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Message from the president

The number of participants at the last London meeting clearly demonstrated the vitality of the EAHP. The outstanding organisation of this meeting regarding both scientific and social activities could be expected taking into account the exceptional figure of the President of EAHP, Professor Peter Isaacson who was in charge of this meeting. It is a challenge and a model for me as a president and for the future organisers of EAHP to meet with such a standard. The new EXCO of EAHP will do his best to follow in this pathway. An increasing number of pathologists from North America, Asia and other countries attend the EAHP meetings. There is no doubt that the coming WHO classification would facilitate the exchanges between pathologists whatever their countries of origin using a universal language for the classification of hematopoietic neoplasms. The success of the joint EAHP and SH meeting in Barcelona further confirmed the desire of the two societies to work together. As stressed in Lennert's lecture by Professor David Mason, pathologists should play a key role in the future because they are « seated on a gold mine ». Indeed, they are in charge of tissue banks and are experts in localizing gene products and assessing the impact of new methods such as DNA microarrays in the diagnosis and prognosis of hematopoietic neoplasms. However, the informal discussions which followed the London meeting clearly suggested that the format of EAHP meeting, i.e. presentations based on fundamental research on lymphoproliferative disorders and sessions devoted to diagnostic histopathology should be conserved in the future.

Message from the secretary/treasurer

As the new secretary/treasurer I thank you for the trust the members have in me. I hope to fulfill my task as trustworthy as my predecessor Philip Kluin, whom I wish to thank for the job so well done, and the good order in which the matters were transferred to me.

Included you will find a personal update of you standings. As you will see the membership fee has not changed. The executive committee has decided that members who did not pay their fees the last five years will be removed from the membership list. If you have any questions, please regard them to me, preferable by e-mail (J.vanKrieken@pathol.azn.nl).

Message from the meeting secretary

Past meeting

- **2000 London's EAHP Meeting**

The largest Meeting in the EAHP history took place in May, organized by Prof Peter Isaacson. 420 attendants contributed with 124 cases, 100 posters and 24 oral presentations. A memorable contribution to this X Meeting was the Karl Lennert's Lecture by David Mason, rehabilitating the figure of the research pathologists.

Forthcoming meetings

- **2001 Society of Hematopathology Meeting**

Dr Marshall Kadin is organising the next SH Workshop, to be held November 2001 in Boston. The topic selected is applications of the molecular techniques to the diagnosis of lymphoproliferative conditions, which is expected to review the indications of different molecular techniques applied to the diagnosis. Members of the EAHP are cordially invited to attend that Workshop, contributing with their experience.

As a consequence of the agreement between both societies, the EAHP members are qualified to participate in the SH Workshops (and viceversa). EAHP workshops will be held the uneven years, while SH will do that the even years. (See separate announcement in this Newsletter).

- **Sienna 2002 Meeting**

Prof Lorenzo Leoncini, with the help of Prof Piero Tossi and his coworkers, is preparing the May 2002 EAHP Meeting. The main topic will be aggressive B-cell lymphomas, including Burkitt and lymphoblastic lymphoma. For the first time, the program will include an extra day fully dedicated to bone marrow, according with the decisions of the last EAHP assembly.

A local Committee and a Scientific Committee are helping Prof Lorenzo Leoncini. SH members have been invited to take part in the Scientific Committee and panel.

The topic selected, aggressive B-cell lymphomas, absent from the last Hematopathology Meetings, is expected to bring an occasion to discuss urgent matters such as LBCL subclassification, characteristics of LBCL in extranodal locations, diagnosis of Burkitt's and Burkitt's like lymphomas, tumours in immunosuppressed patients, etc.

Thanks to the help of the University, it is expected that the fees for the Meeting will be significantly reduced, allowing this the participation of a larger number of younger pathologists. Proposals or suggestions about this 2002 Meeting can be sent to Prof Lorenzo Leoncini, in the address: leoncinil@unisi.it.

- **EAHP 2004 Meeting**

It will take place most likely in September-October, to harmonise it with the activities of the SH and ESP. A final decision on the place was postponed until the EAHP board Meeting in Sienna, January 2001.

Proposals and comments about this or future Meeting may be sent to Miguel A Piris, Meeting Secretary, email: mapiris@cniio.es.

Meeting calendar

- **2001**

- Egypt, Tutorial of Haematopathology, 27th-31st January.
- Hungary, Budapest, Tutorial organised by Dr. L. Kopper.
- Palermo, Bone Marrow Group of the EAHP. Information by Dr. N. Hurwitz (nhurwitz@uhbs.ch).
- Berlin, European Society of Pathology, 08th-13th September.
- Boston, Society of Hematopathology, Molecular aspects of lymphoma diagnosis. 5th-7th November.

