Everybody agreed. Norman Levy from the USA who has already installed a website for the SH was very helpful and did a great job in installing the EAHP membership list as well. You can find the site on <http://www.dartmouth.edu/~nlevy/EAHP/eahp.html>

After this point of the agenda, Peter Isaacson took over presidency. He thanked Hans-Konrad Muller-Hermelink for his characteristic and very stimulating efforts to lead and enforce the EAHP.

12 FORTHCOMING EAHP MEETINGS (P.G. ISAACSON).

*2nd Joint Meeting with the SH, Barcelona, September 17-18, 1999 (E.Campo, M.Piris).
Dr Campo gave an overview of this meeting illustrated with slides of the beautiful city*

of Barcelona.

Xth EAHP Meeting, London, May 7-11, 2000 (P. Isaacson). Peter Isaacson gave an overview on the London meeting in 2000. One of the main topics of this millennium meeting will be the B-cell follicle.

XIth EAHP Meeting, date is not yet decided. On behalf of the board, the president proposed a meeting in Siena, Italy, to be organized by L. Leoncini. This was fully approved by the audience.

13 FORTHCOMING EAHP SPONSORED MEETINGS

4th International course on Bone Marrow Biopsy Pathology. Athens, May 19-23 1999 (Dr. D. Anagnostou)

14 OTHER BUSINESS

No other Issues were raised

4. PROPOSAL FOR CHANGES IN THE CONSTITUTION OF THE EAHP

In article 6, the following changes (underlined) are proposed:

Article 6 - Officers

The officers of the Association shall be: President, President-elect, past-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Meeting Secretary. The President, past-President, and President-elect shall hold office for not more than two consecutive years. The Secretary-Treasurer and the Meeting-Secretary may be re-elected for a further term of office but shall hold office for not more than eight consecutive years. After leaving the committee, officers can not be re-elected during an interval of two years.

Article 7 - Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Association shall consist of the Officers and seven Councillors. One of these Councillors will be a representative from the Society of Hematopathology and as such be a mem~ of the Executive Committee of the SH. This Councillor should be nominated by the Executive Committee of the SH with the agreement of the Executive Committee of the EAHP. The Chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the President. Councillors shall not serve consecutively for more than one four-year term in that capacity. After leaving the committee, councillors can not be re-elected during an interval of two years.

However, reading the Constitution carefully, the EXCO felt that a number of inconsistencies are present in the old version, probably due to the regular changes made after its original approval in 1988. Therefore it was decided during the last EXCO meeting, January 1999, to entirely revise the Constitution and to circulate a proposal for a new Constitution and Bylaws to all members. This new version will be discussed and hopefully approved during the London meeting in 2000.

5. EAHP COMMITTEES

Executive Committee

Peter Isaacson, President 1998-2000

Hans-Konrad Müller-Hermelink, past-President 1998-2000

George Delsol, President-elect 1998-2000

Miguel Piris, second term Meeting Secretary 1998-2002

Philip Kluin, Secretary/treasurer: 1996-2000

Janez Jancar, councillor 1996-2000