- **2002**

- Sienna, EAHP, 26th-29th May.
- Firenze, EAH-7, 4th-7th June.
- Lugano, Lymphoma Meeting, 11th-15th June.
- London, November 29th Annual Meeting of the British Division of the IAP on lymphoreticular disease

Financial report (by Philip Kluin)

Financial accounts 1998

01-01-1998 - 31-12-1998

Balance January 1, 1998		fl	82.366,82
Revenues			
	membership fees 1998	fl	907,46
	interest bank normal account	fl	121,61
	revenues IX EAHP meeting*	fl	23.714,81
	interest bank busin. account	fl	1.166,71
	<i>Revenues subtotal</i>	fl	25.910,59
Expenses			
	charges bank	fl	86,00
	expenses IX EAHP meeting*	fl	14.264,68
	panelmeeting 1998	fl	4.578,63
	<i>Expenses total</i>	fl	18.929,31
Balance 1998		fl	89.348,10

* tutorial, satel.symposium, thymus workshop and panelmeeting, refunding prepaid printing costs

Financial accounts 1999

01-01-1999 - 31-12-1999

Balance January 1, 1999		fl	89.348,10
Revenues			
	membership fees 1999 (special funds fl 1840,-)	fl	36.492,49
	interest normal account	fl	141,58
	refunding IX EAHP meeting	fl	10.000,00
	revenues IX EAHP meeting*	fl	6.434,55
	interest busin. account	fl	1.190,17
	<i>Revenues subtotal</i>	fl	54.258,79
Expenses			
	secretarial costs	fl	525,00
	expenses IX EAHP meeting 98*	fl	10.007,54
	Barcelona EAHP board 1999	fl	8.421,69
	charges bank	fl	596,57
	correction bank	fl	96,30
	<i>Expenses total</i>	fl	19.647,30
Balance 1999		fl	123.959,59

* tutorial, satel.symposium, thymus workshop; according to the final accounts of the IX EAHP meeting positive balance of fl. 1298,51 refunded to the EAHP: fl. 650,00 for the special funds; fl. 648,51 for the normal account

Financial accounts till July 13, 2000

01-01-2000 - 13-07-2000

Balance January 1, 2000		fl	123.959,59
Revenues			
	membership fees 2000	fl	4.716,48
	interest normal account	fl	104,09
	interest busin. Account	fl	1.028,79
	<i>Revenues subtotal</i>	fl	<u>5.849,36</u>
Expenses			
	secretarial costs	fl	735,00
	closing down Congress Stichting	fl	179,78
	EAFP workshop panel 2000 London	fl	3.472,10
	charges bank	fl	312,90
	Chamber of Commerce	fl	10,80
	Feeding workshop panel 2000 London	fl	4.295,93
	correction VSB	fl	226,80
	<i>Expenses total</i>	fl	<u>9.233,31</u>
Balance 13-07-2000		fl	120.575,64

Report of the general assembly

Tuesday May 9, 2000, 17.00-18.00 hrs
London, Great Hall, Kensington Town Hall

1. President's Address

Prof PG Isaacson reported on the very successful workshop on the complicated issue of T-cell lymphomas in Leiden in 1998 (workshop manuscript is submitted); the heroic performance of the organizers of the joint workshop of the SH and EAHP in conjunction with the ESP in Barcelona on progression in lymphomas (report in preparation); the close cooperation between the SH and EAHP, which was eased by the success of the REAL-classification and the WHO project; the decision to pay more attention to bone marrow pathology as reflected in the symposium following the Xth EAHP meeting.

2. Secretary/treasurer's account

The report was given by Prof PhM Kluin and accorded by the assembly.

3. Report of the workshop committee of the IXth EAHP meeting

The workshop committee met after the meeting to solve remaining discussion and issued a workshop report which at present is under review.

4. Report of educational activities

Successful tutorials were given in Russia and Athens

5. WHO classification

The project is almost finished and the manuscript deadline is June 15. Publication is expected in 2001. The book will be published in the third series of WHO classification by Oxford Press in collaboration with the IARC.

6. Partnership with Society for Hematopathology

This is accorded unanimously.

7. New constitution and bylaws

This is accorded with almost unanimity.

8. Working groups of EAHP

The bone marrow group has decided that there will be a day on bone marrow pathology in conjunction with every EAHP meeting.

9. Proposal Nomination Committee for new EXCO members

Four new members were proposed and accepted: Prof JHJM van Krieken (secretary/treasurer), Dr L Planck (councilor), Dr Ph Gaillard (councilor) and Dr E Campo (councilor). Prof Stein was accepted as president-elect.

10. Installation of new President and EXCO members

Prof Delsol was installed as the new president for 2000-2002. He thanked Prof PG Isaacson for a very fruitful presidency. Although he visited all meetings since 1981 he felt that it was a difficult task to be the successor of a giant in hematopathology as Peter has proved to be. This was illustrated by a picture from a speech from the pulpit during the Leiden conference, behind the microscope at Barcelona, followed by images in more leisurely circumstances that included food, wine and horse riding.

11. Forthcoming meetings of the EAHP

The XIth meeting of the EAHP will be held in Sienna in the congress center of the new hospital, 26-31 May 2002. For the 2004 meeting there are two proposals: Thessaloniki and Geneva, received in this order. A decision will be made by the executive committee within a few months.

12. Forthcoming meetings sponsored by the EAHP

In conjunction with the ESP-meeting in Berlin in 2001 a slide workshop and a symposium will be organized.

The next SH workshop will be organized by Prof Kadin in November 2001 in Boston. The topic will be molecular techniques in diagnostic hematopathology.

There will be a tutorial on BM pathology in Palermo in 2001.

13. Other business

None

Workshop Meeting Announcement

"Genetic and Molecular Genetic Studies in Human Hematologic Malignancies"

(see also: http://www.dartmouth.edu/~nlevy/meeting_announcement.html)

The Society for Hematopathology announces a workshop on "**Genetic and Molecular Genetic Studies in Human Hematologic Malignancies**" to be held in Boston on November 8-10, 2001. The meeting will be held at the Boston Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in downtown Boston. A registration fee of \$450 will be required.

The workshop is sponsored by the Society of Hematopathology and the Harvard Medical School Department of Continuing Education and offered by the Department of Pathology of Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. Category 1 CME credit will be available through the Harvard Medical School Department of Continuing Education.

Learning objectives are to provide: 1) advanced knowledge on the molecular pathogenesis of myelodysplasia, leukemias and lymphomas 2) introduce and explain microchip and other new technologies and the interpretation of results; 3) learn advantages and limitations of molecular testing, false positive and false negative results; 4) learn how to incorporate molecular test results into pathologic diagnoses, 5) provide an update on new methods in cytogenetics.

These objectives will be achieved by a series of lectures given by a distinguished faculty and a discussion of instructive cases submitted by participants. **Cases should be submitted to illustrate the value and insight provided from genetic or molecular genetic studies for the diagnosis or prognosis of hematologic malignancies.** Participants are asked to submit 10 slides stained with Hematoxylin and Eosin and any essential special stains if appropriate. Slides should be submitted with a completed case submission form including clinical data, immunohistochemistry, molecular and, if applicable, cytogenetic data with the contributor's proposed diagnosis. A workshop panel will select approximately 70 cases for discussion, and 50 will be presented at the meeting. If selected, the participant will be asked to submit an additional 100 H&E stained slides, or blood smears or representative kodachrome(s) in the case of limited material as from a bone marrow disorder.

The deadline for case submission is: February 1, 2001.

Please submit cases to
Marshall E. Kadin
Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center,
Laboratory Medicine,
YA-309, 300 Brookline Ave.,
Boston MA 02215.

Please identify yourself as a participant in the Harvard/Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center Workshop on Hematologic Malignancies when making a room reservation at the Fairmont Copley Plaza Hotel in Boston which is the site of the meeting.

Address: The Fairmont Copley Plaza, 138 St. James Avenue, Boston MA 02116
Reservations phonenumber 1-800-527-4727, Telefax 1-617-247-6881,
http://www.fairmont.com/Hotels/Index_B.html

WORKSHOP CASE SUBMISSION FORM
Genetics and Molecular Genetics in Hematologic Malignancies
November 8 – 10, 2001 Boston, MA, USA

Case Identification	<i>Check one category:</i>
CONTRIBUTOR:	<input type="checkbox"/> B-cell lymphoma
Name	<input type="checkbox"/> T-cell lymphoma
Institute	<input type="checkbox"/> MDS, myeloid leukemia
Address	<input type="checkbox"/> Lymphoid leukemia
Postal/Zip Code & City	<input type="checkbox"/> Other – specify:
Phone	
Fax	
E-mail	

Please submit 10 H&E stained slides_____ Please indicate if IHC slides sent_____

CLINICAL DATA:	Sex:	Age:
Details of biopsy <i>(site, mode of fixation, etc.)</i>		
Immunohistochemistry		
Molecular analysis		
Cytogenetics (if applicable)		
Proposed diagnosis		
Interesting features of the submitted case		

Signature _____

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